

**IMPORTANT:** This Report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Hardwick; Command or Air Force 8th  
Group 93d; Squadron 328th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Hardwick; Course As briefed  
Target or Intended Destination Dortmund; Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Nil - .2 Cumulus, tops 8000; Downward Visibility 10 miles in haze
4. GIVE: (a) Day 28 Month Jan Year 1945; Time 1200 and Location Dortmund  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was 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 and Series B-24J; AAF Serial Number 42-78486
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-65A; AAF Serial Number (a) BP-439638; (b) BP-439653; (c) BP-439314; (d) BP-439043
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);  
(a) 1272036; (b) 978369; (c) 968043; (d) 977834  
(e) 978435; (f) 978635; (g) 978036; (h) 978200  
(i) \_\_\_\_\_; (j) \_\_\_\_\_; (k) \_\_\_\_\_; (l) \_\_\_\_\_  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_; (n) \_\_\_\_\_; (o) \_\_\_\_\_; (p) \_\_\_\_\_
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10  
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

| Crew Position   | Name in Full<br>(Last Name First) | Rank           | Serial Number   | Current Status |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Pilot        | <u>Resecker, Joseph J.</u>        | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>0-700547</u> | <u>MIA</u>     |
| 2. Co-Pilot     | <u>Tessmer, Glean A.</u>          | <u>2d Lt.</u>  | <u>0-705450</u> | <u>MIA</u>     |
| 3. Navigator    | <u>Face, John E., Jr.</u>         | <u>2d Lt.</u>  | <u>0-722876</u> | <u>MIA</u>     |
| 4. Bombardier   | <u>Werthen, Frederick D.</u>      | <u>2d Lt.</u>  | <u>0-773038</u> | <u>MIA</u>     |
| 5. Eng.-TTG     | <u>Hair, Otis F.</u>              | <u>T/Sgt.</u>  | <u>18075089</u> | <u>MIA</u>     |
| 6. Radio Oper.  | <u>Philage, Charles J.</u>        | <u>T/Sgt.</u>  | <u>33080095</u> | <u>MIA</u>     |
| 7. Nose Gunner  | <u>Hayes, Bennie W.</u>           | <u>S/Sgt.</u>  | <u>36668129</u> | <u>MIA</u>     |
| 8. Waist Gunner | <u>Metre, Charles S.</u>          | <u>S/Sgt.</u>  | <u>35751698</u> | <u>MIA</u>     |
| 9. Waist Gunner | <u>Gibbs, Tyrus C.</u>            | <u>S/Sgt.</u>  | <u>34426803</u> | <u>MIA</u>     |
| 10. Tail Gunner | <u>Conley, Charles P.</u>         | <u>S/Sgt.</u>  | <u>32931200</u> | <u>MIA</u>     |

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATED BASIS FOR SAME:

| Name in Full<br>(Last Name First) | Rank           | Serial Number   | Check Only One Column |              |           |                    |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
|                                   |                |                 | Contacted by Radio    | Last Sighted | Saw Crash | Saw Forced Landing |
| 1. <u>Cedling, Donald V.</u>      | <u>S/Sgt.</u>  | <u>1715294</u>  |                       | <u>X</u>     |           |                    |
| 2. <u>Smith, Boyd A.</u>          | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>0-706083</u> | <u>X</u>              |              |           |                    |

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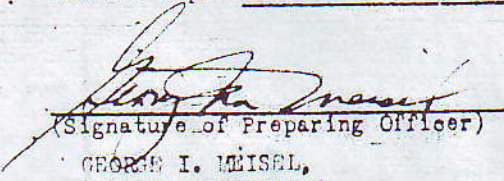
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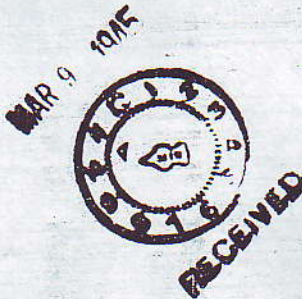
13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS; (a) Parachutes were used   /  ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash   ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT   None

Date of Report   1 February 1945  

  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

GEORGE I. MEISEL,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Statistical Officer.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:





Dulag-Luft. Kriegsgefangenenkartel.

Gefangenen-  
Erkennungsmarke

Dulag-Luft  
Eingeliefert

Nr.

am: 2.2.45 I.

NAME: GIBBS

Vornamen: Tyrus C

Dienstgrad: S/Sgt. Funktion: G.

Matrikel-No.: 34 426 803

Geburtsdag: 17. Juni 21

Geburtsort: Miss.

Religion: prot.

Zivilberuf: Student

Staatsangehörigkeit: USA

Vorname des Vaters:

Familienname der Mutter:

Verheiratet mit:

Anzahl der Kinder:

Heimatanschrift:

Mr. J. M. Gibbs  
Fulton Miss.

Abschluß am: 28.1.45 bei: Holland Flugzeugtyp:

Gefangennahme am: " bei: "

Äußere Personalbeschreibung

schlank groß

Größe: 1.79

Schädelform: breit

Haare: braun

Gewicht: kg 70

Gesichtsform: längl.

Gesichtsfarbe: gesund

Augen:

Nase: gerade groß

Bart:

Gebiß: Platten oben u. unten

Besondere Kennzeichen:

Narbe auf Nasenrücken  
Narbe an l. Schulter



Rechter Zeigefinger





Besondere Fähigkeiten:

Sprachkenntnisse:

Führung:

| Strafen<br>im Kr.-Gef.-Lager | Datum | Grund der Bestrafung | Strafmaß | Verbüßf. Datum |  |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------------|----------|----------------|--|
|                              |       |                      |          |                |  |
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| Schutzimpfungen während der Gefangenschaft gegen |   |       | Erkrankungen |                   |                                   |
|--|---|-------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Pocken   | (Ty.-Paraty., Ruhr, Cholera usw.)<br>Sönstige Impfungen |       | Krankheit    | Revier<br>von bis | Lazarett - Krankenhaus<br>von bis |
| am   | am  | am    |              |                   |                                   |
| Erfolg   | gegen   | gegen |              |                   |                                   |
| am   | am  | am    |              |                   |                                   |
| Erfolg   | gegen   | gegen |              |                   |                                   |
| am   | am  | am    |              |                   |                                   |
| Erfolg   | gegen   | gegen |              |                   |                                   |
|  | am  | am    |              |                   |                                   |
|  | gegen   | gegen |              |                   |                                   |

| Versetzungen | Datum         | Grund der Versetzung | Neues Kr.-Gef.-Lager | Versetzungen | Datum  | Grund der Versetzung | Neues Kr.-Gef.-Lager |
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Beurteilung:

Bemerkungen: