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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name England; Command or Air Force 8AF  
Group 457 Bomb Gp (Hv); Squadron 751st; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Station 130; Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Target or Intended Destination Bohlen, Germany; Type of Mission \_\_\_\_\_  
Objective Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
10/10 to 1130E - 0/10 to 1/10 East of there.
- GIVE: (a) Day 30 Month Nov. Year 1944; Time 135h; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. Area north of Zeitz, roughly 5110-1210  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (); Forced 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 (); Other Circumstances as follows: \_\_\_\_\_
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G; AAF Serial Number 42-107026
- NICKNAMES OF AIRCRAFT, if any No Name
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) 43-58567; (b) SW-1041; (c) SW-009450; (d) SW-012053
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, Type and Serial Number):  
(a) 476731; (b) 465968; (c) 394616; (d) 374992; (e) 389741; (f) 386641; (g) 213747; (h) 213482; (i) 476533; (j) 467827; (k) 386716; (l) 647004; (m) \_\_\_\_\_; (n) \_\_\_\_\_; (o) \_\_\_\_\_; (p) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty   
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9  
(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	Current Status
1. Pilot	<u>White, John W.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0757349</u>	<u>MTA POW</u> <b>RTD</b>
2. CP	<u>Prokop, Rudolph (NMI)</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0558154</u>	<u>MTA POW</u> <b>RTD</b>
3. N	<u>Landsman, Jacob (NMI)</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0718187</u>	<u>MTA POW</u> <b>RTD</b>
4. B	<u>Zimmerman, Leon J.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0765873</u>	<u>MTA POW</u> <b>RTD</b>
5. TTG	<u>Williams, Albert G.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>36559589</u>	<u>MTA POW</u> <b>RTD</b>
6. RO	<u>Waltman, Gerald E.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>35600313</u>	<u>MTA POW</u> <b>RTD</b>
7. BTG	<u>Johnson, Leonard G.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>36745869</u>	<u>MTA POW</u> <b>RTD</b>
8. WG	<u>Wilcox, Howard (NMI)</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>35367599</u>	<u>MTA POW</u> <b>RTD</b>
9. TG	<u>Seely, Richard G.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>36829423</u>	<u>MTA</u> <b>RTD</b>
10.				
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)	Serial Number	Check Only One Column		
		Contacted by Radio	Saw Sighted	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>Bostick, Kenneth L.</u>	<u>S/Sgt 35579431</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. <u>Willig, Walter E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt 11073007</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. <u>Scarborough, Jack F.</u>	<u>T/Sgt 34076674</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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13. 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) \_\_\_\_\_
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, or SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT \_\_\_\_\_ NONE \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 8 December 1944

Gerlad H. Galligan  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

GERLAD H. GALLIGAN  
Captain, Air Corps  
Statistical Officer

17. REMARKS OR EYE WITNESS STATEMENTS:



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(S-2 Summary of  
Eye-Witness Accounts)

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Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 457th Sqdn. 751st A/C No. 42-107026

MISSION DATE 30 November 1944 FIRST PILOT John W. White  
(Name)

1st Lt. 0-757349 DESTINATION Bohlen  
(Rank) (Serial No.)

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:
  - (a) By coordinates Area north of Zeitz, roughly 5110-1210
  - (b) Approximate altitude Unknown
  - (c) Last noted heading Unknown
  - (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Unknown

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing A/C):  
 Moderate to intense, accurate flak was encountered at the target.  
 There was no enemy aircraft opposition.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):  
 Extent of damage unknown. Flak reported to have burst near the aircraft. Aircraft reported to have been hit in bomb bay after dropping its bombs. Fire reported seen in cockpit.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:  
 Aircraft reported to have dropped out of formation, to have done three "flips" and to have been seen last spinning.

