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 Butler, I. E.

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 Date MAR 16 1948

WAR DEPARTMENT
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON
 MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be completed in duplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta. F-367; Command or Air Force VIII F Command Group 20th Fighter Group; Squadron 77th F Sq; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station F-367; Course East
 Intended Destination Scheer, Germany; Type of Mission Penetration & escort
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 6-8/10 clouds
4. GIVE: (a) Date 18 Mar 44; Time 1627; and Location 18 Miles off Texel Island of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. Off Dutch Coast
 (b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; (x) 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; (x) Other Circumstances as follows Low on gas.

6. AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series F-36J-1010; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-87525
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1710-89 & 91; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-94954
 (b) 42-31109; (c) _____; (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) UR 561130 Sav; (b) UL 558965 Sav; (c) LR 561267 Sav; (d) LL 409913 Dayton Arms
 (e) 20 mm 119231, Int. Serv.; (g) _____; (h) _____

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9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty yes
 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	BUTLER, IVAL EMMETT	2nd Lieut.	0-753601
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
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10.			

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted			
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. HALL, PAUL V.	Major, A.C.	0-909296	x			
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) Unknown
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, I.P. 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 WASTED, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE WERE Air-Sea Rescue had boats to position and searched for approximately 30 minutes. No evidence of Lt. Butler. He may have been picked up by Germans as International Broadcast was sent out.

Date of Report 20 March 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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STATEMENT

Call was received from Rebuke 46 by Wing and pilot said he was getting low on gas. This was on Channel A so he was instructed to switch to Channel D and transmit for a fix. Meanwhile word was sent to Air-Sea Rescue. While transmitting for a fix Lt. Bulter, Rebuke 46, said he had five gallons of gas left for both engines. He was asked for another fix and they went on for awhile then ceased. Last fix was coming in loud and clear so Lt. Bulter must have bailed out. The last fix obtained placed Rebuke 46 at 18 miles West of Southern tip of Texel Island. Chief controller for day was Major Paul v. Hall from whom this information was obtained.

Francis W. Barkley
FRANCIS W. BARKLEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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