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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR
WASHINGTON

By B. [unclear] NARS, Date 1/20/71

MISSING AIR CRAFT REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing

- ORGANIZATION: Location Kingscliffe; Command or Air Force VIII FC
Group 20th F Group; Squadron 79th F Sq.; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Kingscliffe; Course 171
Intended Destination Northern France; Type of Mission Area patrol & support of heavy bomber
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear at mission altitude
- GIVE: (a) Date Jan 14/44; Time 1520; and Location Northern France
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; (x) Last contacted by Radio; () Forces Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one (x) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstance as follows _____

- Aircraft: Type, Model and Series P38J1010; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-67760
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V1710-91; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) A-035773
(b) V-1710-89; (c) A-035369; (d) _____

- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) 407203-50 cal; (b) Frig 397369-500 (c) Frig; (d) 122142-20mm
(e) 375951-50 cal; (f) Frig 407239-500 (g) Frig; (h) Int. Harvester

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____

- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1; Passengers 0; Total 1
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 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
1. Pilot <u>x</u>	<u>ARCHER, NEAL JOSEPH JR.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-146014 5.</u>
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____	_____

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE 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			Saw	
				Radio	Last Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing	
1.	<u>ANDERSON, DELYNN EDWARD</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>0-431370</u>	<u>x</u>				
2.	<u>GALL, WILLIAM (NMI)</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-737764</u>					<u>x</u>

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Missing Air Crew Report complete

12. IF THE CREW IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE
QUESTIONS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b)
_____ from scene of crash _____;
(c) _____ (Specify) Unknown

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

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

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK
AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE. None

Date of Report 16 January 1944

Charles F. Salter

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

CHARLES F. SALTER

Major, Air Corps

Adjutant

Reproduced at HQ VIII FC
G-4-2 26 June 1943

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STATEMENT OF WILLIAM GALL, 2nd Lt. A.C.

I was flying Red 3 and Red flight was weaving with Blue Flight. Lt. Archer was flying Blue 4 and although he was straggling he was in sight and weaving with us. South of Rouen the two flights were bounced by 7 Me 109s and I saw a P38 go into a spin and smoking. (I think it must have been Lt. Archer's plane.) I had two Me 109s on my tail at this time and had no opportunity to watch the spinning plane to see if it came out of the spin or if the pilot bailed out.

William Gall
WILLIAM GALL
2nd Lt., Air Corps
79th Fighter Squadron
20th Group

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