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SECRET AIR CORPS REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta. 138; Command or Air Force 8th AF; Group 96th; Squadron 338; Detachment none
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Sta. 138; Course See other side; Intended Destination Podan, Poland; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED 2-3/10 cirrus, base estimated 22000 ft. Downward visibility 10 miles in light haze
4. GIVE: (a) Date 9/4/44; Time 1439; and Location Target Area of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () 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; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17D; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-37985
7. ENGINE: Type, Model and Series B-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-002777 (b) SW-001755 (c) SW-001870 (d) SW-001947
8. INSTALLED ENGINES (Furnish below make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) BA 1151K0 (b) BA 1156130 (c) PRD 650555 (d) Sav-974502
(e) BA 1151716 (f) BA 1152853 (g) BA 1151172 (h) BA 1151192
(i) BA 1151484 (j) BA 1151255 (k) BA 1150633 (l) BA 1151196
9. THE PERSONS IN THE AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X BA 1150309 or (b) Non-battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0
Total 10

(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	By	Last	Saw	Forced
1. Pilot	Williamson, Oscar A.	1st. Lt.	0-740998	X	RTD		
2. Co-Pilot	Jurgens, Walter J.	1st. Lt.	0-686564	X	RTD		
3. Navigator	Burda, Sam W.	2nd. Lt.	0-688625				
4. Bombardier	Davis, Leon C.	2nd. Lt.	0-683218	X	RTD		
5. Engineer - TT	Clifton, Willie B.	T/Sgt.	34348761	X	RTD		
6. Radio Operator - BG	Flake, Leland W.	T/Sgt.	34353723	X	RTD		
7. Asst. Engineer - NE	Wood, Robert H.	S/Sgt.	17055034	X	RTD		
8. Asst. Radio Operator	St Goss, Robert J.	S/Sgt.	19044093	X	RTD		
9. Armorer - TT	Anderson, Frank R.	S/Sgt.	31259113	X	RTD		
10. Asst. Armorer - LW	Yanch, Robert J.	S/Sgt.	16134221	X	RTD		

11. FOR THE FIRST TWO THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST POSSESSION OF AIRCRAFT, CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR LOSS:

Check only one column
Contacted

Name in Full (Last Name First)	(Rank)	Serial Number	By	Last	Saw	Forced
1. Barry, Franklin M.	1st. Lt.	0-796499	X			
2. Fox, John H.	2nd. Lt.	0-797509	X			
3.						

12. IF PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, AS SET FORTH TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used none; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash none; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) none
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. None available
14. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO LOSS OF AIRCRAFT. See other side.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE. none available

Date of Report 10/4/44

Marvin K. Peterson
MARVIN K. PETERSON, Capt., Air Corps.
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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14. Was last heard over VHF that he was running low on gas and was heading for Sweden.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

DURIN, Sam W.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-69625

Position: Crew (Bomber)

1991-1997/1994-1997 Navigator

Did he bail out? NO

Where? DID NOT BAIL OUT

If not, why not? AIR CRAFT WAS LANDED IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: UNKNOWN

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN LONDON AFTER OUR RETURN TO ALLIED HAND

Any homosexuality information: NONE

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:

Total number of missions of above crew member: ON 23rd MISCON

Dates and destinations if possible: UNCERTAIN: 10th APRIL 1944

TUTOW, POLAND

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber)

BURDEN, Sam W.

2nd Lt.

O-330328

Navigator

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: OPERATING OUT OF THE ETO, LAST I SAW OFWas he injured? SAM W. BURDEN WAS WHILE IN INTERNMENT INWhere was he when last seen? NEUTRAL COUNTRY (SWEDEN) ABOUTAny hearsay information: FIRST OF JULY, 1944. HE WAS WELL THEN.HEARD, THAT A SHORT TIME AFTER THIS. HERETURNED TO THE U.S.A. ALSO HEARD THATHE ENTERED CADETS AS A CADET. FARMORE TRAINING.Source: THIS HEARSAY CAME FROM ONE OF THE OTHER CREW MEMBERS,
THE (BOMBARDIER)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

HE MUST HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE PACIFICBECAUSE HE CAME BACK ALL RIGHT FROMTHE ETO. OR THAT IS WHAT I HEARD.Total number of missions of above crew member: IN ETO - 23Dates and destinations if possible: DO NOT REMEMBERTHESE:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BURDGE, Sam V.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-588625

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~1st Lt. Navigator~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

*I am very sorry I cannot give you
information regarding the above officer.
The last time I saw him was in
a neutral country Sweden.*

Capt. Omar A. Williamson Res.

0-740998

125 Putnam St.

Pontiac Mich.