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HEADQUARTERS
NINETY-FIRST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 557

P-A-1

18 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplement to Missing Air-crew Report:

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, APO 634.
Thru channels. (Attention: Statistical Control)

1. Following listed crew members of aircraft B-17-G, A2-107042, 401st Bomb Sq., 91st Bomb Gp (H), missing in action, on mission to Ludwigshafen, Germany, 27 May 1944, have returned to duty, per ltr, 300.4 L 9-216, Hq, United Kingdom Base, 12 September 1944:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>
Pressey, Richard T.	1st Lt.	O-749315
Hamilton, John T.	2nd Lt.	O-697483
Pinkerton, Paul R.	P/O	T-123274

2. "Statement of eyewitness" accounts on missing air-crew report of this aircraft have been concurred with by above listed personnel, with the exception that no parachute left the aircraft. Subject aircraft, with crew intact, was escorted to a landing in Switzerland by Swiss aircraft. Personnel, upon escape and return to duty, stated that, to the best of their knowledge, the remainder of the crew (6 men) were still interned in Switzerland.

3. Subject officers have been interrogated by P.W.I.B., 63 Brooks Street, London, England.

For the Commanding Officer:



Joseph G. Bishling
Joseph G. Bishling,
Captain, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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(Ltr, Hq 91 Bomb Gp (H), dtd 18 Sept 44, subj: "Supplement to Missing Air-crew Report.")

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 21 September, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634..
(Att: 21st Statistical Control Unit).

Transmitted herewith is supplemental information on crew of A/C # 42-107042, MIA, 27 May 1944.

For the Commanding General:

Harry T. Hance
HARRY T. HANCE
MAJ, AGD.
Asst. Adjutant General



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2nd Ind.

28 SEP 1944 SCU-D-2

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY.

TO: Commanding General, Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, APO 871, U. S. Army.

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.

2. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, STOUA), by letter, 319.1, this Headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports", dated 7 June 1944.

For the Commanding General:

H. S. Wilson, Jr.
H. S. WILSON, Jr.,
Capt., A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.



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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 871, U.S. ARMY,

6 October 1944.

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TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

1. The preceding correspondence is forwarded as a supplement to the Missing Air Crew Report concerning 42-107042 which was forwarded to your office by letter this headquarters, AG 360.33, subject "Missing Air Crew Reports", dated 10 June 1944.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of personnel named in paragraph 1 of the basic communication to be as shown below:

1st Lt. Richard T. Pressey	O-749315	RTD	3 September 1944
2nd Lt. John T. Hamilton	O-697483	RTD	3 September 1944
F/O Paul E. Pinkerton	T-123274	RTD	2 September 1944

For the Theater Commander:

H. M. Rund
H. M. RUND,
Lt. Col, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR CRAFT REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAP station no. 121; Command or Air Force 8th Air Force Group 91st bomb group (H); Squadron 401st bomb sq; Detachment ---
2. SPECIFY: point of departure AAP station no. 121; course route to Ludwigshafen, intended destination Ludwigshafen, Germany; type of mission bombardment (V).
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) Date 27 May 54; Time 1236; and location 4805 - 0725 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (x) last sighted; () 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; (x) enemy anti-aircraft; () other circumstances as follows

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model and series B-17-G; A.O.P. Serial Number 42-107042 X
7. ENGINES: Type, model and series P-1820-27; A.O.P. Serial number (a) SP-010071
(b) SP-009985; (c) SP-010729; (d) 43-59538
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, type and Serial Number)

	MAKE	TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER
(a)	High standard mfg. co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	198330
(b)	High standard mfg. co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	422024
(c)	Buffalo Arms co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1294702
(d)	Buffalo Arms co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1295178
(e)	Buffalo Arms co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1295574
(f)	Buffalo Arms co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1292474
(g)	Buffalo Arms co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1293201
(h)	Buffalo Arms co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1293251
(i)	Buffalo Arms co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1295346
(j)	Buffalo Arms co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1292583
(k)	Savage Arms corp.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	952326
(l)	Colt patent fire Arms.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	744906
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9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) battle casualty X
or (b) Non-battle casualty

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28 May 1944.

Attachment to missing Air-crew report: A/C B-17-G, 42-107042, 91st bombardment group (H), 401st bombardment squadron, AAF Station No. 121.

Mission of 27 May 1944.

Destination - Ludwigshafen, Germany.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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Robert P. Hahn

ROBERT P. HAHN
2nd Lt., O-707268,
401st Bomb Sq., 91st Bomb Grp.

(Navigator - A/C 42-31678)

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Frederick H. Lenke, Jr.
Frederick H. Lenke, Jr.,
S/Sgt., 15329917,
401st Bomb Sq., 91st Bomb Grp.,

(Tail Gunner - A/C 42-97061)

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