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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

NAAC No. 16508

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: LOCATION: _____ COMMAND OR AIR FORCE: _____
GROUP 301 Bomb Gp. SQUADRON: _____ DETACHMENT: _____
2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE: _____ COURSE: _____
INTENDED DESTINATION: Palermo, Sicily TYPE OF MISSION: Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
4. GIVE: (1) DATE 18 April 43 TIME: _____ AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN
WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT: _____
(2) SPECIFY WHETHER () 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): (X) ENEMY AIRCRAFT () ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT () OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS
FOLLOWS: Plane dropped out of formation with its #2 engine out over target
6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES B-17F AAF SERIAL NO. 41-24371
7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES: _____ AAF SERIAL NO. (A) _____
(B) _____ (C) _____ (D) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER)
(A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____ (D) _____
(E) _____ (F) _____ (G) _____ (H) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW: _____ PASSENGERS: _____ TOTAL: _____
(Starting with pilot furnish the following particulars: if more than 11 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	STATUS
(1) PILOT	Godwin, Bobby Mack	1/Lt.	0-438114	DED 19 Apr 44
(2) CO-PILOT	Hope, Virgil E.	1/Lt.	0-725438	DED 19 Apr 44
(3)	Houck, John W., Jr.,	1/Lt.	0-725056	DED 19 Apr 44
(4)	Person, John H.	1/Lt.	0-724067	DED 19 Apr 44
(5)	Imler, Robert B.	Sgt.	12038800	DED 19 Apr 44
(6)	Hawkins, William M.	Sgt.	14002113	DED 19 Apr 44
(7)	Littrell, Robert S.	Sgt.	14033677	DED 19 Apr 44
(8)	Nilges, Arthur L.	Sgt.	37130796	DED 19 Apr 44
(9)	Spatafore, Frank	Sgt.	13037695	DED 19 Apr 44
(10)				
(11)				

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

NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						

12. 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): _____
13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION
WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL
NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE.

(Date of Report)

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

REMARKS: (Use additional sheet if necessary)

Prepared by OQMG

Washington, D. C., 27 Sept 48