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Date Aug 15 1944

HEADQUARTERS, 1st AIR FORCE

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location: AAF Station 110; Command or Air Force: Eighth  
Group: 351st Bomb; Squadron: 511th Bomb; Detachment:
- SPECIFY: Point of Interest: AAF Station 110; General: Southeast  
Intended Destination: Saarbrücken, Germany; Type of Mission: Heavy Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS: cloudy; Visibility: 4 to 5/10  
small cumulus top 5,000 ft. with 5/10 thin cirrus above 30,000 ft. Visibility: Unlimited
- GIVE: (a) Date: Aug 14, 1944; Time: 1519; Location: Saarbrücken, Germany  
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:
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series: B-17-G; A.A.F. Serial Number: 42-71492 ✓
- ENGINE: Type, Model and Series: B-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number: (a) 88-023613  
(b) 43-99264; (c) 88-002586; (d) 88-890
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) see attached sheet  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_; (b) \_\_\_\_\_; (c) \_\_\_\_\_; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_; (f) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE ON BOARD AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9  
(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
1. Pilot	<u>Brackens, Ralph G.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-815063</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Beals, William M.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-660767</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Kosalar, Daniel W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-707306</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>Cobb, George O.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-701444</u>
5. Top Tur. et	<u>Williamson, William P.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>3750230</u>
6. Radio	<u>Hardesty, Billy H.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>37514205</u>
7. Waist	<u>McGrady, George A.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>14149527</u>
8. Ball Turret	<u>Mattice, Robert F.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>37749330</u>
9. Tail	<u>Atkins, James G.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>7084788</u>

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column		
			Contacted By Radio	Saw Sighted	Saw Forced Landing
<u>Sowell, Thomas R.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>18039676</u>		<u>X</u>	
<u>Gasto, Leon W.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>15170552</u>		<u>X</u>	

- IF PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used; yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH MEMORANDUM DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPE OF SEAT, IF ANY, AND OTHER TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER OF SEAT IN CRASH HERE \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 5 August 1944

Patrick W. Flournoy, Jr.  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

PATRICK W. FLOURNOY, JR., 1st Lt., Air Corps.

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