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**FERNANDES, I. W.**  
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MISSING AIR CRAFT REPORT

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta. F-367; Command or Air Force VIII Fighter Group 20th Fighter; Squadron 77th Fighter Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station F-367; Course East  
 Intended Destination Magdeburg, Gy; Type of Mission Para, Tgt. & W/d Supt.
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear
- GIVE: (a) Date 5 AUG 44; Time 1205; and Location Vicinity of South of Hamburg, Germany  
 (b) Specify whether (x) 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; (x) Other Circumstances as follows: again in presumably due to fuselage tank being half filled.

- AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series P-51 D; A.A.F. Serial Number 44-13713
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-322735; A.A.F. Serial Number V-1650-7

- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
 (a) R-1268447 Frig; (b) R 1267508 Frig; (c) L 1268062 Frig; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) R 1267535 Frig; (f) L 1267534 Frig; (g) L 1268676 Frig; (h) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty yes  
 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).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	<u>FERNANDES, IRVIN WALTER</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-750561</u>
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3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LATEST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by		Saw	Saw	Forced
			Radio	Last Sighted			
1. <u>ROBERTS, FRANK W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-763352</u>		<u>x</u>			
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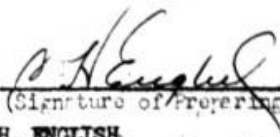
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12. IF PERSONNEL WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, INDICATE YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Unknown; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) none
13. ATTACH SMALL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CLASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND INDICATE, LINK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE WHERE \_\_\_\_\_

none

Date of Report 7 August 1944

  
(Signature of Preferring Officer)

C. H. ENGLISH  
Major, Air Corps  
Adjutant

Reproduced at Hq VIII FC  
C-D-2 26 June 1943

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STATEMENT

"I was flying Blue 4 on Lt. Fernandes' wing at 27,000 feet. He turned into a lone Me-109 and I followed him. As he pulled up into the e/a and possibly shot at it he turned over on his back and immediately went into a spin losing about 9,000 feet altitude. I circled him during this spin. It seemed that he recovered from his spin at 18,000 feet but I then saw him drop off into another spin. All of this time he seemed to be working hard attempting to recover. 2 or 3 Me-10's flew by then and I had to turn to keep from flying in front of them. I looked for Lt. Fernandes after this but I never did see him. This was at 1210 on August 5 in the vicinity of Hamburg just south-east of the town."

*Frank W. Roberts*

FRANK W. ROBERTS,  
2nd Lt., Air Corps.



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