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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 organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Kingsliffe; Command or Air Force VIII F.C.  
 Group 20th Ftr Gp; Squadron 77th Ftr; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Frankfurt; Intended Destination Kingsliffe; Course East
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear 6/10 to 7/10 Cloud; Type of Mission Penetration and Target Support
4. GIVE: (a) Date 11/2/44; Time 1315; and Location SE Chateau d'Ardennes 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.
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 P-38J-1010; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-67728
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series U-1710 91; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) V-1710 89  
 (b) 42-95299; (c) 42-31262; (d)
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, type and Serial Number)  
 (a) WR 411297 F14; WR-459418; (c) 2000121454; (d)  
 (e) DL 117099 F13; DL-459244; (h)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW ARE 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
Pilot	<u>MINTON, JOSEPH O.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-746145</u>

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAFE:  
 Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted			Saw		
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw 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 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 person (Specify) Unknown
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH BREVITIOUS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, TOWERS 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 OF SEARCH. None

Date of Report: 14 February 1944

*E. G. Findley*

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

~~SECRET~~  
~~MAJOR~~  
~~ADJUTANT~~

Reproduced at No. VIII FC  
G-4-2 26 June 1943

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

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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. KEATHLEY'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 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.

*Russell G. Quinn*  
RUSSELL G QUINN  
1ST LT AC

*Francis W Barkley*  
FRANCIS W BARKLEY  
1ST LT AC  
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

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