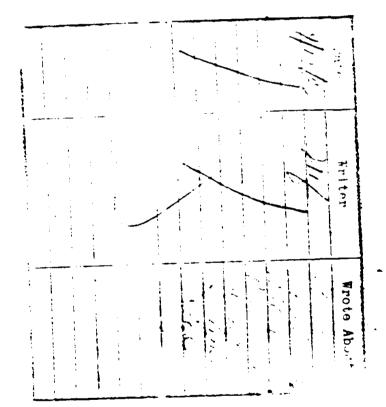


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Intelligence Reports state that Bombs were away at 1135 1/2 and that fighters attacked planes of the 398th Bomb Group Hv at 1150. Members of the Figh Squadron believe that their attacks came at approximately 1200.

AIRCRAFT Bi7G 42-107138 was evidently hit by one of these fighters probably around the number two engine which burst into flame as parts of the cowling broke off. The ship made a banking dive to the right nearly hitting the ship flying right wing in that element and disappeared into the ten-tenths clouds at about 28,000 ft. No one was seen to leave this ship before it disappeared into the clouds.

Other Aircraft and their Commanders that are reported as Missing In Action from this formation were:

B17G 42-102600--lst Lt Frederick C Wismer, 0-558118

B17G 43-38671--1st 1t Robert W Lehner, 0-756264

B17G 44-8348--1-t Lt Kenneth S Hastings, 0-764011

B17G 43-38147--1st Lt Charles E Howell, 0-817445



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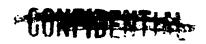
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Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft 317G 42-107138, Pilot, 1st Lt Paul H Rich Jr., 0-817531, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Et on Combat Mission to Merseburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

We were flying along about half an hour after Bombs Away when I was called to the waist to take over a gun, because enemy fighters were attacking. Just as I reached the left waist I saw five men beil out of "A" Able, then it fell off to the left and leveled off. Just as it leveled off I saw four or five more men leave the ship. In all I saw six parachutes actually open. I looked out to the left again and saw that "I" Tare was dropping back. Then I saw that number two engine on "I" was on fire. He then went into a banking dive to the right. He dived out of my line of vision, but when I last sawhim the fire seemed to be out. I saw no one leave this ship.

HOWARD F AYERS, 46153933

T/Sgt, 603rd Bomb Sq

Radio Operator, B17G 43-38091-L

Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft E17G 42-107138. Pilot. 1st Lt Paul H Rich Jr., 9-817531, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Hv on Combat Mission to Merseburg, Germany 21 mar Movember 1944.

It was about fifteen or twenty minutes after Bombs Avay and there were heavy contrails and cirtus clouds. There was a head on attack by enemy fighters and almost immediately our Co-Pilot had to bull our plane up quickly to avoid being hit by Lt Rich's plane whichwwas flying number three position in the Low, Low of the High Squadron. We were flying Number Two position of the Low, Low. I saw the plane banking steeply in a turn to the right. There was a dire in the right side of the wing or the number four engine. I saw the flames very plainly from my position in the mose of our plane. I couldn't see the plane for long as it was obscured from my view by our right wing. I sav no one leave the plane.

WALTER G SMALL, 0/2061/066

2nd Lt, Air Corps

Navigator, B17G 42-97249-P





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About one-half hour after bombs away, fighters hit us from the front. The first thing I noticed was big chunks of cowling flying off Lt Rich's plane. Then flame shot out of his number two engine and he slid off to the right in what looked like a controlled banking dive. Then I noticed the PFF ship in our formation gradually dropping back. I then saw the tail door go off and a man appear. He got his body out but held on for a while and then broke away. About the same time I saw the waist door go off and a man jumped out and also one came from the from the front of the ship. About four or five more men came out and then this shipslid off to the left and lost about one thousand feet and then leveled off. About two or three men came out and the ship started into a dive. I saw five parachutes open away down behind our formation. I saw a total of nine or ten men leave this plane. Then I looked to see where Lt Rich's plane had gone. I saw a plane where I thought he should be. It appeared to be down fairly close to the clouds flying level. It gradually disappeared into the clouds.

