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MISSING AIR CRAFT REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an airplane is officially reported missing.

9th Bombardment

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF. Sta. A-83 Command or Air Force: Division 1
Group 323rd bomb. gp (M) Squadron 456th Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of departure AAF. Sta. A-83 Course as briefed
Intended Destination Germany Type of Mission combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
High clouds and frontal activity
- GIVE: (a) Date 5 April 1945 Time 1645 and Location c-170640
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane.
(b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by radio; ()
Forced down; () Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
- AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:
(Check only one) () Enemy Airplane; () Enemy anti-aircraft; (X)
Other circumstances as follows: watering clouds over target area when last
sighted. No visible damage due to enemy action when last sighted.
- AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series 26610A.A.F. Serial No. 43-34452
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series 286043A.A.F. Serial No. (a) wp - 063848
(b) wp - 064040 (c) (d)
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Mark, Type and Serial No.) Unknown
(a) (b) (c) (d)
(e) (f) (g) (h)
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty Unknown
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 7 Passengers 0 Total 7
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10
persons were aboard airplane, list similar particulars on separate sheet
and attach original to this for .)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	<u>3</u> Evans, Brainerd R.	1st Lieut	<u>0-715749</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>4</u> Mabry, James M.	flight officer	<u>0-125981</u>
3. bomb. toggler	<u>6</u> vieland, Basil G.	sgt.	<u>3509973</u>
4. engineer gunner	<u>5</u> Turner, William J.	sgt.	<u>19075324</u>
5. radio operator	<u>7</u> Aulenbach, Aaron A.	s/sgt.	<u>0 33230201</u>
6. tail gunner	<u>2</u> Wock, Alvin E.	s/sgt.	<u>0 33025072</u>
7. mail gunner	<u>7</u> Zanella, Raymond J.	s/sgt.	<u>36823536</u>
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9.			
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>Wassmer, David W.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>C-714215</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. _____						
3. _____						

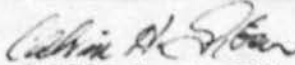
12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____ or (c) Any other reason: (Specify) Last sighted entering clouds

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

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

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND CITE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: none

Date of Report 5- April-1945.


CALVIN H. GLASON, Major, AC.
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)

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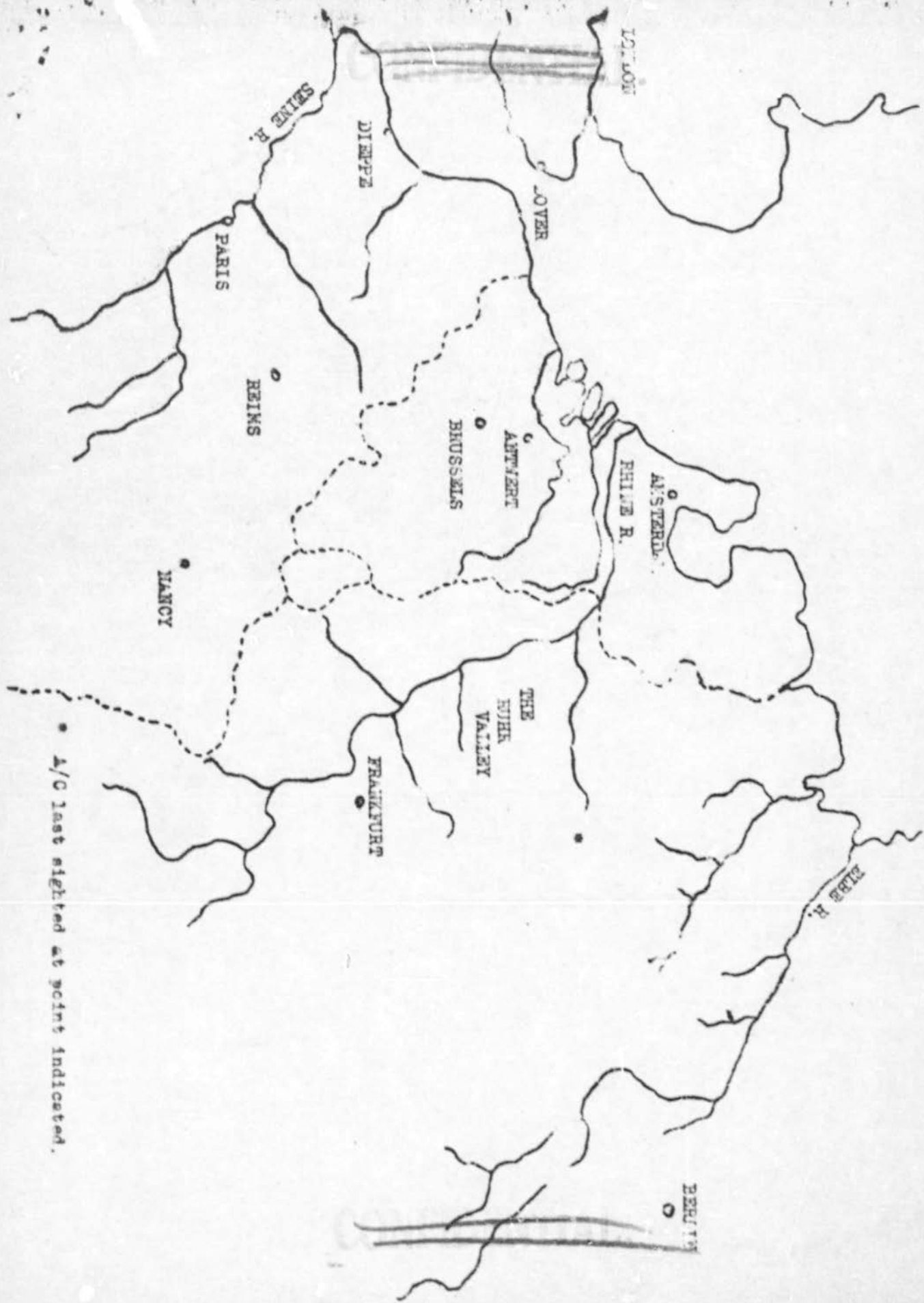
5 April 1945

While I was leading "Window" on the mission of 3 April 1945, our formation was forced to enter a large cloud a few moments after bombs away. My left wingman, Lt. Evans, flying A/C 452 - C, was last seen in good formation upon entering the cloud. After finding a hole and turning back to rejoin the Group, Lt. Evans was not seen. There was moderate rime icing and turbulence in the cloud.

David H. Tessmer

DAVID H. TESSMER,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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A/C last sighted at point indicated.

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AG 360.33 Cas 1st Ind. JWP/JFR/nw
HQ, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U. S. ARMY, 18 May 1945.

TO: Commanding General Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

1. Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department AG 704
(5 Jul 44) OB-S-AAF dated 7 July 1944.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status
of the crew members of subject aircraft to be missing in action, 3
April 1945.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

Am R...
H. M. HUND,
Colonel, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.



✓ 1 Incl:
n/c (dup & trip w/d)

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26TH STATISTICAL CONTROL UNIT
HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE

APO 696, U S Army
16 May 1945



In reply refer
to: 210.86

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations
USA, APO 887, U S Army Attn: AG Casualty Division

Transmitted herewith are Missing Air Crew Reports and allied papers
as listed below.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Edward Steuber
EDWARD STEUBER
Captain, A/C
Asst Opns Officer

1 Incl:

1 - MACR 323rd Bomb Gp, B-26C10, 43-34452, 3 Apr 45 (trip)

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