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MISSION: ATTACK ON ENEMY POSITION

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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 AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384th; Squadron 544th; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Anklam, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
1/10 to 3/10 Visibility 4/6 miles
- GIVE: (a) Date 9 Oct 43 Time 1341; and Location 50 MI. W. of Danish Coast
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; (X) Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces 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; (X) Other Circumstances as follows E/A had shot away most of rudder and AC 814 was having difficult time remaining level flight. Last observed being attacked by 6 E/A.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-29811
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-21061
(b) 43-56769; (c) 42-81141; (d) 43-64529
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers _____; 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.)

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Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
Pilot	Ingles, John Thomas	1st Lt.	0-794415
Co-Pilot	Pratt, Harry Mitchell	2nd Lt.	0-800398
Navigator	Ruman, Charles Logan	2nd Lt.	0-798886
Bombardier	Fish, Robert Leigh	2nd Lt.	0-729318
Top Turret	Morrison, Clarence Theodore	T/Sgt.	36149570
Radio Operator	Smith, Lawrence Waith	S/Sgt.	32378638
Ball Turret	Farley, John Francis	S/Sgt.	19039826
Tail Gunner	Brescia, Alfred Joseph	S/Sgt.	12127755
Right Flexible Gun	Jones, Carl Warner	S/Sgt.	15107361
Left Flexible Gun	Spaulding, Charles Arnold	S/Sgt.	39828869

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		Check Only One Column	
			Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>Bedsole, Joseph Linver, Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-797936</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. _____						
3. _____						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, FURNISH 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 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, M.A.P., CHART, 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. See Par (5)

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report 11 October 1943

J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
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Asst. Adjutant.

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CROSS REFERENCE MADE WITH FARLEY, JOHN F.

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