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*Whiteside, W. T.*  
 7446

MISSING AIR CRAFT REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled and duplicate by each Army Air Forces or 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 Fighter Group 20th Fighter; Squadron 77th Fighter Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station F-367; Course East  
 Intended Destination Magdeburg, Germany Type of Mission Pen. Tgt. & W/D Spt.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear
4. GIVE: (a) Date 6 Aug 44; Time 1225; and Location South of Berlin, Gy. of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
 (b) Specify whether (x) 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 Circumstances as follows Unknown

6. AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series P-51 D-5-NA; A.A.F. Serial Number 44-13792
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1650-7; A.A.F. Serial Number 7-321904  
 (b) \_\_\_\_\_; (c) \_\_\_\_\_; (d) \_\_\_\_\_
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
 (a) 1268287 Frig; (b) 1268583 Frig; (c) 1267541 Frig; (d) 1268544 Frig  
 (e) 1267794 Frig; (f) 1268696 Frig; (g) \_\_\_\_\_; (h) \_\_\_\_\_
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
1. Pilot	<u>WHITESIDE, WALKER, L. (I.O.)</u>	<u>1st Lieutenant</u>	<u>0-75459</u>
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3.			
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10.			

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK THE APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAID:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>REID, JOHN WILLIAM</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-75458</u>		<u>x</u>		
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Lt. Whiteside leading Blue Flight.

"I was flying Blue 3. Blue 2 peeled off to bounce two Me-109s. Blue 4 broke because an Me-109 was on his tail. Blue leader did a half roll from 30,000 feet and I half rolled with him. In the dive I lost him and I could never find him again.

I hit the deck and circled for five minutes looking for Blue leader, I also tried to contact him on radio, no answer. I saw what appeared to be an airplane burning on ground. This was at 1225 just south of Berlin." This was last I saw of Lt. Whiteside."

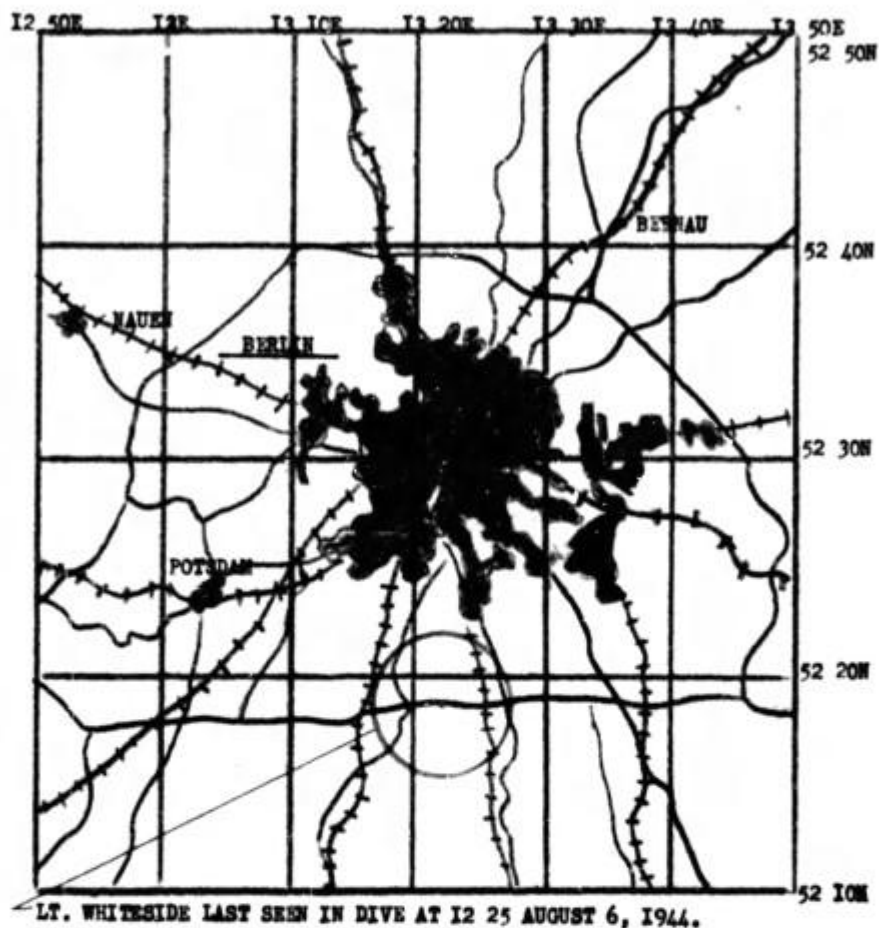
*John W. Reid*  
JOHN W. REID,  
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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