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WAR DEPARTMENT
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE
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 by F. M. MUEHCH, Capt., AD
 Date MAR 15 1946

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name KINGSCLIFFE : ~~XXXXXX~~ or Air Force 8TH
 Group 20TH FIGHTER : Squadron 77TH FIGHTER : Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure KINGSCLIFFE : Course EAST
 Target or Intended Destination LUTERLE HDORF : Type of Mission ESCORT
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CREW OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CLOUD COVER AT 12,000-14,000 FEET.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 9 Month Feb. Year 1945 : Time 1345 : and Location
VICINITY OF MULHAUSEN, GERMANY or last known whereabouts of missing aircraft
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted
 by radio (); 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 F-51 C : AAF Serial Number 43-25021 ✓
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1650-7 : AAF Serial V-323582
 Number (a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
 (a) RO - 378610 : (b) _____ : (c) _____
 (d) RI - 939820 : (e) All : (f) _____
 (g) LO - 939429 : (h) Browning : (i) _____
 (j) LI - 939845 : (k) Frig. : (l) _____
 (m) _____ : (n) _____ : (o) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty 1
 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
<i>KIA</i>	Pilot	<u>WUNO, JULIO (MI)</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-826751</u>	<u>M.I.A.</u>
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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:

Check Only One Column

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Contacted		Saw	
			Serial Number	by Radio	Last Sighted	Crash Landing
1.	EDWIN R. FITZ	2nd Lt.	0-827272		X	
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) Unknown
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR LURED 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 None

Date of Report 11 February 1945

Joseph R. Genest

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JOSEPH R. GENEST,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

17. REMARKS:

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5-2 SUMMARY OF THE WITNESS ACCOUNT

20th Fighter Group

77th Fighter Squadron

DATE 7 February 1945 MISSION Bomber Escort
Pilot: JULIO (MIA) MUNO 1st Lt. O-826751
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
Aircraft P-51 G 43-25041 10-1
(Type) (Serial No.) (Markings)

1. Position of missing A/C when last sighted or contacted.
 - a. Polar Coordinates: 5113 N - 1027 E.
 - b. Altitude: 11,000 feet.
 - c. Last noted heading: 260°.
 - 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.

5 or 6 Me-109s came down upon formation from 5 to 6 o'clock about 3,000 feet above formation broke to right but it is not known whether or not Muno broke because he was never seen after this.
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.

Unknown.
7. Other remarks, not covered above. If additional space is required, use back of form. Lt. Muno was heading for friendly territory with two other planes at 14,000 feet when 5 or 6 Me-109s bounced the formation which broke to the right. He was never seen after this so it is not known whether or not he broke and was able to evade the bounce.
8. Date of Report. 11 February 1945.

Eye Witnesses:

	Name	Rank	ASN	A/C No.
1.	<u>WITE, WELIN R.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-827272</u>	<u>44-15598</u>
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Interrogating Officer: Joseph R. Grant

1st Lt. U.S.
Intelligence Officer,
77th Fighter Squadron.

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STATEMENT

"We had strafed airfield at Espersteit, Germany and had climbed up to 14,000 above the cloud level. We were heading for friendly territory as we had no more ammunition, steering 265°. I believe we had flown as far as the vicinity of Bulhausen when I saw 5 or 6 109s at approximately 17,000 feet coming down upon us from five or six o'clock. Lt. Hall was flying my right wing and Lt. (Nuno) my left wing. I called a break to the right but I don't know if Lt. Nuno did break because when I climbed back out of the clouds to which I had gone he was no longer with us. His radio may have been out and he did not hear the call. This was the last I saw of Lt. Nuno. The time was about 1345.

However, Lt. Kerns who was flying ahead of us saw a P-51 going straight down for the clouds with two Me-109s on his tail. This may have been Lt. Nuno but he was not definitely identified."

Edwin R. Pitz

EDWIN R. PITZ,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

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