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 Authority: NND 735001  
 By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

*RYAN, E.K.  
6244*

UNIT REPORT BY  
 REPORTING OFFICER'S POSITION  
 (If Applicable)

Classification changed  
 to \_\_\_\_\_  
 by E. A. BRANNAN, Lt. Col., AG  
 by F. M. [unclear] Capt., AG

REPORT: This report will be complete and available to the reporting organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is reported missing.

1. ORIGINATOR: Location KINGSCLIFFE; Command at Air Force 8TH PTR  
 Group 20TH FIGHTER; Squadron 79TH FIGHTER
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure KINGSCLIFFE; Course 158 DEGREES  
 Intended Destination CORBLE, FR.; Type of Mission BOMBING
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY: TYPE OF WEATHER 8-9/10 CLOUDS, VISIBILITY GOOD
4. GIVE: (a) Date 17 JUNE 44 Time 1430; Location MARCELCAVE, FR.  
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
 (b) Specify whether  Lost;  Lost - ditched;  Lost - crashed;  Forced Down;  Ran to Crash; or  Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO BE LOST, BY: (Check only one)  Enemy Aircraft;  Enemy Anti-aircraft;  Other Circumstances:  
 as follows \_\_\_\_\_
6. AIRCRAFT TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES: P38J 1510; Serial Number 42-104308
7. TAIL NO.: Type, Model and Series: V1710 91A89; Serial Number A-036259  
 (b) A-037919; Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_
8. INSTALLED EQUIPMENT (Provide Below with Serial Number)  
 (a) 50-High Standard-608657-614491-609075-612165; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Int. Har. Cannon-124464; (b) \_\_\_\_\_
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE ON BOARD: (a)  Positive; (b) Probable; (c) Possible; (d) Not Available  
 or (a)  Positive; (b) Probable; (c) Possible; (d) Not Available
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD: Pilot: Crew 1; Passengers 0; Total 1  
 (Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If a list of names was made aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)  
 Crew Position Name in Full (Last Name First) Rank Social Number  
 1. Pilot RYAN, EMERY KENNETH 2nd Lt. 0-744765  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. \_\_\_\_\_  
 10. \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. IDENTIFY ALL PERSONS WHO BELONGED TO CREW OR PASSENGERS OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES TO INDICATE BASIS FOR LIST:  
 Check Only One Column Contracted Sew Forced  
 Name in Full Serial by Lost Sew Forced  
 (Last Name First) Rank Number Rank Sighted Crash Landing  
 1. ARMSTRONG, JACK LEROY 2nd Lt. 0756441  \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Missing Air Crew Report cont'd. [REDACTED]

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 \_\_\_\_\_ other reason (Specify) CHUTE DIDN'T OPEN AUG 10 1944
13. ATTACH SMALL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING LOCATION WHERE LOST OR LAST SEEN. 
14. ATTACH EXHIBITS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, BURIED BODIES, OR CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO LOSS OF AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH DESCRIPTION OF THE FRONT OF AIRCRAFT, IF KNOWN, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICIAL INSTRUMENTS. RECEIVED  
NONE

Date of report 19 JUNE 1944

*E. G. Findley*  
(Signature of Reporting Officer)  
**E. G. FINDLEY**  
Captain, A.C.  
Asst Adjutant

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

I WAS FLYING ABOUT 500 YARDS BEHIND LIEUT. RYAN WHEN SOME LIGHT FLAK CAME UP. HE WAS HIT BY THE FIRST BURST AND HE STARTED TO TRAIL SMOKE IMMEDIATELY. I CALLED AFTER HE HAD FEATHERED ONE ENGINE AND TOLD HIM TO CRASH LAND. HE STATED THAT HE WAS BAILING OUT WHERE-UPON HIS CANOPY FLEW OFF AND HE WENT OVER THE TOP OF THE COCKPIT ENCLOSURE. IT DID NOT APPEAR AS THOUGH HE HIT THE TAIL BECAUSE HIS BODY FELL LIMP WITHOUT SPINNING. I FOLLOWED HIM TO THE GROUND AND HIS CHUTE DID NOT OPEN. I SAW HIS BODY HIT THE GROUND IN A FARM YARD AND BOUNCE SEVERAL FEET AND HE LAY STILL. I PASSED OVER VERY LOW AND MADE SURE. I BELIEVE THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED CIRCUMSTANCES CAN LEAD TO NO OTHER LOGICAL CONCLUSION THAN THAT HE WAS DEAD.

*Donald A. Reihmer*  
DONALD A. REIHMER,  
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS.

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S-T-R-T-31-1-N-T

Lieut. Ryan was flying Blue 4 and after bombing target was hit by flak. Both of the engines were hit and started smoking. He called on R/T and said that he was losing coolant in left engine and oil pressure in right, and stated that he thought he would have to jump out. He pulled up to 2,500 ft. and jumped. It was thought that he hit the tail on the way out. His chute did not open and his body landed in an open field near Marcelcave, France, at approximately 1430.

*Jack L. Armstrong*  
JACK L. ARMSTRONG,  
1st Lieut., U. S.

