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Date 18 OCT 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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by name old Postdam, Norfolk
Command or Air Force 8th AF; Group 11th Bomb Gp Sqdn 73rd Wing
Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure AAP Sta 144; Course _____
Target or Intended Destination Maglin - Wittenberg, Germany
Type of mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: see attached sheet
4. GIVE: (a) Day 10 Month SEP Year 1944; Time 1500 and Location Maglin
Area 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:
() Enemy Aircraft; (☒ Enemy Anti-aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series P-24-H; A.F. Serial No. 42-51089
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any none known
8. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series P-1850-43's & 51-A's; A.F. Serial No.s
(a) 42-40951 (b) 1st eng P-27 (c) 42-41510 (d) 42-41511
9. Installed weapons (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) 6 Browning Automatic Machine guns in place (a) _____
(b) _____ (b) _____
(c) _____ (c) _____
(d) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (e) _____
(f) _____ (f) _____
(g) _____ (g) _____
(h) _____ (h) _____
(i) _____ (i) _____
(j) _____ (j) _____
(k) _____ (k) _____
(l) _____ (l) _____
(m) _____ (m) _____
(n) _____ (n) _____
(o) _____ (o) _____
10. The persons listed below were reported as: (a) Battle Casualty ☒
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. Number of persons aboard aircraft: Crew 11 Passengers 0 Totals 11
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars:

Crew Position	Name in Full	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
KIA 1. Pilot	Fosell, William H. Jr.	2d Lt	0-37016	MIA
KIA 2. Co-pilot	Donaway, Morton P. V.	7/0	2-4389	"
KIA 3. Navigator	Polchoff, Harold R.	2d Lt	0-375211	"
RTD 4. Bombardier	Tonyan, David J.	2d Lt	0-43048	"
KIA 5. BOM	Donaway, David R.	Sgt	20272438	"
KIA 6. Top Turret	Gleason, Claude M.	Sgt	20272437	"
KIA 7. Nose Turret	Lariverre, Clyde R.	Sgt	19184442	"
RTD 8. Right Waist	Flaming, Peter W.	Sgt	38013895	"
KIA 9. Left Waist	Parke, John G.	Sgt	16195794	"
RTD 10. Tail Gunner	Giam, Charles J.	Sgt	12142850	"
KIA 11. Observer	Murphy, John G.	Sgt	3581016	"

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

Name in full	Serial	by	Last	by	by	by
Last Name First	Rank	by	Radio	Sighted	Crash Landing	by
1. <u>Polchoff, Harold R.</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>0-375211</u>	☒	☐	☐	☐
2. <u>Parke, John G.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-43048</u>	☒	☐	☐	☐
3. <u>Smith, David J.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-43048</u>	☒	☐	☐	☐

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2nd Lt. Edwin J. Jaeger

Mr. Christ A. Jaeger (father)
3809 Sheridan Road
Kenosha, Wisconsin

2nd Lt. Harold E. Folschoff

Mrs. Lillian E. Folschoff (wife)
2431 North 52nd Street
Philadelphia 32, Pennsylvania

2nd Lt. William E. Powell, Jr.

Mrs. Betty Powell (wife)
D-5, Washington Apartments
Nashville 4, Tennessee

P/O Morton F. Donnelly

Mrs. Carolyn E. Donnelly (mother)
Millsboro, Delaware

E/Sgt. Charles J. Giann

Mrs. Lena Giann (mother)
541 Van Hook Street
New York, New York

Sgt. Claude H. Clements

Mrs. Annie L. Clements (mother)
Sams, Virginia

Sgt. Peter W. Fleming

Mr. Alfred J. Fleming, Sr. (father)
8775 - 120th Street
Richmond Hill, New York

Sgt. John C. Hendricks

Mrs. Anella Hendricks (mother)
Globe, Arizona

Sgt. Clyde E. Larrievere

Mrs. Nellie A. Potillo (mother)
2335 - 28th Street
Santa Monica, California

Sgt. John G. Parker

Mr. George J. Parker (father)
1520 Jarvis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Sgt. David E. Richmond

Mrs. Frances E. Richmond (mother)
28 Argonne Court
West Englewood, New Jersey



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SWORN STATEMENT OF 2ND LT. EDWIN J. JACZYNA, O-930488,
MEMBER OF 453 BOMBARDMENT GROUP, APO 558, U S ARMY

SECOND LT. EDWIN J. JACZYNA, O-930488, 453 BOMBARDMENT GROUP,
BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW DEPOSES AND SAYS:
"WE DEPARTED HOME BASE OF 453 BOMBARDMENT GP., NEAR ADEL-
BOROUGH, ENGLAND 10 APRIL 1945 AT APPROXIMATELY 0800 HOURS
ON BOMBING MISSION WITH DESTINATION AS A GERMAN AIRFIELD
LOCATED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MILES WEST OF BERLIN, GERMANY.
WEATHER CLEAR. NO ENEMY ACTION OR OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED
ENROUTE OR WHILE OVER TARGET. BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON TARGET
AND WE TURNED ON OUR COURSE FOR HOME BASE. WE WERE DIRECTED
TO TURN OFF OF OUR SCHEDULED COURSE AND FOLLOW THE SQUADRON
AHEAD OF US OVER THEIR SECONDARY TARGET. WHILE OVER THEIR
TARGET WE ENCOUNTERED FLAC AND RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT WHICH
CAUSED THE PLANE TO BREAK INTO TWO PARTS, THE BREAKING POINT
BEING NEAR THE BALL-TURRENT. FOUR MEN LEFT THE PLANE BY
PARACHUTE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE; THIS INCLUDES GIANO,
FLEMING, PARKER AND MYSELF. GIANO, FLEMING AND MYSELF WERE
CAPTURED. PARKER AND FLEMING PARACHUTED TOGETHER AND PARKER
BROKE OFF AT APPROXIMATELY TEN THOUSAND FEET. I LATER SAW HIS
BODY AFTER IT HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY THE GERMANS. THERE IS NO
DOUBT THAT HE WAS KILLED IN THE FALL. THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF
THE CREW WERE IN THE OTHER HALF OF THE PLANE WHICH I LATER
SAW BURNING ON THE GROUND. THIS SECTION MUST HAVE CONTAINED
POLOKOFF, POWELL, DONAWAY, CLEMENTS, HENDRICKS, LARRIVERRE,
AND ROSAMOND. I SAW THE BODIES OF DONAWAY AND CLEMENTS, WHO
TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE WERE DEAD. I NEVER SAW THE BODIES
OF POLOKOFF, POWELL, HENDRICKS, LARRIVERRE OR ROSAMOND NOR
HAVE I SEEN THESE INDIVIDUALS SINCE THE PLANE WENT DOWN;
HOWEVER THE GERMAN CAPTAIN WHO CAPTURED US STATED THAT
THERE WERE AT LEAST FOUR BODIES IN THE BURNING PLANE AND
THAT THERE COULD HAVE BEEN MORE. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE
WAS UNABLE TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER DUE TO THE FIRE. I HAVE
NO FURTHER KNOWLEDGE AS TO THE PRESENT STATUS OF ANY MEMBERS
OF MY CREW.

/s/ Edwin J. Jacyna
EDWIN J. JACZYNA O-930488
2ND LIEUT., AC
453 BOMB. GP.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE
ME THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF
JUNE 1945.

/s/ J. S. Owen
J. S. OWEN
CAPT., AGO
ASST. ADJ. GEN
HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS