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REPORT ON MISSING AIRCRAFT
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- 1. NAME: Station F-373
2. WEAPONS: Station F-373
3. ALTITUDE: 25,000'---Visibility Good
4. DATE: 27 May 1944
5. AIRCRAFT: P-51B-10-NASA
6. ENGINE: V-1650-3
7. WEAPONS: Colt
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CONFIDENTIAL364TH FIGHTER SQUADRON
357TH FIGHTER GROUP, ARMY AIR FORCES
APO 637 U. S. ARMY

28 MAY 1944

STATEMENT

I WAS LEADING GREENHOUSE BLUE FLIGHT WITH LT. POST FLYING AS NO. 4 MAN WHEN WE WENT DOWN ON A ME 109 THAT WAS DIVING AWAY. LT. POST WAS IN POSITION ON HIS NO. 3 MAN WHEN WE WENT DOWN. I DID NOT SEE HIM WHEN WE WERE DIVING AND TURNING WITH THE 109. THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF OUR PLANES AND PLANES FROM THE 352ND GROUP, AND ALSO THE E/A AROUND. THERE WAS A LOT OF NOISE ON THE R/T AND I COULD NOT HEAR ANYONE CALLING. WHEN THE DOGFIGHT WAS FINISHED I HAD MY NO. 2 MAN AND THE GREEN FLIGHTS NOS. 1 AND 2 WITH ME.

I STARTED SPIRALING FOR ALTITUDE, AND THE BOMBERS WHICH WERE OUT OF SIGHT. I CALLED MY NO. 3 MAN, LT. HARRIS, AND AFTER TRYING MANY TIMES, GOT THROUGH TO HIM AND HE SAID HE WAS O.K., AND WAS HUNTING FOR ME. I JUDGED FROM HIS CONVERSATION THAT HIS NO. 4 MAN, LT. POST, WAS WITH HIM AND WAS O.K. I TOLD HIM MY POSITION AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE, MY ALTITUDE AND COURSE, AND STAYED IN THE AREA APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES "S"ING TO GAIN ALTITUDE. I WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT EITHER MY NO. 3 OR NO. 4 MAN AGAIN, AND DID NOT SEE THEM AGAIN.

THIS OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 1215 ON MAY 27, 1944, 20 MILES SW. OF STRASBOURG UNDER FIELD ORDER 351.

John A. Storch
JOHN A. STORCH,
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MAJOR, AIR CORPS,
PILOT.

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