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DONALD P KING, 33705856 S/Sgt, 603rd Pomb Sq Teitr Gunner, B17G 43-38091-L

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Another crew reports No. 2 engine on fire, plane slid off, went back to low sq. - thinks fire was out when in low squadron.

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- 4. In regard to other members of the crew, reference is made to Missing Air Grew Nogort dated 25 November 1974, proviously forwarded through elann ls.

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2nd Ind. G-G-1 HEADQUARTERS, 398TH BOMBARDMENT TROUP, APO #557, U. S. Army, 11 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Air Division, A.P.O. #557, U. S. Army.

Brsic: Ltr of Inquiry fr Mrs. Frances Miller, 3 Jan 45, re: S/Sgt Wester E.

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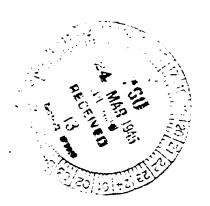
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CHARLES E. GARVIN, 1st Lt., Air Corps, Actg. Asst. /dj. Gen.



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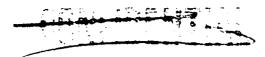
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TO: Mrs. J. K. mccorkendele, 1976 clastnut Avenue, Long Beach 6, california THUR: Commanding General, nq ETOUSA, APO 871, U. S. Arm, (Thru Channels) ATTN: Adjutant General, casualty Division.

- 1. In compliance with paragraph 12g, Circular 94, nd ETOUSA, DATED 31 August 1944, the following information is submitted on the crew of bl74 42-107138. Second Lieutenant DONALD J. mc CORKINDALE, 0771474, the co-pilot of this crew was reported as missing in action on 21 november 1944.
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- 3. This was the fifteenth combat mission for Lieutenant mcuorkinuals.

JEAN B. MILLER, JR., major, Air corps, commanding.

2nd Ind. G-G-1 HEADQUARTERS, 398TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, APO 557, c/e Pestmaster, New Yerk, New Yerk, 8 January 1945.

To: Commanding General, 1st Air Division, A.r.o. #557, U. S. Army.

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Tu: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 1Cl, APO 534.

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For the Commanding General:

CHARLIS E. GARVIN
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24 November 1944

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1	What year 1944 month Nov. day 21 did you go down? Yes
1	What was the mission, <u>Merseberg</u> , target, <u>Synthetic Oil</u> , target time, <u>about 11:00</u> , altitude, <u>29.000</u> route scheduled,, route flown
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	Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Robert Rassmussen the radio operator left the ship under similar circumstances as did
	I. Evidently an explosion.
	cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) <u>Probably all men who</u> were not reported missing by the Gergans. The plane burned and probably the dog tags would have melted. Where were they in aircraft? <u>At their usual positions</u> .
	When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? <u>Pefore the attack</u> .
•	Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

My reason for believing that the chash took place 40 Killometers. Northwest of Erfurt is that after I was captured, two German Officers came for me in a automobile. The ride was from two to four hours in duration. We passed through from 10 to 20 towns. In each town the driver showed down and requested directions from Civilians. Every time the reply was "Oost", Oost" which I believe means East. I remember seeing one sign along the way which pointed to our left as we traveled, and read ISO Killometers to Kassell. Our speed in the Automobile could not have been more than 20 Killometers average. Our destination was Erfurt.

The town where I was captured was a small, Agricultural town, and if you are able to locate it, you should have no trouble finding someone who can give you information.

I wish to add that we never traveled on an Auto-Bahn, which may be of some help in learning the exact area.

Any information from the Bombi Group as to the exact location will probably be inacurate, because it was overcast, and we had become lost from the rest of the group. It is doubtful if more it than 1 cr 2 of the planes in the Squadron made it back, because I met with members of 6 or 7 crews later.

I would like to be kept informed of any progress that you are able to make, as I may be able to give more specefic information about anything you wish.

Earl R. Kearney, Cakland, Iowa.

Rank:

Name of crew member:

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2nd Lt.

