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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

3484

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in duplicate 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 Obernoffenhofen, Ger.; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
5-6/10 Cumulus
- GIVE: (a) Date 18 March 1944; and Location 48°11'N. 08°40'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; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows One engine out, believed to have been caused by anti-aircraft fire.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-228 3774
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-605760
(b) SW-007790; (c) SW-008109; (d) SW-005811
- 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).

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Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	*Smith, Roger Clement	1st Lt	0-680747 <i>RTD</i>
2. Co-Pilot	*McKinney, Jack Norman	2nd Lt	0-748116 <i>RTD</i>
3. Navigator	*Harvey, Harry Blakely, Jr.	2nd Lt	0-314908 <i>RTD</i>
4. Nose Gunner	*Dudla, John Richard	T/Sgt.	31169488
5. Radio Operator	*Kendall, Earl Frank	T/Sgt.	36275070
6. Top Turret	*Kaminski, Bruno (MM)	T/Sgt.	32466954
7. Ball Turret	*Banko, Charles Gabriel	S/Sgt.	31167984 <i>RTD</i>
8. Tail Gunner	*Green, Jesse Britten	S/Sgt.	17160237 <i>RTD</i>
9. Right Flexible Gun	*Hamilton, Gerald Thorwald	S/Sgt.	39089923 <i>RTD</i>
10. Left Flexible Gun	*Boner, Chester Joseph	S/Sgt.	35540194 <i>RTD</i>

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SALE:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by	Check Only One Column	
			Radio	Saw Sighted	Saw Forced Landing
1. Smith, Harry Bailey	1st Lt	0-801576		X	
2.					
3.					

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used No; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE

Date of Report 19 March 1944

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CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

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Prepared by
JIS-X Section
CPM Branch

DATE: 2 Oct 44

NARRATOR	: <u>SMITH, Roger C., 1st Lt.</u>	SQUADRON	: <u>547th Sq.</u>
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: <u>0-680747</u>	GROUP	: <u>584th Gr.</u>
HOME ADDRESS	: <u>101 Grant Ave., Elm Grove, W. Va.</u>	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: <u>B-17G</u>
EC-REPORT NO.	: <u>448</u>	DATE OF MISSION	: <u>18 Mar 44</u>

POSITION

MEMBERS OF CREW

PWIB RECORDS

PILOT	1st Lt. Roger C. Smith	Narrator
CO-PILOT	2nd Lt. Jack R. McKinney	Int. in Switzerland
NAVIGATOR	2nd Lt. Harry B. Harvey	Int. in Switzerland
BOMBARDIER	T/Sgt. John R. Duda	Int. in Switzerland
ENGINEER	T/Sgt. Bruno Kaminaki	Int. in Switzerland
RADIO OPERATOR	T/Sgt. Earl F. Kendall	Int. in Switzerland
LEFT WAIST GUNNER	S/Sgt. Chester J. Honey	Int. in Switzerland
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	S/Sgt. Gerald T. Hamilton	Int. in Switzerland
BALL TURRET GUNNER	S/Sgt. Charles G. Danke	Int. in Switzerland
TAIL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Jesse B. Green	Int. in Switzerland

KNOWN INFORMATION: The ship was crash-landed at Albstetten, Switzerland on 18 Mar 1944. Prior to the landing, the supercharger was inoperative, the number one engine was on fire and windmilling, the number three engine had been hit by flak and windmilling and the oil line had been hit by flak. Though shaken up, the crew was not injured, except for a knee injury to S/Sgt. Danke, the ball turret gunner. The plane was on fire when the landing was made, and due to the fire and the crash landing, was a total wreck. All the crew members were left in Switzerland when I left on 1 Sep, 44, and are in touch with the Military Attache. They are physically well except for S/Sgt. Danke, who was being treated for the knee injury.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

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