

AIR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON  
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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1. ORGANISATION: Location AAF 123 : Command of Air Force 8<sup>th</sup> Gr 458<sup>th</sup> Sq 753<sup>d</sup>
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF 123 : Course 105<sup>0</sup> Destination MÜNICH  
Type of Mission COMBAT
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
6-8/10 stratocumulus and cumulus with base at 1500 ft. Visibility 4-5miles in haze.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 11 Jul 44 : Time 1520 : and Location NEUZEN, NETHERLANDS  
\_\_\_\_\_ of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether (x) Last sighted; (x) Last contacted by Radio: ( )  
Forced down: ( ) Seen to Crash: or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) ( ) Enemy Aircraft: ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft: ( ) Other circumstances as follows: Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model / Series B 24 J A.A.F. SERIAL NO 42- 100341
7. ENGINES: Type, Model / Series 1830-65 : A.A.F. SERIAL NO (a) BP-429180  
(b) BP-429141 (c) CP-309409 (d) BP-429421
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type / Serial NO)  
(a) MARTIN RT-944591 (b) EMERSON RT-943668 (c) TAIL RT-943634 (d) BALL-944451  
(e) LT-943701 (f) LT-730487 (g) LT-944408 (h) LT-943744  
(i) WAIST RT-728467 (j) WAIST LT-728461
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes  
(b) Non Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10  

Crew Position	Name in Full	Rank	SERIAL NO
1. Pilot	JONES, JOHN J. JR.	(POW) 1st Lt	0-1283784 (RTD)
2. Co-Pilot	JOYCE, WILLIAM R.	(POW) 1st Lt	0-1045479 (RTD)
3. Navigator	COLE, PHIL Z.	(POW) 2d Lt	0-702148 (RTD)
4. Bombardier	HAMMERSMITH, OTTO B. JR	(MIA) 2d Lt	0-688669
5. Radio operator	EIFEL, GEORGE L. JR	(POW) S/Sgt	36735938 (RTD)
6. Top Turret	PALMER, ROBERT A.	(MIA) Sgt	37572343
7. Ball Turret	PRENTICE, CLARENCE M.	(MIA) Sgt	38022058
8. Right Waist	LUCERO, JAKE T.	(EVD) S/Sgt	39280257 (RTD)
9. Left Waist	STENARD, CHARLES E. JR	(KIA) Sgt	11071476
10. Tail Gunner	KAMENSKI, MITCHELL A.	(MIA) Sgt	32484628
11. IDENTIFY BELOW THE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME: Check only one column  

Name in Full	Rank	Serial No.	By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. O'NEILL, FREDERICK M.	Major	0-352659	X			
2. Brown, Roger M.	T/Sgt	35423728		X		
3.						
12. (a) Parachutes were used: \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_ or Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
13. ATTACH ARIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH APPROX LAST SEEN
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION.
15. EXTENT OF SEARCH IF ANY None

Date of Report 19 Jul 44

(POW) = prisoner of war  
(MIA) = missed in action  
(EVD) = evader  
(KIA) = killed in action  
(RTD) = returned

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(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
ELLWOOD T. CLAGGETT,  
Capt, Air Corps,  
Asst Air Inspector.