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by F. M. MUEHCH, Capt., AC

Date OCT 15 1945

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Beaumont-sur-Oise : Command or Air Force Ninth Air Force Group 386th Bomb Gp. : Squadron 553rd Bomb Sq. : Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Beaumont-sur-Oise : Course Biebrich to Nastatten
Target or Intended Destination Beaumont-sur-Oise : Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Undercast at 6000 feet Visibility-Unlimited
4. GIVE: (a) Day 1 Month 9 Year 1945 : Time 1310 and Location Between Kemel and Bad Schwalbach
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
5. 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 _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series A 26 B 30 : AAF Serial No. 4139351
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any None
8. ENGINES: Type, model and Series _____ : AAF Serial _____
Number (a) L-PP 020154 (b) R-PP 020982 (c) _____ (d) _____
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number): Browning M.G. Cal. 50
(a) 867544 : (b) 157593 : (c) 643744 : (d) 1007667
(e) 724016 : (f) 557934 : (g) 643366 : (h) _____
(i) 467734 : (j) 643502 : (k) 719222 : (l) _____
(m) 1773533 : (n) 1466709 : (o) 720569 : (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty ☒
(b) Non Battle Casualty _____

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11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 2 ; Passengers: 0 / Total 2

Starting with the 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	Jenkins, Thomas Wilson	2nd Lt.	9386067	M.I.A.
2.	Armorer-Gunner	Working, Robert Walter	Sgt.	95729227	M.I.A.
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					

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	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

No eyes witness statements available

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 EYEWITNESSES 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 Not Applicable

Date of Report 10 March 1945

George Y. Graves
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
GEORGE Y. GRAVES, 1st Lt. Air Corps,
Adj. 559th Bomb Sq.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

On 9 March 1945, I was flying in the same box with Lt., Jenkins. Leaving the target through intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, the box was attacked by enemy aircraft. From my position as tail gunner in #4 position of the second flight, I had a clear view of Lt., Jenkins' aircraft flying wing position in the third flight. His ship sustaining fire from four enemy aircraft. The attack lasted approximately three minutes. Lt., Jenkins' aircraft, while smoking appeared to be under control as it left the formation, gliding down to the cloud layer. As the craft entered the cloud layer, there was a flash although the aircraft was obscured. Nothing further was observed of the aircraft or crew.

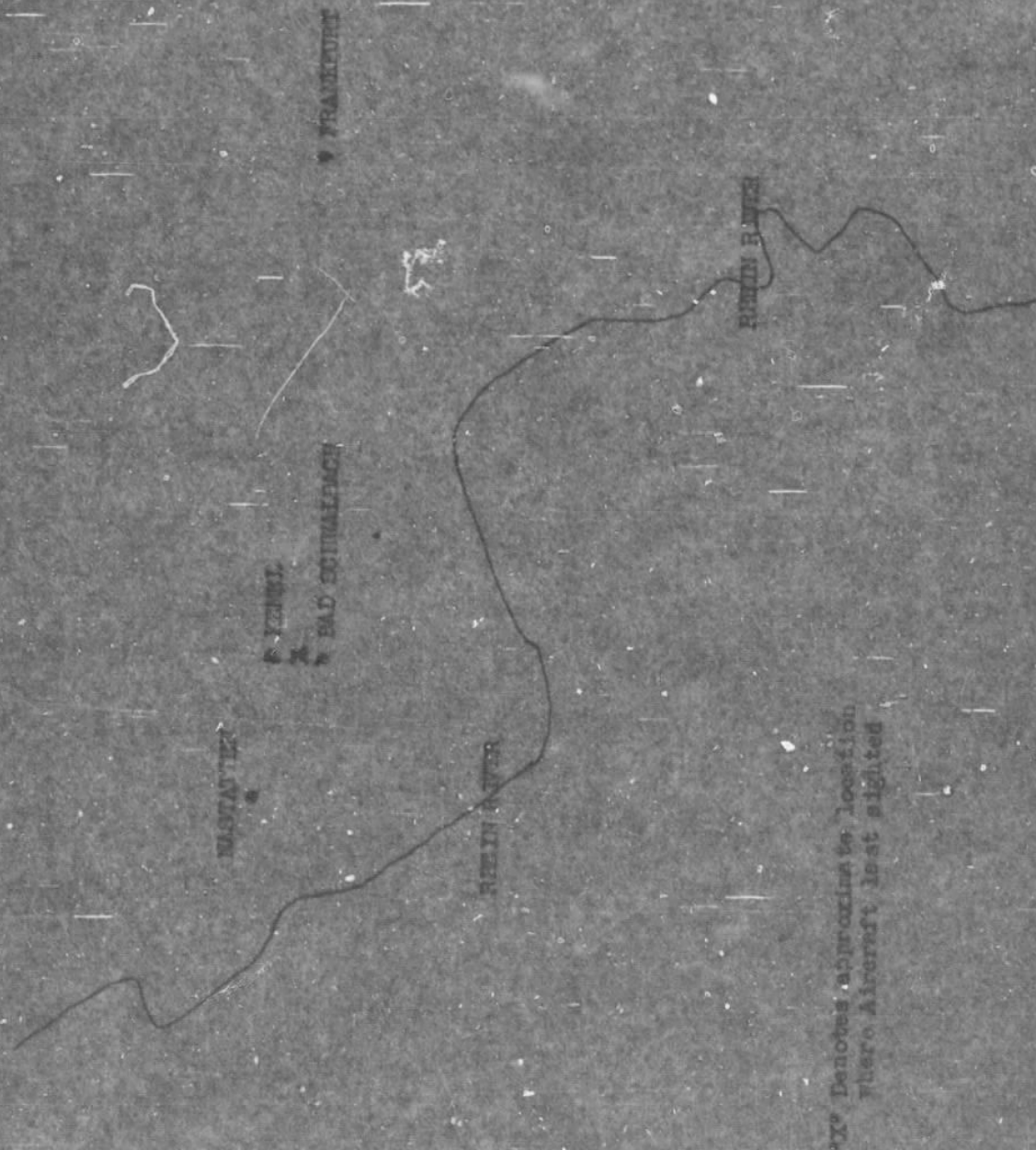
Robert W. Sanders
ROBERT W. SANDERS
T/Sgt. 19146025

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