McCORKINDALE, Donald J.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Serial number: 0-771474 Position: Crew (Bomber)/pf/F21ght//F1ght9f): Co-Pilot Did he bail out? Doubtful. Where? If not, why not? Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Was he injured?. Where was he when last seen? Any hearsay information: See Questionnaire for Lt. Rich. Source: Any explanation of his fate based in part cr wholly on supposition: Total number of missions of above crew member: 15 Dates and destinations if possible:

Name of crew member:

STUART, Robert R.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Rank:	2nd Lt.
Serial number:	0-557 426
Position: Crew (Bomber) pt/FAAcht/(Fichtet):	Navigator
Did he bail out? No.	
Where?	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
If not, why not? Was hit in the initial as	
Last contact or conversation just prior to or a	
Was he injured? Yes.	
Where was he when last seen? At the taxk right	nt cheek Gun.
Any Parsay information: None	
	•
Source:	
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wh	olly on supposition: Probably blown
clear because he was reported a casualt	ty by The Germans.
	•
Total number of missions of above crew member:	16.
Dates and destinations if possible:	

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Did he bail out? Doubtful
Where?
If not, why not? See Questionnaire on Lt. Rich.
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
Was he injured?
Where was he when last seen? In his position.
Any hearsay information: See Questionnaire on Lt. Rich.
•
Source:
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: See Lt. Rich.
•
Total number of missions of above crew member: 15.
Dates and destinations if possible:

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Name of crew member:	MILLER, Walter E.
Rank:	S/Sgt. 32 196 712
Serial number: Position: Crew (Bomber) pr/FAART//FARTER):	Right Waist Gunner
See Questionaire on Lt. Rich.	
Did he bail out?	
Where?	
If not, why not?	
Last contact or conversation just prior to cr at	
Was he injured?	
Where was he when last seen?	
Any hearsay information:	
Source:	
Any explanation of his fate based in part or who	olly on supposition:
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Total number of missions of above crew member:	35
Dates and destinations if possible:	
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Name of crew member:

S/Sgt.

AULT, James J., Jr.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Position: Crew (Bomber) At FA At At At At At At
Did he bail out? Don't Know.
Where?
If not, why not?
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
Was he injured?
Where was he when last seen? At his position .
Any hearsay information: See Lt. Rich Questionaire.

Source:
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: See Lie Rich C.
Total number of missions of above crew member: 15
Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:	PASSMORE, Milton B.
Rank: Serial number:	S/Sgt. 39 719 757
Position: Crew (Bomber) pt/F1/4///F184/4/:	Tail Gunner
See Questionnaire on Lt. Rich.	
Did he bail out? <u>Doubtfull</u>	
Where?	·····
If not, why not?	
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at	time of loss of plane:
Was he injured?	
Where was he when last seen?	
Any hearsay information:	
•	
	
Source:	
Any explanation of his fate based in part or who	olly on supposition:
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Total number of missions of above crew member:	15
Dates and destinations if possible:	
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Name of crew member:

RICH, Paul H., Jr.

Rank:

ist Lt.

Serial number:

0-817 531

Position: Crew (Bomber) pt/Flight/Afightety:

Pilot

Did he bail out? Doubtful
Where?
If not, why not? He never wore his chute, and had no time to get it.
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before
the attack.
Was he injured?
Where was he when last seen? At the controls.
Any hearsay information: The Germans were excited and from their actions I
Gather that there were several in the plane after it crashed.
Source:
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: <u>Undoubtedly</u>
went down with the plane, because he never wore his chute and the
dermans never found his dog tag, which would have been melted by the
heat.
Total number of missions of above crew member: 10
Dates and destinations if possible: Can't Recall. Contact the old bomb Group.

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) \$1/777844/(7784494):

PASSMORE, Milton B.

S/Sgt.

39 719 757 Tail Gummer

Did he bail out? _____ no knowledge Where? _____ no knowledge If not, why not? ___ no knowledge Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of lcss of plane: none Was he injured? _____ no knowledge Where was he when last seen? boarding plane in England Any hearsay information: _____ none Source: Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: As I saw the __ plane go down it was damaged. The upper part of the rudder was torn off ___ and this might have caused him some injury that kept him from leaving the plane. Total number of missions of above crew member: 1Dates and destinations if possible: ____ We flew different missions at some times so I don't know where he flew all of his