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation, was it last seen with escort? No If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and/or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

See 7. B.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

A. Confusion resulting from excitement of second run on target makes eye-witness reports unreliable.

B. This aircraft was flying number four low section, high squadron. It is believed to have been hit at about 13<sup>54</sup> hours, or about 4 minutes after bombs away. Two aircraft were reported to have gone down in flames and to have blown up at about the same time that A/C 42-107026 was hit; one chute was reported from these aircraft. However, it is not known whether

8. Date of report 7 December 1944 A/C 42-107026 was one of these.

EYE-WITNESSES:	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>
1.	<u>Kenneth L. Bostick</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>35579431</u>	<u>42-97827</u>
2.	<u>Walter F. Willig</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>11073007</u>	<u>43-38854</u>
3.	<u>Jack F. Scarborough</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>34607674</u>	<u>42-38021</u>
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and One Copy):

Hugh M. Hamill  
HUGH M. HAMILL 1st Lt. 0-751919 Asst. Gp. S-2.  
(Name) (Rank) A.S.N. Duty

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OB-3-4AF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 44.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY AIR FORCE STATION 130  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
A.P.O. 557, U. S. Army

D-G-2

8 December 1944

SUBJECT: Additional Eyewitness Statement for Missing Air Crew Report

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557, U. S. Army

1. Following account was given on 8 December 1944 concerning aircraft believed to have been number 42-107026, 457th Bomb Group (Hv), 751st Bomb Squadron (Hv), piloted by 1st Lt. John W. White, O-757439, missing on mission of 30 November 1944 to Bohlen, Germany. Account was given by T/Sgt. William C. Adams, 18000437, top turret gunner in A/C 42-97827.

Aircraft 42-97827 was flying number 2, low section, high squadron. Aircraft 42-107026 was briefed to fly number six, same section, but T/Sgt. Adams thinks that it was actually to the right and rear of aircraft 42-97827. T/Sgt. Adams saw the aircraft flying there get hit in bomb bay just after some and maybe all of its bombs had been released. There was a flash and the aircraft swerved out to one side, dipped down, then up, then down, then blew all to pieces. It was a silver ship. There was about one minute that elapsed between the time of the flash and the time the aircraft blew to pieces. The aircraft was about 1,000 or 1,500 feet below T/Sgt. Adams at the time it blew up.

For the Group Intelligence Officer:

*Hugh M. Hamill*

HUGH M. HAMILL,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Asst. Gp. S-2 Officer.

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1st Lt. John V. White

Mrs. Kathleen M. White, (wife) ✓  
2591 Newport Avenue  
Costa Mesa, California

2nd Lt. Leon J. Zimmerman

Mr. Albert A. Zimmerman (father) ✓  
Harvey, Michigan

2nd Lt. Jacob Landman

Mrs. Florence E. Landman (wife) ✓  
141-08 Cherry Avenue  
Flushing, New York

2nd Lt. Rudolph Prekop

Mrs. Mary E. Prekop (wife) ✓  
2511 La Belle Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan

T/Sgt. Gerald E. Whitman

Mrs. Rena S. Whitman (mother) ✓  
Portage Street  
Dopetown, Ohio

T/Sgt. Howard Wilson

Mrs. Mary E. McCormick (mother) ✓  
508 Kentucky Street  
Greensburg, Indiana

S/Sgt. Leonard G. Johnson

Mrs. Kim Johnson (mother) ✓  
2513 North Fremont Street  
Chicago, Illinois

S/Sgt. Albert G. Williams

Mrs. Jennie D. Williams (mother) ✓  
2200 Secia Boulevard  
Saint Clair Shores, Michigan

C/Sgt. Richard G. Seely

Mrs. Mary E. Seely (wife) ✓  
708 Sigester Street  
Portage, Wisconsin



Meldung über den Abschluß eines  
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschluß-Nr. KU 3406

Abschlußtag und Zeit: 30.11.44 - 13.30

Abschlußort: Moderwitz b. Weimar

Flugzeugtyp: Fortress

Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. H. Kdr. Weimar-Nohra

**Besatzung:**

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Laz. Art d. Verwundung Grablage

✓ LANDSMAN 25.11.15	Jakob USA	1.Lt.	0-718187	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ PROKOP 21.2.24	Rudolph USA	2.Lt.	0-558154	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ WHITE 16.8.16	John William USA	1.Lt.	0-757379	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ JOHNSON	Leonard Gordon	S/Sgt.	36745869	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ WHITMAN	Gerald Edward	T/Sgt.	35600313	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ WILLIAMS 5.5.22	Albert Glenn USA	S/Sgt.	36559589	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ WILCOX	H.	T/Sgt.		verw.	Laz.

Bemerkungen: 11150

DULAG-LUFT, den 11.12.44 Wo.