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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384th; Squadron 547th; Detachment
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Solingen, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
10:10 Overcast
- GIVE: (a) Date 1 Dec 43 Time 1130; and Location 50°40' N, 06°35' E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check
only one () Enemy aircraft; () Enemy anti-aircraft; (x) Other circumstances
as follows Blew Supercharger, dived out of formation
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-30033
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-60428
(b) 43-58306; (c) 43-58190; (d) 43-58682
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) ; (b) ; (c) ; (d)
(e) ; (f) ; (g) ; (h)
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10
persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on Separate sheet
and attach original to this form).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
EUS 1.	Pilot	Dillingham, Maurice Stanley	Major	0-1699192
EUS 2.	CoPilot	Goulder, Edmund Samuel	1st Lt	0-736509
EUS 3.	Navigator	Harris, Arthur Claude	1st Lt	0-670732
EUS 4.	Bombardier	Boonhomer, William (NMI)	1st Lt	0-735164
EUS 5.	Radio Operator	Sears, William Francis	T/Sgt	17041787
PMCS.	Top Turret - Eng.	Thomasson, Edward Arthmur	T/Sgt	34121576
RTD 7.	Ball Turret	Leslie, Claude Robert	S/Sgt	35507564
EUS 8.	Tail Gunner	Boyce, Ernest Marshall	2nd Lt	0-740042
EUS 9.	Right Engine Gun	Vodilko, Michael Joseph	S/Sgt	35380958
EUS 10.	Left Engine Gun	Saunders, Paul Ralph	S/Sgt	17128063

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-
CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted				Check Only One Column	
			by	Last	Saw	Saw Forced		
			Radio	Sighted	Crash	Landing		
1. Willing, Mark Skinner, Jr.	1st Lt	0-795111		X				
2.								
3.								

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used ; (b) Persons were seen walking away
from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION
WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND
SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE

Incl 2

Date of Report 2 December 1943

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J. R. WYATT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

Incl 17'

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Mrs. Hazel L. Dillingham, (Wife)
9214 Collins Avenue,
Miami Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Ben Burroughs, (Sister)
24 Cleveland Road,
Caldwell, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant Edmund S. Goulder

Mr. Adolph P. Goulder, (Father)
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Cleveland, Ohio.

First Lieutenant Arthur C. Harris

Mr. Claude C. Harris, (Father)
5332 Xerxes Avenue, South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant William Boomhower

Mr. Clarence Boomhower, (Father)
Box 224,
Greenville, Green County, New York.

Second Lieutenant Ernest M. Boyce, Jr.

Mrs. Virginia M. Boyce, (Wife)
1903 University Avenue,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant William F. Sears

Mr. Vearl V. Sears, (Father)
5823 Cedar Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Technical Sergeant Edward A. Thomasson

Mrs. Madena S. Thomasson, (Mother)
895 Fair Street,
Newberry, South Carolina.

Staff Sergeant Claude R. Leslie

Mr. Claude W. Leslie, (Father)
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Dayton, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Michael J. Vodilko

Mrs. Anna S. Vodilko, (Mother)
138 South Hazelwood Avenue,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Paul R. Saunders

Mrs. Laura Saunders, (Mother)
711 West 18th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Claude R LESLIE, S/Sgt, 35507564
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
547 Bomb Sq adron, 384 Bomb Group
(Unit)

9 June 1944
(Date)

BAR #733

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT	0-736509	1st Lt	Edmund S GOULDER	P/W
CO-PILOT	0-1699192	Major	Maurice S DILLINGHAM	P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-670732	1st Lt	Arthur C HARRIS	P/W
BOMBARDIER	0-735164	1st Lt	William BOOMHOWER	P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	17021787	T/Sgt	William F SEARS	P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	34121567	T/Sgt	Edward THOMASSON	P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	35507564	S/Sgt	Claude R LESLIE	RD
WAIST GUNNER	35380958	S/Sgt	Michael J VODILEK	P/W
WAIST GUNNER	17128063	S/Sgt	Paul R SAUNDERS	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	0-740042	2d Lt	Ernest M BOYCE	P/W

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

1 December 1943; approx. 1100 hours

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

3 engines dead; no fire.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? **20,000 feet**

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

No

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Saw two waist gunners bail out; chutes opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? **No knowledge.**

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

No

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

No

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

None