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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 10108

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Lucera A/D # 8, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
Group 30th Bomb. (H) Squadron 353rd Bomb. (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Lucera A/D # 8, Italy Course Base to Linz, Austria
Target Linz, Benzol Oil Plants, Austria Type of mission Bombing

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Stratus clouds - 6/10 to 10/10 coverage up to 10,000. Above 10,000' clear-no high clouds

4. GIVE: (a) Date 25 Nov. 1944 Time 00:05 Last known position Lucera A/D # 8, Italy
(b) Specify whether: () Last sighted, () Forced down, () Seen to crash,
() Last contacted by radio, (X) No information.

5. AIRCRAFT (X) (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
(X) Enemy aircraft, () Enemy anti-aircraft, () Other or weather

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series PB-17G AAF Serial Number 42-97685

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT "STARDUST"

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1820-97 AAF Serial Number (a) 43-62727
(b) SW-110056 (c) SW-009297 (d) SW-C08690

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number) All M2 Flex. .50 cal.
(a) 225529 (e) 447136 (i) 949678
(b) 226741 (f) 224987 (j) 224451
(c) 949207 (g) 1179992 (k) 225640
(d) 1182218 (h) 1182311 (l) _____

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty, () Non-Battle Casualty.

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet.)

CREW	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial)	CURRENT NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP
POSITION	RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS AND ADDRESS
(1) Pilot	<u>GOVATSO, CHARLES A.</u> 2nd Lt. O-819999	MIA Mrs. Demetra Govatsos, (Mother) 39 Cheever St. Milton, Mass.
(2) Co-Pilot	<u>MOFFET, WILLIAM E.</u> 2nd Lt. O-775480	MIA Mr. Ernest B. Moffet, (Father) 1690 Hillcrest Ave. St. Paul, Minn. RTD
(3) Navigator	<u>MORAN, ARTHUR E.</u> 2nd Lt. O-2064623	MIA Mr. William M. Moran, (Father) Kinney Street, Ellsworth, Wisconsin. RTD
(4) Radar	<u>WILDRICK, JAMES E.</u> Navigator 2nd Lt. O-717561	MIA Mrs. Anna May Wildrick, (Wife) RTD 7427 Glaridge St. Philadelphia, Pa.
(5) Bombardier	<u>GUBITOSI, NOVELLO A.</u> 1st Lt. O-772794	MIA Mrs. Christina Gubitosi (Mother) RTD 1790 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.
(6) Eng Gnr	<u>RICHARDS, ROGER R.</u> Sgt. 16076920	MIA Mrs. Leola Richard (Wife) RTD Rural Route 2, Westfield, Illinois.
(7) Radio Opr	<u>SPOHN, GUSTAV J. Jr.,</u> Sgt. 12136800	MIA Mr. Gustav Spohn, (Father) RTD 216 Paterson Avenue, Paterson, N. J.
(8) Wst Gnr	<u>SWIFT, JOHN M.</u> Sgt. 18168009	MIA Mrs. Vivian M. Swift, (Wife) RTD 806 Van Buren, Avenue, Oxford, Miss.
(9) Wst Gnr	<u>POTEST, HAROLD B.</u> Sgt. 37532772	MIA Mr. Ras L. Potest, (Father) RTD Penalosa, Kansas.
(10) Tail Gnr	<u>RAY, WILLIAM H., Jr.,</u> Sgt 38578287	MIA Mrs. Eddie L. Ray, (Wife) RTD 934 Poplar St., Abilene, Texas.
(11)		
(12)		

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (one only) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME: SAW CONTACTED LAST SAW FORCED BY RADIO SIGHTED CRASH LANDING

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	BY RADIO	SIGHTED CRASH LANDING
(1) _____			None	None
(2) _____			None	None
(3) <u>ATTILIO T. FACHETTI,</u>	<u>E/D</u>	<u>10-1998945</u>	(was on mission)	

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
() Parachutes were used. () Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
() Other reasons (specify) No information available

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE No search made.

Inclusions.

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Incl 1 - Witnesses RESTRICTED

Incl 2 - Sketch. by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by P. M. MURCH, Capt., AC
Date 12/13/44

Signature of preparing officer Leslie W. Holman
LESIE W. HOLMAN, Lt. Col., Air Corps.