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WAR DEPARTMENT  
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
 WASHINGTON

SOLEAU, R.H.

MISSING AIRCRAFT 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 KINGS CLIFFE; Command or Air Force 8TH Group 20TH FIGHTER; Squadron 55TH FIGHTER Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure KINGS CLIFFE; Course 1000  
 Target or intended destination MARDEFING AREA Type of Mission STRAFE
3. WEATHER: CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF DEPARTURE OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
V/C AT 10,000 FEET, CLEAR BELOW.
4. DATE: (a) Day 25 Month FEB Year 1945; Time 1020 and Location  
ATLANTA AREA or last known whereabouts of missing aircraft  
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); 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: CIRCUMSTANCES UNKNOWN; PILOT WAS  
 HEARD OVER R/T CALLING "HUTHOUSE", BUT DID NOT SAY WHAT WAS WRONG
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-51C-54T AAF Serial Number 44-11197
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any "JAMES' HOT JOB"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1650-7 AAF Serial  
 Number (a) V-32441B; (b) \_\_\_\_\_; (c) \_\_\_\_\_; (d) \_\_\_\_\_
9. INSTALLED MAPS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):  
 (a) FRIGIDAIRE; (b) 1465127; (c) FRIGIDAIRE 1465044  
 (d) " \_\_\_\_\_; (e) 1465101; (f) " 1465009  
 (g) " \_\_\_\_\_; (h) 1464829; (i) " 1465026  
 (j) \_\_\_\_\_; (k) \_\_\_\_\_; (l) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (m) \_\_\_\_\_; (n) \_\_\_\_\_
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS \_\_\_\_\_ Casualty X  
 \_\_\_\_\_ or (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Casualty
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew \_\_\_\_\_ 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 mailing to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1.	Pilot	SOLEAU, RAYMOND HOWARD	1ST LT.	0-830565	MIA
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8-2 SUMMARY OF EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT

20th Fighter Group

55th Fighter Squadron

DATE 25 FEBRUARY 1945 LOCATION STRAELING  
Pilot: GOLEAU, RAYMOND HOWARD 1ST LT. 0-870565  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
Aircraft: P-51D-5-NT 44-12197 KI-G  
(Type) (Serial No.) (Markings)

1. Position of missing A/C when last sighted or contacted.
  - a. Polar Coordinates: 5227-1159 W
  - b. Altitude: 100 FEET
  - c. Last noted heading: 350°
  - d. If out of formation, approximate distance from formation
2. Enemy opposition: nil, type, intensity: Enemy aircraft, type, number, method of attack etc., with particular reference to missing A/C.

NIL

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.

SEE REVERSE

Date of Report: 28 February 1945

<u>Eye Witness</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>
1.	SEIFERT, PAUL FRANK	1ST LT.	0-827301	KI-J
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3.				
4.				
5.				

Interrogating Officer: [Signature]  
Intelligence Officer,  
20th Fighter Squadron,  
1ST LT., AIR CORPS