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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location: Kingscliffe Command or Air Force VIII F. CMD.
GROUP #) 20th F. Gp.; SQUADRON 77th F. Sq.; DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Kingscliffe; Course East
Intended Destination Frankfurt Gp.; Type of Mission Escort Bombers
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
10/10 overcast; clouds at 5,000 ft.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 29-1-44 Time 1200; And Location of Last
known whereabouts of missing aircraft S.W. OF KOBLENZ BETWEEN WESBADEN &
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () last contacted by 42-31218
() 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; (X) Other Circumstances
as follows TWO PLANES COLLIDED IN MID-AIR
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P38J 1010; AAF Serial No. 42-67735
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-171091; AAF Serial No. (a) V-171089
(b) _____ (c) 42-95352 (d) 42-31218
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) UL-411318 Frig. (b) UR 412104 Frig. (c) 20MM 121497 (d) _____
(e) LR-375891 Frig. (f) UL 411841 Frig. (g) Int. Harvester (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. 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
D#D1.	Pilot	<u>Flynn, Robert Sterling</u>	<u>2nd Lieut.</u>	<u>0-746072</u>
2.	CP			
3.				
4.				
5.				
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7.				
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11.				

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

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Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. GARRETT, RICHARD.	2nd Lt.	O 746 082		x		
2. Coon, William K.	1st. Lt.	O 733 831		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.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVEN NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____
None

Date of Report 31 January 1944

s/ CHARLES F. SALTER

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

CHARLES F. SALTER
Major, Air Corps
Adjutant

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STATEMENT

I was leading second element in Lt. Bond's flight, when he went down on an Me. 210. Approaching the enemy aircraft from a right angle he turned sharp to the right, pulled up line astern and began to fire. His wingman, S. Lt. Flynn, turned right, cutting inside to get a deflection shot. I also cut inside from the right for a deflection shot. I fired and then continued to turn sharp right. Glancing back I had a quick look at a P-38 seemingly broke in two. There was no one firing at us, so in all probability Lt. Flynn lost sight of Lt. Bond, while cutting inside, and they collided. They disappeared into the clouds immediately afterwards, and I was unable to contact either of them on the radio.

s/s William K. Coon
WILLIAM K. COON,
1st Lieut., Air Corps.

s/s FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY
1st Lieut., Air Corps.
Intelligence Officer.

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S T A T E M E N T

I was flying #4 in trail formation in flight of four which was bouncing an Me 210. Flight was composed of Lt. Bond, No. 1, Lt. Flynn, No. 2, Lt. Coon, No. 3, and myself. The Me 210 was in a tight spiral to the right. All three ships behind Lt. Bond were cutting in, thus blocking off each other. When I rolled out, 500 feet below me I saw one P₅₃₈ with 4-5 feet of left wing tearing off. It then rolled over and went through hole in clouds. During this period I was on Lt. Coon's wing. We circled the spot once and proceeded on out. This was approximately at 1200 noon. We did not see Lt. Bond or Lt. Flynn afterwards, and we believe they collided together.

s/s Richard L. Garrett
RICHARD L. GARRETT
2nd Lieut., Air Corps.

s/s Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY
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