Name of crew member: MILLER, Walter E. Rank: S/Sgt. Serial number: 32 196 712 Position: Crew (Bomber) pt/F/ARM//F/Aret): Right Waist Gunner Did he bail out? ______no knowledge Where? no knowledge If not, way not? ____ no knowledge Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He was lying on floor across from me in the plane and was putting on his parachute. Was he injured? not to my knowledge Where was he when last seen? in waist of plane Any hearsay information: ____ none Any explanation of his fate breed in part or wholly on supposition: We both had the same chance to get out, I wouldn't know why he didn't make it. Total number of missions of above crew member: 15 Dates and destinations if possible: We flew different missions at times

from September 16, 1944 to November 21, 1944.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

AULT, James J., Jr. Name of crew member: Rank: S/Sgt. Serial number: 3> 777 328 Ball Turret Gumner Position: Crew (Bomber) // FALEN / FALEN : Did he bail out? ____ no knowledge Where? _____ no knowledge If not, why not? ____couldn't leave ball turret Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: none Was he injured? _____ no knowledge Where was he when lust seen? boarding plane in England Any hearsay information: none Source: Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The plane was in a violent spin and finally broke up from the force of it. I doubt if he was able to get out of the ball turret and find his chute. Total number of missions of above crew member: 14 Pates and destinations if possible: I flew more missions than he did so I

have no idea of where he went on all of his.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Did he bail out?	no knowledge
Where?	no knowledge
If not, why not?	no knowledge
Last contact or conve	ersation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
	none
Was he injured?	no knowledge
Where was he when last	t seen: boarding plane in England
Any hearsay informati	
	-
	is fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The oxygen
was on fire	due to cannon fire, it was racked all around his burret,
	t he was able to leave the airplane because of this.
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Total number of missi	ions of above crew member: 16
Pates and destination	as if possible: I couldn't give all the missions he flew
	flew some with different crews.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

STUART, Robert R.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

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Position: Crew (Bomber) pt/F/4fht/\F1fffff):

0-557 426 Mavigator

Did he bail out? no knowledge	
Where? no knowledge	
If not, why not? no knowledge	
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:	
none	
Was he injured?yes	
Where was he when last seen?boarding plane in England	
Any hearsay information: Lt. Earl Kearney told me here in the United States	
that Lt. Stuart was last seen lying on the floor in the nose bleeding	
from a wound in the head. He was hit by a 20 MM cannon shell.	
Source: Lt. Earl R. Kearney	•
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was	
probably unconscious and was not able to bailout.	
	
Total number of missions of above crew member: about 14	
Dates and destinations if possible: We went on some different missions so I haven't	
a clear picture of all of his missions	

Serial number:

file # 11213 INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Rank:

McCORKINDALE, Donald J.

2nd Lt. 0-771474

Position: Crew (Bomber)/f/F/1647//7/184797):

Co-Pilot

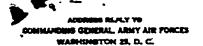
Did he bail out?	no knowledge
Where?	no knowledge
If not, why not?	no knowledge
	versation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
	none
Was he injured?	no knowledge
	ast seen? <u>boarding airplane in England</u>
Any hearsay informs	tion: none
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Source:	<u> </u>
	his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I think
that he w	as unable to escape from the plane due to a fire in the gangway.
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Total number of mis	ssions of above crew member:
Dates and destinati	ons if possible: I could only give some of the ones he
	use I flew a few at different times and with different pilots.

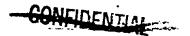
Did he bail out?	no knowledge
Where?	no knowledge
If not, mhy not?	no kaordedge
	tion just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
Pilot called out "	Tighters at 1200"
Was he injured?	no knowledge
Where was he when last s	een?in_piloto_sent
Any hearsay information:	no ne
Source:	
Any explanation of his f	ate based in part or wholly on supposition: I think that
ile was unable to e	scape from the planne due to a fire in the gangway.
Total number of missions	of above crew member:
Dates and destinations i	f possible: I could only give some of the ones he flew
because I flew	a few at different times and with different pilots,

