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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 airplane is officially reported missing.

9th Bombardment

1. ORGANIZATION: Location A-83 Command or Air Force: Division (U)  
Group 323rd Bomb (M) Squadron 455th Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Point of departure A-83 Course As Briefed  
Intended Destination Germany Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
8-10 altostratus Tops 88-9000 ft. Towering Cumulus visible thru holes. Vis 15-20 mi.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 4 Apr 1945 Time 1125B and Location R-800750  
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane. 344 mi SW of Frankfurt  
(b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; ( ) Last contacted by radio; ( )  
Forced down; ( ) Seen to crash; or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:  
(Check only one) (X) Enemy aircraft; ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft; ( )  
Other circumstances as follows: \_\_\_\_\_
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series B26C45 A.A.F. Serial No. 42-107593
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R2800A3 A.A.F. Serial No. (a) 41-39416  
(b) Rt. FP-060508 (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No.)  
(a) \* 1030118 (b) \* 684650 (c) \* 387457 (d) \*\* 498702 \*\* 03634  
(e) \*\* 498236 (f) \*\* 1077520 (g) \*\* 1077468 (h) \*\* 605518 \*\* 685004
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X \*\* 685959  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 6 Passengers None Total 6  
(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 form.)

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Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	
Pilot	Johnson, Robert M.	1st Lt.	695	✓ MIA
CO-Pilot	Stewart, George E. Jr.	2nd Lt.	604	✓ MIA
Bomb-Toggler	Taub, Morris W.	S/Sgt.	023	✓ MIA
Radio Gunner	Bushyhead, Henry W.	T/Sgt.	404	✓ MIA
Engineer Gunner	Shea, John G.	S/Sgt.	452	✓ MIA
Armorer Gunner	Kennedy, William U. Jr.	S/Sgt.	580	✓ MIA
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\* Gun, Browning Machine, Cal. 50, M2, Flexible Aircraft  
\*\* Gun, Browning Machine, Cal. 50, M2, Fixed Aircraft

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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. <b>Wells, J.D.</b>	<b>T/Sgt.</b>	<b>867</b>		<b>X</b>		
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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

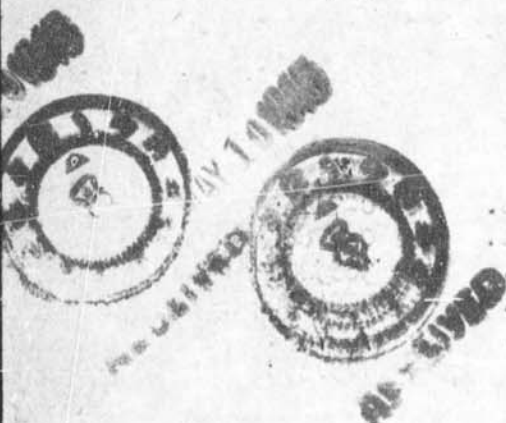
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND CITE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 7 April 1945

*Charles B. Snapp*  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

**CHARLES B. SNAPP**  
**1st Lt., Air Corps**  
**Operations Officer.**



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STATEMENT

7 April. 1945.

I, T/Sgt. J.D. Wells, ASN 1867, make the following statement concerning the mission of 4 April. 1945.

Neither Box dropped on the first run. We were over the target at 1104. The formation turned right on a heading of 350°. At 1113 we turned right on a heading of 164°, which took us to the primary target. We dropped at 1119½. The target was completely clouded over and no results were observed. There was no flak.

