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By *R. J. [unclear]* NARS, Date *1/27/81*

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT Number 2103

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 F. Comd.  
GROUP 20th F. Gp.; SQUADRON 77th F. Sq.; DETACHMENT \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Kingscliffe; Course East  
Intended Destination \_\_\_\_\_; Type of Mission Escort - Bombers
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Overcast 10/10 clouds at 5000 ft.
- GIVE: (a) Date 29-1-44 Time 1200; And Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Koblenz, Germany  
(b) Specify whether (x) Last sighted; ( ) last contacted by radio; ( ) Forced 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: ( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows 2 planes collided in mid-air
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series 38J1010; AMF Serial No. 42-67828
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series Y-171091; AMF Serial No. (a) V-171089  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) A-035688 (d) 42-31343
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) LL 745482 Colt (b) UR 74 6915 Colt (c) 20 MM119908 (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) LR 747130 Colt (f) UL 5616 29 Savage (g) INT. HARV. (h) \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 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
1.	Pilot	BOND, RICHARD THOMAS	1S 1st Lt.	0-730355
2.	CP			
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				
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. CARRETT, RICHARD L.	2nd Lt.	O 746 092		X		
2. COON, WILLIAM.	1st Lt.	O 733 831		X		

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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**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 Me210 was in a tight spiral to 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 P-38 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 Francis W. Barkley  
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY  
1st Lieut., Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

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

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S T A T E M E N T

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, 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 Francis W. Barkley  
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY  
3rd Lieut., Air Corps.  
Intelligence Officer.

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

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