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WASHINGTON

Classification to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AO
by F. M. BUNCH, Capt., AO
Date **18 SEP 1944**

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

IX Bomb

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by name Melun, France; Command or Air Force Div (M)
Group 416th Bomb Gp (L); Squadron 671st Bomb Sq (L); Detachment -----
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure AAF Sta A-55; Course See Incl 1
Target or Intended Destination Julich, Germany; Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 9/10 clouds at 5000 feet. Thick haze.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 29 Month Sept Year 1944; Time 1639; and Location Julich, Germany
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to Crash (); or Information not Available (X).
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) (Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (X); Other Circumstances as Follows: -----
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series A-2 60-35; AAF Serial Number 43-9925
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any None
8. ENGINE: Type, Model and Series R-2600-23; AAF Serial Number -----
(a) LE 43-104699 (b) RE A58037566 (c) ----- (d) -----
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number): Browning 50 Cal
(a) 609136 (b) 615070 (c) 613341 (d) 612655
(e) 609336 (f) 613456 (g) 652543 (h) 969175
(i) 969514 (j) ----- (k) ----- (l) -----
(m) ----- (n) ----- (o) ----- (p) -----
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty XX
(b) Non Battle Casualty -----
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 3; Passengers -----; Total 3
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars; if more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheets and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	Morehouse, Ray C	1st Lt	0 752 431	MIA
2. Mechanic-Gunner	Burgess, Arthur J	S Sgt	33 416 564	MIA
3. Armorer-Gunner	Zygiel, Leonard A	S Sgt	3 582 062	MIA
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(Last Name First)

Rank

Number

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Crash

Landing

1. None

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3.

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY,
INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXPIRY **None**

None

Date of Report 2 Octob er 1944

(Signature of Propering Officer)
GEORGE SCHENKLEIN, CAPT, AIR CORPS
Adjutant

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

None. No eye-witnesses available.

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2.	Mechanic-Gunner	Burgess, Arthur J	S/Sgt.	33416564	MIA
3.	Armorer-Gunner	Zygiel, Leonard A.	S/Sgt.	36582062	MIA
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12. 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				
(last Name First)	Rank	Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	None					
2.						
3.						
13.	IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used: (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash: or (c) Any other reason (Specify)					
14.	ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, Map, Chart, or sketch, Showing Appropriate Location Where Aircraft Was Last Seen or Heard From.					
15.	Attach Eyewitness Description of Crash, Forced Landing, or Other Circumstances Pertaining to Missing Aircraft.					
16.	Give Name, Rank and Serial Number of Officer in Charge of Search, If Any, Including Description and Extent					
					None	

Date of Report 2 October 1944

/s/ George Schenkein,
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
GEORGE SCHENKEIN, CAPT. AIR CORPS
Adjutant

17. Remarks or Eyewitness Statements

None. No eye-witnesses available.

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Scale 1:500,000 Army/Air Köln

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Box II

AIRCRAFT: A-20G-35 43-9945

Pilot: Morehouse, Ray C 1st Lt 0 152 431

Wing-Gun: Burgess, Arthur J S Sgt 33 416 564

Arm-Gun: Zygiel, Leonard A S Sgt 36 582 062

416TH BOMB GP (L)

Fld O #5-573. Hq 97th Bomb Combat Wg

Target: Julich Marshalling Yards

Weather: 9/10 clouds at 5000 feet. Thick haze

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Mrs. Joan E. Morehouse, (wife) ✓
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Wichita, Kansas.

S/Sgt. Arthur J. Burgess

Mrs. Louise Burgess, (mother) ✓
1506 Eben Street,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

S/Sgt. Leonard A. Zygiel

Mrs. Mary A. Zygiel, (mother) ✓
4426 Charles,
Detroit, Michigan.

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