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date **MAR 15 1944**

REMARKS: THIS REPORT WAS
PREPARED BY A MEMBER OF THE
ARMY AIR CORPS

REPORT NUMBER: 3058

IMPORTANT: This report is to be used only for the purpose of identifying the organization within 48 hours of the time of the crash.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location: AAF Station F122, Group 355, Fighter, 357 Pz, Eighth Air Force, Point of Crash: AAF Station F122, 90 Degrees, Intended Destination: AAF Station F122, 90 Degrees, WEATHER CONDITIONS: 5/10 to 6/10 at 5,000 feet, Contrails at 30,000 feet, GIVE: (a) Date: 8 March 1944, (b) Location: Dummer Lake, Germany, (c) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio; () Forces Down; (X) Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available, AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: () Only one (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows:

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series: P-51B-7, A.A.F. Serial Number 43-6989, ENGINES: Type, Model and Series: V-1650-3, A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 301396, (b) , (c) , (d) ,

INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number): (a) 50 Cal. M1; (b) 50 Cal. M1; (c) 50 Cal. M1; (d) 50 Cal. M1; (e) , (f) , (g) , (h) ,

THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty, (b) Non-Battle Casualty, NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1; Passengers 0; Total 1, (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
Pilot	ROTHENBERG, DANIEL S.	2nd Lieut.	0-687199

IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LIST AND LEAVE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Number	By Last	Saw	Saw	Forced
(Last Name First)	Rank Number	Radio	Sighted	Crash	Landing
KELLEY, FREDERICK H.	1st Lieut.	0-795972			X

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):

ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: EILEEN H. BUSH, 0-906913, Captain, A.C.

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John L. Elder, Jr.
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOHN L. ELDER, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

H.Q. 85th F.W.
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FLYING CONTROL OFFICE
AAF STATION F-122
APO NO. 637

11 MARCH 1944

SUBJECT: MISSING AIRCREW REPORT - LIEUTENANT ROTHENBERG.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 355TH FIGHTER GROUP, AAF
STATION F-122, APO NO. 637.

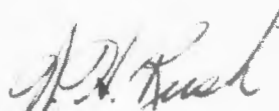
1. ON MARCH 8, 1944, AT 1350 HOURS, LT. ROTHENBERG, PILOTING AIRCRAFT OS-Q, TOOK OFF FROM THIS FIELD ON AN OPERATIONAL MISSION WITH THE 357TH FIGHTER SQUADRON. HIS CALL SIGN WAS BLOW BALL 66.

2. LT. ROTHENBERG WAS FLYING NUMBER 2 POSITION IN GREEN FLIGHT.

3. THIS OFFICE HAD NO R/T CONTACT WITH LT. ROTHENBERG DURING THE FLIGHT.

4. WHEN LT. ROTHENBERG FAILED TO RETURN TO THIS BASE WITH THE 357TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED COMBAT OPERATIONS.

5. EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO CONTACT LT. ROTHENBERG ON CHANNEL "A", "B", "C", AND "D".



W. H. RUSH,
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS,
SENIOR FLYING CONTROL OFFICER.

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STATEMENT OF PILOT

As we made R/V with bombers, Green flight jumped a bogie which turned out to be an FW-190. He dove for the ground and number three man overran him and number four man got in a burst which hit his left wing. The FW-190 turned into Lieutenant Rothenberg who was flying number two and evidently hit the pilot, as he rolled over on his back at about fifty feet and dove into the ground and exploded. I passed over the remains which were scattered over the field, and there is no doubt that he was instantly killed. Later on the 190 was destroyed by Lieutenant Norman.

Frederick W. Kelley
FREDERICK W. KELLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

