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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES

WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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Date MAR 1 1946

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Cudna No. 2; Command or Air Force XV
Group 301st; Squadron 419th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Cudna No. 2 (Base); Course Istres Le Tube, France - Base
Intended Destination Cudna No. 2 (Base); Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED.
1 to 9/10ths.
4. Give: (a) Date 16 Nov. 1943; Time 1317A; and Location 42°30'N 04°30'E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last Contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down; (X) 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) (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-aircraft; () Other Circum-
stances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; AAF Serial Number 42-30115
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) 43-55790
(b) 42-80286; (c) 41-22643; (d) 42-80512
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number) Gun M2 Flex .50 Cal
(a) 494477, 494524; (b) 494029, 494373; (c) 494774, 494557; (d) 494846, 494799
(e) 494835; (f) 494213; (g) 494072; (h) 494644
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty ies
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
1. Pilot	DODGE, JERRY E.	4 1st Lt	0-731839
2. Co-pilot	SOLOMON, HAROLD (MCI)	10 2nd Lt	0-799086
3. Navigator	KANIATY, PHILO S.	8 2nd Lt	0-791028
4. Bombardier	MAC DONALD, FRED F.	7 2nd Lt	0-731522
5. Upper Turret Gnr	BECK, CLARENCE A.	1 T/Sgt	34257683
6. Rad Opr Gnr	BRENZO, HENRY S.	2 T/Sgt	32288434
7. Lower Turret Gnr	BIVOC, EDWARD Q.	9 S/Sgt	38123102
8. Waist Gnr	BRACER, RICHARD D.	6 S/Sgt	13038028
9. Tail Gnr	YJAKUBCZAK, VINCENT S.	6 S/Sgt	32460731
10. Photographer	COLEMAN, JOSEPH P.	3 Sgt	16038610

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-
CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check only one column			
			Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. See Inclosed Witnesses' Statements.						
2. _____						
3. _____						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOW-
ING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen
walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)
No parachutes observed.
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, SKETCH, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION
WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND
SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE Maison Blanche said they would make a search
on 17 Nov. 1943 - this Hq has not been notified whether search was conducted or not.
Date of Report 18 November 1943.

Stephen W. Henry
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

STEPHEN W. HENRY, Major, Air Corps.

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419TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer

17 November 1943

SUBJECT : Witnesses' Statements.

TO : Operations Officer, 301st Bombardment Group (H) AAF.

1. In compliance with verbal instructions from Hq 301st Bomb Gp (H), the following statements are submitted of witnesses who last saw A/C # 42-30115 before it was lost by this Squadron on 16 November 1943:

X (a). "Although I did not see the attack made on # 42-30115, I noticed that a section of the tail had been blown away. The pilot of this plane seemed to have partial control for about five to ten minutes, at the end of which time it went into a spin and disappeared into the clouds. I next saw it burning in the water below. We dropped down to about two-hundred feet and circled, but could see no signs of life. To my knowledge no one escaped from either plane, by parachute or otherwise."

William F. Hubel
WILLIAM F. HUBEL,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Co-Pilot, Plane # 42-30125.

(b). "Plane # 42-30115 was hit by fighters over the coast of France. The tail was badly damaged by this, but the plane seemed under control. Although he tried to stay in formation, the fighters seemed to overwhelm him, and he finally turned into a cloud and disappeared."

Stanley V. Nowak
STANLEY V. NOWAK,
T/Sgt., Radio Gunner,
Plane # 42-30125.

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