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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 airplane is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION, Location A-89 Command or Air Force XXIX TAC Group 373rd Fighter Group Squadron 412th Fighter Squadron.
2. SPECIFY, Point of Departure A-89 Course 300 Intended Destination St. Vith Area Type of Mission Dive Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED CAVI
4. GIVE: (a) Date 25 Dec 1944 Time 1415 and Location PB392-8 mi. south of of last known whereabouts of missing airplane. Maimed  
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by radio; ( ) Forced down; (X) Seen to crash; or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:  
(Check only one) ( ) Enemy Airplane; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other circumstances as follows: Failed to pull out of a dive-bombing run over target. Plane seen to explode.
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series P47D 30 RE AAF Serial No. 44-20393
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R2800-59 AAF Serial No. (a) FF007173  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No.) Browning 50 Cal.  
(a) 1054160 (b) 1054138 (c) 1054144 (d) 1054151 (e) 1054155  
(f) 1054245 (g) 1064942 (h) 1064621
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 1 Passengers 0 Total 1  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard airplane, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form)

	Name In Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	MILLER, WILLIAM M.	1st Lt.	0796719

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name In Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	by Last	Saw	Forced
1. PETERS, EVERETT E.	1st Lt	0689816			X

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) \_\_\_\_\_

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN. Attached.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE. Attached.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE NONE

Incl. 41



Date of Report 26 December 1944

*[Signature]*  
SIDNEY G. NEWMAN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant

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412TH FIGHTER SQUADRON  
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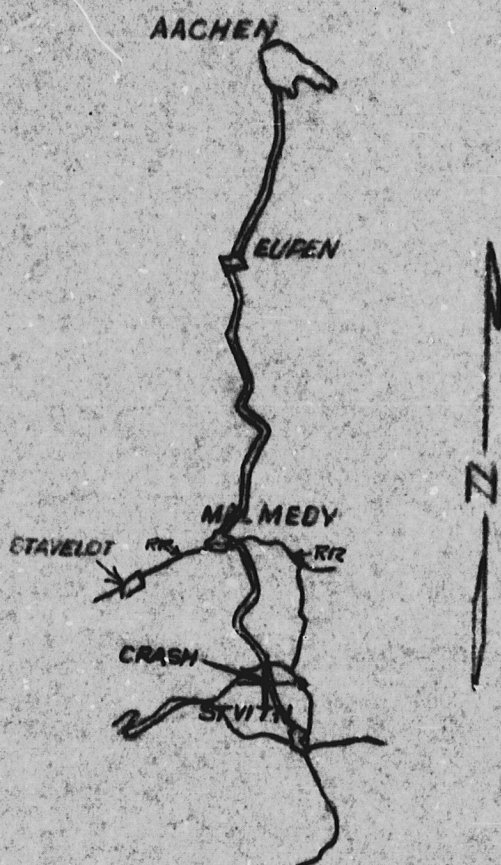
26 December 1944

S T A T E M E N T

On Mission V89-3B on 25 December 1944 I was leading Turmoil Blue Flight dive-bombing near St. Vith. I had one truck spotted on a road and I called my flight and said we would make one strafing pass. As I pulled off the truck and started to circle I saw my Number Three man, Lt. Miller, making his pass. He started down, strafing on the way, but, for some reason, never pulled out. There was no flak so it is my opinion he started his pull-out too low and late. The fact that he still had his bombs on, increasing the planes "mush", apparently did not occur to him. His plane hit alongside the truck and blew up.

*Everett E. Peters*

EVERETT E. PETERS,  
1st Lt, Air Corps



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Sketch: Showing location of  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William M. Miller's CRASH.