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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

ORGANIZATION: Location Station 105, APO #34; Command or Air Force 8th AF, 8th BC
Group 305th Bomb Gp(H); Squadron 364th Bomb Sq(H); Detachment _____
SPECIFY: Point of Departure Chelveston, England Course Unknown
Intended Destination Chelveston, England; Type of Mission Heavy Bombardment
WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED _____

Visibility Poor, 10/10 Clouds
GIVE: (a) Date 22, Feb, 1944; Time 1459 and Location 10 Minutes off Danish Coast
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether () last sighted; () last contacted by radio;
(X) Forced 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,
(X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows: _____
A/C last seen going down on fire. From 6 to 9 Parachutes were reported seen.

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A/F Serial Number 42-31409
ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A/F Serial Number (a) SW-002796
(b) SW-003469 (c) 43-57214 (d) SW-003507

INSTALLED WEAPONS: SEE ATTACHED SHEET.
THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Missing in Action
(b) Non Battle Casualty _____

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10

Crew Position	Last Name	MI	First Name	Rank	Serial Number
DED Pilot	<u>Barne</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Charles O</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-677220</u>
DED Co-Pilot	<u>Hopko</u>	<u>Frank Jr.</u>		<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-796694</u>
DED Navigator	<u>Gaunt</u>	<u>Rowland</u>		<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-686027</u>
DED Bombardier	<u>McGuire</u>	<u>John E.</u>	<u>McGuire</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-686054</u>
DED Radio Operator	<u>Albright</u>	<u>J.F. (IO)</u>	<u>Albright</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>18192182</u>
DED Top Turret Gunner	<u>Mann</u>	<u>Delbert R.</u>		<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>35373145</u>
DED Ball Turret Gunner	<u>Baynes</u>	<u>William E.</u>		<u>Sgt</u>	<u>39249612</u>
DED Tail Gunner	<u>Walker</u>	<u>George L.</u>		<u>Sgt</u>	<u>39537590</u>
DED Right Waist Gunner	<u>Earp</u>	<u>Robert R.</u>		<u>Sgt</u>	<u>18122720</u>
DED Left Waist Gunner	<u>Sfikas</u>	<u>Peter R.</u>		<u>Sgt</u>	<u>11111334</u>

IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE 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 (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
<u>None</u>						

IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, 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 reasons (Specify) _____

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 EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

DATE OF REPORT 24, February, 1944

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