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 WASHINGTON

Shaffer, A. L. 13396

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 Kingscliff : Command or Air Force 8th A.F.
 Group 20th F. Gp. : Squadron 79th F. S. : Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Kingscliff : Course 90°
 Target or Intended Destination Berlin : Type of Mission Bomber Escort
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear where he left squadron.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 15 Month March Year 1945 : Time 1330 and Location 4 miles N. of Roost, Holland
 of 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: Pilot left squadron and reported on R/T his engine was losing oil pressure.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-51K - 1NF AAF Serial Number 44-11357
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1650-7 AAF Serial Number (a) V-325435 ; (b) _____ ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
Brown-Lipe-Chapman: (b) 1542389 : (c) _____
 (d) 1542294 ; (e) _____ ; (f) _____
 (g) 1542390 ; (h) A.C. Sparkplug ; (i) _____
 (j) 1542164 ; (k) 209997 ; (l) _____
 (m) 1542223 ; (n) _____ ; (o) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 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	Shaffer, Allen L.	F/O	T-52756	MIA
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
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9.					
10.					
11.					

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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	Serial Number	Contacted by	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. Schwarz, Albert P.	1st Lt.	0721538			x	
2. Gardner, Phillip D.	2nd Lt.	02056936				x
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 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 None known

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17. REMARKS

Date of Report 22 March 1945

Edward Larkin

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

F. EDWARD LARKIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT

20th Fighter Group

79th Fighter Squadron

DATE 17 March 1945

MISSION Bomber Escort

Pilot: Shaffer, Allen L.
(Name)

F/O
(Rank)

T-62756
(ASN)

Aircraft P-51K - INT
(Type)

44-11357
(Serial No.)

MC-H
(Markings)

1. Position of missing A/C when last sighted or contacted.
 - a. Polar Coordinates: 5238N - 0500E (When he left formation).
 - b. Altitude: 22,000 feet
 - c. Last noted heading: 180°
 - d. If out of formation, approximate distance from formation: (left formation on penetration and turned starboard to head for friendly territory.
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.

Lt. Gardner, who aborted 10 minutes before F/O Shaffer and also headed for friendly territory on a course of 180 degrees, heard Nuthouse, the MEW controller give F/O Shaffer a steer of 200 degrees about 10 minutes after F/O Shaffer left the formation. Approximately another 10 minutes later he heard F/O Shaffer tell the MEW controller that his engine had quit and that he would have to go down.

8. Date of Report. 22 March 1945

<u>Eye Witness:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>
1.	Albert P. Schwarz	1st Lt.	0721538	44-15049
2.	Phillip D. Gardner	2nd Lt.	02056936	44-13660
3.				
4.				
5.				

Interrogating Officer:

F. EDWARD LARKIN
Capt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer,
79th Fighter Squadron.

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