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WAR DEPARTMENT
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON
 MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Kingsliffe; Command or Air Force VIII F Cond.
 Group 20th F Gp; Squadron 79th F Sq; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Kingsliffe; Course 99 Degrees
 Intended Destination Brunswick, Gy; Type of Mission Bomber Escort
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
1/10 High Cirrus & 10/10 Low overcast. Visibility good
4. GIVE: (a) Date 30 Jan/44 Time 1300; and Location Between Minden, Gy
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. and Osnabruk, Germany
 (b) Specify whether 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 Circumstance
 as follows _____
6. AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series P38J-1010; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-67516
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-91 & 89; A.A.F. Serial Number _____
(a) 42-94929; (b) 42-30867; (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) 50 cal. M.G. Frig 409831, 561105 (c) 409837; (d) 410050
(e) 20 MM Cannon; (f) Int Har 118659; (g) _____; (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 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

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Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
Pilot	<u>OTT, RICHARD LOUIS</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>0-416336</u>
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-
 CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
 Check Only One Column
- | Name in Full
(Last Name First) | Rank | Serial
Number | Contacted | | Saw | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|
| | | | by
Radio | Last
Sighted | Crash | Forced
Landing |
| 1. <u>ORP, MELVIN H.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>0740529</u> | | <u>X</u> | | |
| 2. <u>BOARK, FRANK H. JR.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0743739</u> | | <u>X</u> | | |
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12. IF PERSONNEL WERE 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) See Attached Statement
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 TIME MADE, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE None

Date of Report 2 February 1944

Charles F. Salter

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

CHARLES F. SALTER
Major, Air Corps
Adjutant

Reproduced at Hq VIII FC
C-D-2 26 June 1943

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Major Ott was leading a flight of four consisting of himself, Lt. Mack D. Fall, Lt. Melvin H. Orr and Lt. Frank H. Roark Jr.. We were returning from a mission on Brunswick and flying west at an altitude of 24,000. An attack was made on FW 190s and 2 Do 217s. Major Ott destroyed the FW 190 and one Do 217. While attacking the Do 217 Major Ott's right engine was shot out and the left engine damaged. He broke off the attack again picked up his course with the other 3 weaving over him. Six more E/A were preparing to attack so Major Ott went into the overcast at 5,000 feet. His left engine was smoking at the time. He called out on the radio "So long fellows" just as he disappeared. The time was approximately 1300 30 January 1944 and the place is estimated to be between Minden and Osnabruck.

Melvin H. Orr

MELVIN H. ORR
1st Lt., Air Corps
79th Fighter Squadron

Frank H. Roark Jr.

FRANK H. ROARK JR.
2nd Lt., Air Corps
79th Fighter Squadron

Edward J. Steiner

EDWARD J. STEINER
1st Lt., Air Corps
Intelligence Officer.