

HEADQUARTERS

AAF STATION 144, APO 558

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location **AAF STA 144** ; Command or Air Force **8th AF** ;
Group **453d Bomb Group** ; Squadron **735th Bomb Sq.** Detachment ;
2. Specify: Point of Departure **AAF STA 144** Course ;
Intended destination **Brunswick, Germany** Type of Mission **Operational**
3. Weather conditions and visibility at the time of crash or when last reported:
See weather report atchd
4. GIVE: (a) Date **8 April 44** Time **14:00** and Location **Near Salzwedel**
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted, () Last contacted by radio;
() Forced down; () Seen to crash; or () Other circumstances as follows:
5. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series: **B-24-H** AAF SER NUM: **42-64453**
6. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series: **R-1830-65** AAF SER NUM: (1) **BP-425671**
(2) **BP-425778** (3) **BP-425823** (4) **BP-425427**
7. Aircraft was lost, or is believed to have been lost, as a result of: (chk 1)
(**X**) Enemy Aircraft, () Enemy Anti-aircraft, () Other circumstances as follows:
8. Installed Weapons (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Numbers)
10 Browning Automatic Machine Guns A/C Flex
9. The persons listed below were reported as; (a) Battle Casualty **X**
(b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. Number of persons aboard aircraft: Crew **10** Passengers Total **10**

1. Pilot: Wells, Jay	1st Lt.	0-666388	KIA
2. Co-Pilot: Jones, James R.	2nd Lt.	0-811091	KIA
3. Navigator: Sanford, Frederick K.	2nd Lt.	0-692079	DED
4. Bombardier: Crupi, Vincent N.	2nd Lt.	0-688510	DED

5. R.O.M.: Borden, Allen D.	T/Sgt.	11089501	DED
6. Tail Gunner: Cozza, Salvatore E.	S/Sgt.	31299728	KIA
7. Ball Turret: Cay, Raymond L. Jr.	S/Sgt.	14083082	DED
8. Top Turret: Fordyce, Ralph E.	S/Sgt.	35684208	EUS
9. Right Waist: Salihar, Robert F.	T/Sgt.	36352822	KIA
10. Left Waist: Watts, Lawrence E.	S/Sgt.	19176176	KIA

11. Identify below those persons who are believed to have last knowledge of aircraft, and check appropriate column to indicate basis for same:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	ASN	By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. Tarbell, Franklin S.	1 st Lt.	0-669811		X		

12. If personnel are believed to have survived, answer yes to one of the following statements:

(a) Parachutes were used **Yes**; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ;
or (c) Any other reason (specify)

13. Attach aerial photograph, map chart, or sketch showing approximately location where aircraft was last seen. **Atchd**

14. Attach eyewitness description of crash, forced landing, or other circumstances pertaining to missing aircraft. **Statement by Lt. Tarbell Atchd**

15. Attach a description of the extent of search, if any, and give name, rank & serial number of officer in charge here **None made by this Hdqs.**

Date of Report **12 April 44**

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Statistical Officer