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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON . . . .

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 Kingsliffe; Command or Air Force VIII F.C.  
Group 20th Ftr Gp; Squadron 79th F Sq; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Kingsliffe; Course 110°  
Intended Destination Frankfurt; Type of Mission Bomber Escort
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY: TYPE OF WEATHER OR OTHER FACT REPORTED: 7/10 Cloud Visibility Good
- GIVE: (a) Date 11/29/44; Time 1310; and location Chateau Ardennes Fr.  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether (  ) 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 Unknown

- AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series P38J-10-10; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-67718
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-91-89; A.A.F. Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) 91-42-95273; (c) 89-A-035480; (d) \_\_\_\_\_

- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) 50 Cal. Frig.; (b) 406929, 410947; (c) 411051, 411091  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_; (f) \_\_\_\_\_; (g) \_\_\_\_\_; (h) \_\_\_\_\_

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty   
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).

Status

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
Pilot	<u>COOPER, DONALD W.</u>	<u>2ND LT</u>	<u>0-746048</u>
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWN LOCUS OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:  
Check Only One Column

(Last Name First)	Name in Full	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
				by Radio	Last Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing
1.	<u>QUINN, RUSSELL G.</u>	<u>1ST LT.</u>	<u>0-740557</u>		<u>X</u>		
2.							

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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) Heard saying on Rad. 10 "I am going to bail out."
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYE WITNESS 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, DATE, LINK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE. None

Date of Report: 14 February 1944

*E. G. Findley*

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

**E.G. FINDLEY,  
Captain, Air Corps  
Asst. Adjutant.**

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S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

Flying Rebuke White 3. We were escorting bombers out from Frankfurt. At around 1300 we were bounced twice in succession by E/A. After first bounce Lt. Keathly's left engine was smoking. After second burst Lt. Minton and I broke down. Shortly after we started to climb back up. Minton called and said: "I will have hit the deck, one engine is out." I continued to climb and called Lt. Keathley. I heard him say he was OK and still flying. I could not see him. This was in the vicinity SE of Chateau D'Ardennes and this was the last I saw or heard of the above.

Saw FW 190 go by so I rolled to left and took shot at him. At this time my left engine blew out and I went down to cloud level. Heard Lt. Cooper, 79th Sq. on R/T. He said: "This is Cooper, I am going to bail out" and heard Lt. Hanzo, 79th Sq. acknowledge call by saying: "OK, Coop, this is Hanzo, have a good time." I then picked P-38 ahead of me and found out it was Lt. Hanzo through R/T. He said for me to take up a heading home. I took up a heading and feathered left engine. Three FW 190s came by, chased by P-47s. I rolled over and took a shot at one. After this I did not see Lt. Hanzo and could not contact him on R/T. I have no idea of exact time or location.

/s/Russell G Quinn  
/t/RUSSELL G QUINN  
1st Lt AC

"A TRUE COPY"

*Orville E. Minton*  
ORVILLE E. MINTUN  
1st Lt. Air Corps  
Intelligence Officer