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By E. A. BRADY, Lt. Col., AC
By P. M. MURPHY, Lt. Col., AC
Date 15 MAR 1946

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta. F-356; Command or Air Force SFC-8AF
Group 4th Fighter; Squadron 334 Fighter; Detachment _____
 2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station F-356; Course _____
Intended Destination Poznan, Poland; Type of Mission Withdrawal Support
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
1/10 cumulus - tops 6,000 feet. Visibility excellent.
 4. GIVE: (a) Date 29 May 1944 Time 1400; and Location N.E. of Stargard, Germany.
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; (X) Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces 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; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____)
 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-51B-7NA; A.A.F. Serial Number 43-6560 X
 7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1650-3; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) N-300707
(b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
 8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) 1150593; (b) KELSEY HAYES; (c) 1150297; (d) KELSEY HAYES;
(e) 1150577; (f) KELSEY HAYES; (g) 1149266; (h) KELSEY HAYES
 9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
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>SPEER, FRANK E.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-694194</u> |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| 6. | | | |
| 7. | | | |
| 8. | | | |
| 9. | | | |
| 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 | By
Radio | Last
Sighted | Saw
Crash | Saw
Forced
Landing |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1. <u>HOFFER, RALPH K.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>0-2045177</u> | <u>X</u> | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | |
12. IF PERSONNEL ARE 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) See attached.
 13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See attached.
 14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See attached.
 15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE No search made - over enemy territory.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.,
Attention: Statistical Control Division,
(Thru: Commanding General, ETOUSA, APO 871, U. S. Army).



Missing Air Crew Reports are transmitted herewith in accordance with 1st Indorsement, AG 360.33 (5-23-43), Hq, SOS, ETOUSA, 3 June 1943, on War Department letter, AG 360.33 (5-21-43) OB-S-AF-M, 23 May 1943, subject: "Missing Air Crew Report".

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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BURNIS ARCHER
Capt, A.C.D.
Asst. Adjutant General.

11 Incls:

- Incl 1. Missing Air Crew Report, 4th Ftr Gp
P-51B, 43-6560, 29 May 44 (in dup)
- Incl 2. Missing Air Crew Report, 4th Ftr Gp
P-51B, 43-6933, 28 May 44 (in dup)
- Incl 3. Missing Air Crew Report, 56th Ftr Gp
P-47D, 42-74752, 22 May 44 (in dup)
- Incl 4. Missing Air Crew Report, 56th Ftr Gp
P-47D, 42-76509, 22 May 44 (in dup)
- Incl 5. Missing Air Crew Report, 339th Ftr Gp
P-51B, 42-106601, 30 May 44 (in dup)
- Incl 6. Missing Air Crew Report, 339th Ftr Gp
P-51B, 42-106908, 30 May 44 (in dup)
- Incl 7. Missing Air Crew Report, 355th Ftr Gp
P-51B, 42-106874, 24 May 44 (in dup)
- Incl 8. Missing Air Crew Report, 356th Ftr Gp
P-47D, 43-25590, 31 May 44 (in dup)
- Incl 9. Missing Air Crew Report, 359th Ftr Gp
P-51B, 43-6491, 4 Jun 44 (in dup)
- Incl 10. Missing Air Crew Report, 359th Ftr Gp
P-51B, 42-106691, 29 May 44 (in dup)
- Incl 11. Missing Air Crew Report, 359th Ftr Gp
P-51B, 42-106913, 29 May 44 (in dup)



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AG 360.33
Hq ETOUSA, APO 871, 17 June 1944

1st Ind

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, 23 May 1943,
file AG 360.33 (5-21-43) OB-S-AF-M.

For the Theater Commander:

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to **RESTRICTED**

by E. A. H. M. RUND, Lt. Col., AG

by F. M. MURPHY, Lt. Col., AG

Date 15 MAR 1946

9 Incls:

n/c (dup w/d)

2 Incls w/d - Incls 10 and 11.

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H. M. RUND, Lt. Col., AG

Lt. Col., AG

Asst. Adjutant General.

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1 June, 1944.

STATEMENT OF WITNESS:

Lieutenant Frank E. Speer, was flying number three to me when we went down on an airdrome. After the third pass Lt. Speer said that he had been hit and that he was going to crash land. I heard nothing more until I climbed up looking for him. Later he was heard on the R/T to say that he was alright, and that I should give him five minutes to leave his aircraft and then set it on fire.

/s/ Ralph K. Hofer
RALPH K. HOFER,
1st Lt., A.C.,
Pilot.

A TRUE COPY:

John L. Boggs
JOHN L. BOGGS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

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Authority: NND 735001

By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name FRANK E. SPEER Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-69/194
2. Organization 4 Gp; Commander Donald M. Blakeslee Rank Col. Sqn CO Mike Sobanski Rank Capt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month May day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bomber Escort, target, Pozen, Poland, target time, 1300, altitude, 5 feet route scheduled, Pozen to Copenhagen, route flown Same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Regenwalde, Germany
6. Did you bail out? Crash landed
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Single Seater Fighter; no Crew
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
No Crew
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Regenwalde, Germany
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
Myself Only
11. Where were they in aircraft? Pilot's Cockpit
12. What was their condition? Excellent
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY NO.

J-1274

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: 29 May 44 - 14.09 -
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: 1 km S.E. of Schmeltzdorf
REPORTING OFFICE: Mustang
Air Base Command A 8/III

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH: S P E E R , Frank Eugene

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER: 2nd.Lt.

CAPTURED: 0-694185

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHOSE CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

Dulag Luft
GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 14 June 44 No.

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2 enclosures:

- 1.) 1 altimeter scale correction card
- 2.) compass compensation card

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: 16

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 2.June

THROUGH:

TIME: 06,15

ROLL:

FROM: LSFE

THROUGH: Gross

REMARKS: Urgent message

LBKP 411 30/5 2350

To:

Interrogation-center West Oberursel

Concerning: Gem.D (Luft) 2701/07, section IIC and VII

- a.) 1 km SE Schmelsdorf nearbPlatte, district of Regenwalde
- b.) 29.^{May}June 1944, time: 14,09
- c.) Mustang
- d.) Q P - W e.) 50 %
- f.) pilot at large, probably Lt. Speer

Airfield-Headquarters A(0) 3/III, Field-command Kamp
district of Greifenberg, Pommern

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: 15

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 2.June

THROUGH:

TIME: 06,15

ROLL:

FROM: LSFE

THROUGH: Gross

REMARKS: urgent message

LBKP 412 30/5 23.50

To:

Interrogation-center O berursel

Airdistrict -command III IC Berlin

Pilot of Mustang with markings: Q P * W, which made an emergency landing
1 km SE Schmelsdorf near Plathe, district of Regenwalde on 29. May 1944, is probab/
ly Lt. Speer. He is at large, investigations are taken up.

Airfield-Headquarters A (0) 3/III field-command
kamp, district of Greifenberg

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FORM 1

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield-Headquarters 8/III

PLACE: Dievenow

DATE: 11,30

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Speer rank: 2nd Lt.

FIRST NAME: Frank E.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0 - 69 41 94 T 43 S 43 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured transferred to transit-camp

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: in the coast district of Poberow, on 2. June 1944, time 04,00

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Airfield-Headquarters A(0) 3/III
Field-command Kamp, district of Greifenberg

Kamp, 31. May 1944

Re:

Interrogation-center West Oberursel

Enclosed 2 maps and a compensation card of the Mustang, shot down
on 29. May 1944, time: 14,09, 1 km SE Schmelsdorf near Plathe,
markings: GP - W, admission No.: 36 560.

Enclosures: -3-