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1.	Your name Rasmussen, Robert J. Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 17119512
2.	Organization 398 Gp Commander ? Rank Col. Sqn CO ? Rank Major (full name)
3.	(full name) (full name) What year 1944 month Kevember day 21 did you go down?
4.	What was the mission, cil refixery , target, Lereseburgh Germany , target time, 1100 , altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, ?, route flown?
5.	Where were you when you left formation?
6.	Did you bail out? Yes
7.	Did other members or crew bail out? one, the bombardier
8.	Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please cive facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
ô.	Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Erfurt, Germany
10.	What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
	no knowledge
11.	Where were they in aircraft? no knowledge
12.	What was their condition? no knowledge
13.	When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?
	last men sean was walst gunder in gione lefters it broke up. He was thrown to the flore of the sain.
14.	Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)





ATTENTION: AFPPA-8

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON



8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report

70: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634 c/c Postmaster, New York, New York

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July

1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)OB-S-AAF-M), be forwarded with least practicable

delay in the case of First Lt. Paul H. Rich. Jr. 0817531

(Grade) (Name) (ASN)

603rd. bomb squadron

(Organisation)

reported missing, missing in action, 21 November 1944, which report

(Date)

has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Argy Air Forces:

JOHN D. MARSH

Lt Colonel, Air Corps

Chief, Personal Affairs Division

Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY. 27 FER 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO \$87, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters show lst Lt. Paul H. Rich, Jr., 0817531, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 42-107138. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 10 December 1944.

For the Commanding General: q 10.17.72

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H. S. WILSON, Jr.
Major, A.G.D.,

Aset. Adjutant General.

AG 319.1 Cas. 2nd Ind. HEADQUARTERS, EURCFEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APC 587, U.S. ARMY, 5 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C., ATTRATION: AFFFA-8.

- 1. Lissing tir Grew Report concerning sircraft number 42-107136, piloted by 1st Lt. aul H. Rich, Jr., L-817531, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, Al 200.33 Cas, dated 26 January 1945.
- 2. Records of this hesiquarters indicate the present status of 1st Lt. raul h. Rich, Jr., C-817631, to be missing in action, 21 November 1944.

FOR THE THEATER CORMANDER:

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H. A. KUND, WE Colonel, AGD,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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AG 319.1 Cas 2nd Ind. JWIYJFR HEAD UARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 857, U S ARMY, 5 Merch 1945.

TU: Communding Jeneral, army Air Forces, Jashington, D. C., ATTENTION: AFPPA-8.

1. Missing Air Crew Report concerning sircreft number 40-107138, piloted by let Lt. Faul H. Rich, Jr., U-817531, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indersement this headquarters, AG 360.33 Oss, dated 28 January 1945.

2 decords of this headquarters indicate the present status of Second Lt. Earl R. Rearney, 4-717804, to be missing in action, 21 November 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

HAN RUND,

Colonel, AGD,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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WASHINGTON 25, D., C.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON

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9 February 1945



SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634 c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July

1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)0B-S-AAF-M), be forwarded with least practicable

delay in the case of Second Lt. Earl R. Kearney 0717804

(Grade) (Name) (ASN)

603rd. bomb squadron, 398th bomb group

(Organisation)

reported missing, missing in action, 21st. November 194/which report

(Date)

has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

John D. Warsh

Lt Colonel, Air Corps

Chief, Personal Affairs Division

Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AFO 634, U. S. ARLY.

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. army.

Records this headquarters show 2nd Lt. Earl R. Kearney, 0717804, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 42-107138. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 10 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:

H S. WOLSON, JR.

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Aust. Adjulant General.

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TO: Commending Jeneral, Army Air Forces, agaington, J.C., attantion: AFFR-8

1. Sisting air less Report concerning aircraft number 42-1/7138, piloted by 1st Lt. Faul H. Rich, Jr., 0-817531, was formarded to your hellmarters by 1st indersement this headquarters, AG 300.33 Cas, deted 28 January 1945.

2. mecords of this headquarters indicate the present status of End Lt. Robert R. Stuart, 6-557426, to be missing in action, 21 November 1944.

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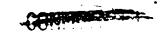
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(Grade) (Name) (ASN)

2ndxxkx 603rd. bomb squadron

(Organization)

reported missing, missing in action, 21st. November 1944, which report

(Date)

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

COHNE D. MARSH

It Colonel, Air Corps

Chief, Personal Affairs Division

Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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For the Commanding General:

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