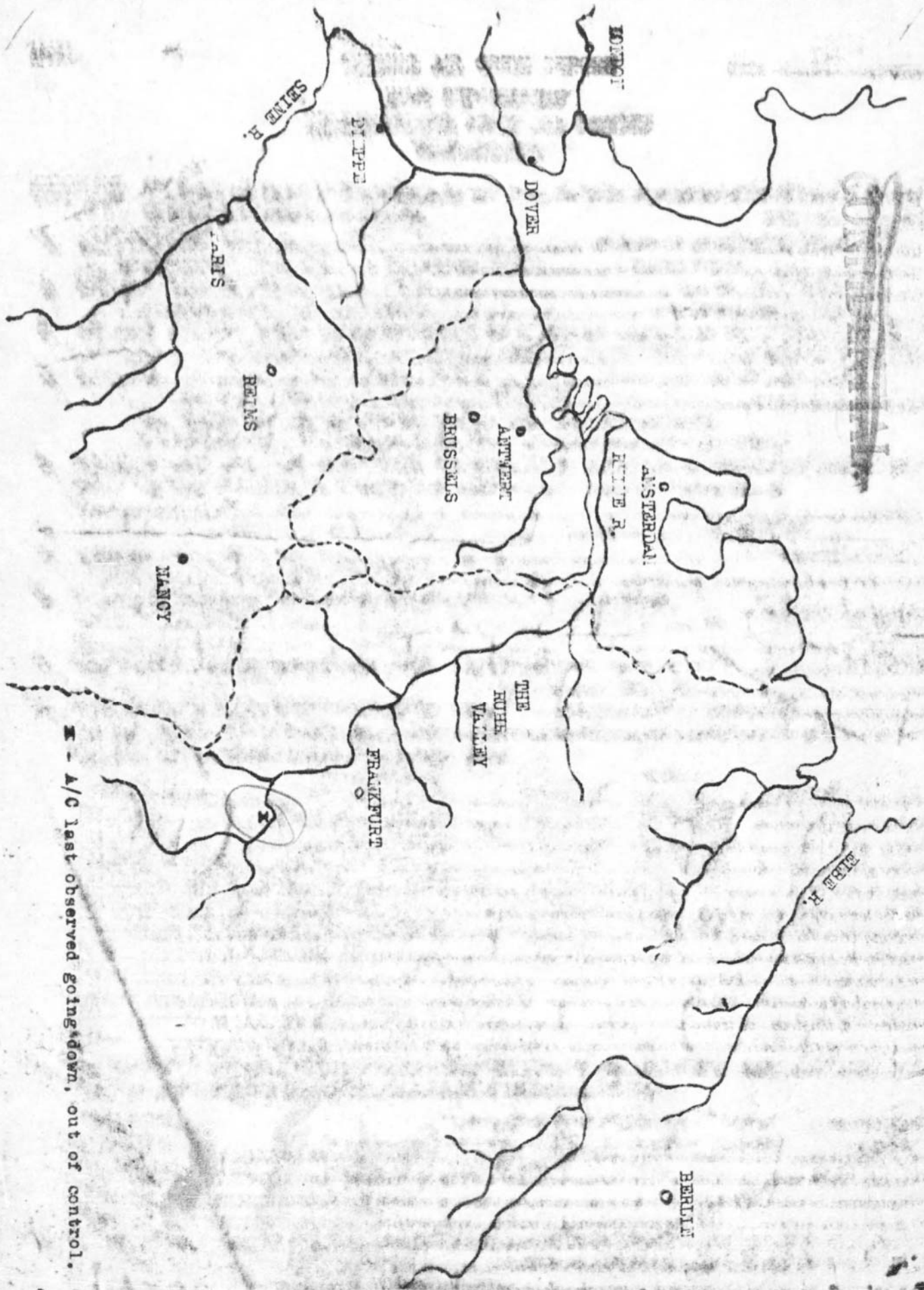
Two twin engine fighters attacked out of the clouds below at 1133. Approximately two minutes later the same two fighters made another attack. Both passes were made at the high and low flights of Box I. Hits were scored on the formation on the second pass, but all aircraft remained in formation. On the first pass three aircraft were hit bad enough to leave the formation. The following results were observed. Aircraft 42-107593, which was flying in No. 6 position of the low flight went straight down thru the clouds. The aircraft was not on fire when last observed.

*J. D. Wells*

J. D. WELLS  
T/Sgt., Air Corps,  
Bomb-Toggler.

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X - A/C last observed going down, out of control.

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26TH STATISTICAL CONTROL UNIT  
HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE

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In reply refer  
to: 210.86

APC 696, U S Army  
3 May 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Communications Zone, European Theater of  
Operations USA, APO 887, U S Army.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

*Edward Steuber*  
EDWARD STEUBER,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Opns Officer.

- 10 Incls: (trip)
- Incl 1 - MACR 323rd Bomb Gp (M), B-26C45, 42-107593, 4 Apr 45
  - Incl 2 - MACR 367th Ftr Gp, P-47D26, 42-28400, 5 Apr 45
  - Incl 3 - MACR 354th Ftr Gp, P-51D20, 44-63804, 7 Apr 45
  - Incl 4 - MACR 362nd Ftr Gp, P-47D30, 44-3630, 7 Apr 45
  - Incl 5 - MACR 371st Ftr Gp, P-47D30, 44-33991, 7 Apr 45
  - Incl 6 - MACR 371st Ftr Gp, P-47D30, 44-33012, 7 Apr 45
  - Incl 7 - MACR 362nd Ftr Gp, P-47D30, 44-33152, 5 Apr 45
  - Incl 8 - MACR 362nd Ftr Gp, P-47D30, 44-32954, 5 Apr 45
  - Incl 9 - MACR 367th Ftr Gp, P-47D30RA, 44-33411, 4 Apr 45
  - Incl 10- MACR 354th Ftr Gp, P-51D20, 44-63732, 4 Apr 45

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AG 360.33 Cas 1st Ind. JWP/JFR  
HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S.ARMY, 6 May 45.

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

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1. Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, AG 704, (5 Jul 44) OB-S-AAF-M, 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, on the dates shown on the various Missing Air Crew Reports inclosed, with the exceptions shown below:

- Incl. 7 - 1st Lt. Charles W. Everett, 136 RMN 12 Apr 45
- Incl. 8 - 1st Lt. Duane S. Knos, 195 RMC 10 Apr 45
- Incl.10 - 2nd Lt. Earl H. Marshall, 536 KIA 4 Apr 45

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



*H M Hund*  
H. M. HUND, *w*  
Colonel, AGD,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

10 Incls:  
n/c (dup & trip w/d)

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2nd Lt. Robert M. Johnson

Mrs. Lois E. Johnson (mother) ✓  
[Redacted]

2nd Lt. George E. Stewart, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. George E. Stewart (parents) ✓  
[Redacted]

371 T/Sgt. Henry W. Bushyhead

Mr. James Butler Bushyhead (brother) ✓  
[Redacted]

S/Sgt. William U. Kennedy, Jr.

Mrs. Janet P. Kennedy (wife) ✓  
[Redacted]

S/Sgt. John G. Shea

Mrs. Katharine C. Shea (wife) ✓  
[Redacted]

S/Sgt. Morris Taub

Mrs. Sarah Taub (mother) ✓  
[Redacted]