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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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name AAF STA 367 : Command or Air Force 8TH
 Group 20TH FTR : Squadron 77TH FTR : Detachment ---
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure KINGSOLLYE : Course EAST
 Target or Intended Destination MERSEBURG : Type of Mission BOMBER ESCORT
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
OVERCAST AT 20000 FEET
4. GIVE: (a) Day 2nd Month NOV Year 44 : Time 1427 : and Location 10 mi. off
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Ostende.
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted () ; Last contacted by radio (x) ; Forced down () ; Seen to Crash () ; or information not Available ()
5. 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: Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P 51 D : AAF Serial Number 44-13746
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any "LITTLE SISTER"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-323872 : AAF Serial Number (a) _____ ; (b) _____ ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
 (a) RO 1267637 Frig. ; (b) RO 1267285 Frig. ; (c) RI 1267235 Frig.
 (d) IO 1268626 Frig. ; (e) IG 1267256 Frig. ; (f) LI 1267646 Frig.
 (g) _____ ; (h) _____ ; (i) _____
 (j) _____ ; (k) _____ ; (l) _____
 (m) _____ ; (n) _____ ; (o) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: () Battle Casualty I
 or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 1
 (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	KENNEDY, JACK WILLIOT	2nd LT	0-68599A	MIA
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWN OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
				by Radio	Last Sighted	Forced Landing	Crash Landing
1.	<u>MANSTER, JOSEPH L.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>12 C-762375</u>	<u>X</u>			
2.							
3.							

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) HEARD TO SAY THAT HE WAS BAILING OUT 10 MI. OFF OSTENDE.
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS 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 _____

Date of Report 6 NOVEMBER 1944

C. H. English

 (Signature of Preparing Officer)

C. H. ENGLISH,
 Major, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

17. REMARKS:

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S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT

27th Fighter Group

77th Fighter Squadron

DATE November 2, 1944 MISSION Bomber Escort
Pilot: Jack W. Kennedy 2nd Lt. 0-688994
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
Aircraft P-51-D 44-13746 LC-M
(Type) (Serial No.) (Markings)

1. Position of missing A/C when last sighted or contacted.
 - a. Polar Coordinates: 5120N-0250E
 - b. Altitude: Unknown
 - c. Last noted heading: Believed to be heading NW from Ostend.
 - d. If out of formation, approximate distance from formation:
2. Enemy opposition: flak, type, intensity; Enemy aircraft, type, number, method of attack etc., with particular reference to missing A/C.

Unknown

3. Damage to Missing A/C: fires, explosions, where sustained, etc.

Unknown

4. If A/C was out of control, describe.

Unknown

5. Not Applicable.

6. If pilot bailed out: Describe jump, including altitude of bailout, opening of chute, landing of pilot on ground.

Heard to say he was bailing out 10 miles off Ostend.

7. Other remarks, not covered above. If additional space is required, use back of form. Lt. Kennedy had been flying with his element leader until he reached Ostend when he suddenly veered to the south for no apparent reason. He had said something on the radio about being low on gas and also about having trouble. Shortly after leaving his wingman he was heard to say that he was
8. Date of Report. November 3, 1944 / bailing out 10 miles off Ostend.

<u>Eye Witnesses:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>
1.	<u>Mansker, Joseph L.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-762375</u>	<u>44-14749</u>
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

Interrogating Officer: Joseph R. Gentry

JOSEPH R. GENTRY, 1ST LT., A.C.,
Intelligence Officer,
77th Fighter Squadron.