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to **RESTRICTED**By: 1st Lt. C. M. Cronin, AC
Date: MAR 18 1944MISSING AIR CREW 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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location Station 142; Command or Air Force 8th AF
Group 452nd Bomb Gp (H); Squadron 731 Bomb (H); Detachment _____
 - SPECIFY: Point of Departure Station 142; Course _____
Intended Destination Berlin; Type of Mission Bombing
 - WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
Broken undercast.
 - GIVE: (a) Date 8 Mar 44; Time 1310 Approx Location Approx 5237 N - 1005E
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.
 - 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
 - AIRCRAFT: Type, model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 42-31331
 - ENGINES: Type, model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-002182
(b) SW-005144; (c) SW-002808; (d) SW-002056
 - INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, type and serial number)
(a) MGs; (b) Type; (c) Number; (d) _____
(e) AC Sparkplug; (f) Cal. 50, M2; (g) 13 guns installed
 - THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
 - 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 |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| 1. Pilot | * Butterworth, Glenn T. Jr. | 2nd Lt. | 0-803550 RTD |
| 2. Co | * Schaller, Joseph G. | 2nd Lt. | 0-750859 RTD |
| 3. N | * Mueller, Charles J. | 2nd Lt. | 0-809588 RTD |
| 4. B | * Robertson, Orville E. | 2nd Lt. | 0-746511 |
| 5. T | * Mulvaney, James J. | T/Sgt | 32427517 RTD |
| 6. RG | * Vanover, Andrew M. | S/Sgt | 35423122 RTD |
| 7. R | * Ambrose, Frederick R. | T/Sgt | 3716055 RTD |
| 8. LG | * Knedler, Milton G. | S/Sgt | 3487578 RTD |
| 9. BT | * Leatherbury, John H. | S/Sgt | 16009385 RTD |
| 10. TG | * Monson, Martin G. | S/Sgt | 37440072 RTD |
- 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 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1. Webb, Orrin F. | 2nd Lt. | 0-750234 | | x | | |
| 2. Pesch, John J. | 2nd Lt. | 0-799630 | | x | | |
| 3. _____ | | | | | | |
- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; Persons were seen walking away from the scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown
 - ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. Approx. 5237N - 1005E
 - ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See other side.
 - ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE No search by this group

Date of Report 12 March 1944
/s/ C. M. Cronin, 1st Lt. AC Gp Stat 0
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
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