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by E. A. BRADUNAS, MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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By WM. L. THOMAS, 1st Lt. AG

Date 1945

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Ingers Fld #8, Italy Command or Air Force 15th A.F.  
 Group 801st Bomb. Group (H) AAF Squadron 32nd Bomb Squadron (H)  
 2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Base Course Target  
 Target Vipiteno N.Y., Italy Type of mission Bombing  
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: CAVU

4. GIVE: (a) Date 20 April 1945 Time 1231 B Last known position 46°50' N 11°00' E  
 (b) Specify whether: ( ) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, (X) Seen to crash,  
 ( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.  
 5. AIRCRAFT (LOST) SW-028158 AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)  
 ( ) Enemy aircraft, (X) Enemy anti-aircraft, ( ) Other  
 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-17G AAF Serial Number 44-6737  
 7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT NONE  
 8. ENGINES: Type, model & series B-1820-97 AAF Serial Number (a) SW-029443  
 (b) SW-028158 (c) SW-029719 (d) SW-029424  
 9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)  
 (a) 1770976 (c) 1771224 (l) 1771267  
 (b) 1466722 (f) 1466729 (j) 1771126  
 (c) 1463098 (g) 1466867 (k) 1467405  
 (d) 643487 (h) 1771265 (i) 1467743  
 10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty, ( ) Non-Battle Casualty.  
 11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers -; Total 10  
 (If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet.)

CREW POSITION	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial)	RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP STATUS AND ADDRESS
(1) Pilot	<u>Bowers, Howard E.</u>	<u>1st Lt., O-825707</u>	<u>Mr. George A. Bowers (Father)</u> <u>360 Potler Road, Buffalo, New York</u>
(2) Co-pilot	<u>Wunderlich, William F. Jr.</u>	<u>1st Lt., O-778643</u>	<u>Mr. William F. Wunderlich Sr. (Father)</u> <u>RTD Airport, Elko, Nevada</u>
(3) Navigator	<u>Cook, Norman B.</u>	<u>1st Lt., O-2063302</u>	<u>Mrs. Laura Cook (Mother)</u> <u>RTD Boston Road, Billerica, Mass.</u>
(4) Toggaler	<u>MacArthur, Everett C. Jr.</u>	<u>T/Sgt., 6945207</u>	<u>Mr. Everett C. MacArthur Sr. (Father)</u> <u>RTD 434 N. Broad St., Grove City, Pa.</u>
(5) Engineer	<u>Romano, John J.</u>	<u>T/Sgt., 34729151</u>	<u>Mrs. Josephine Gaglio (Mother)</u> <u>944 Forrest Ave., Memphis, Tennessee</u>
(6) Radio Oper.	<u>Navales, William V.</u>	<u>Gnr. Sgt., 16188906</u>	<u>Mrs. Selma Navales (Mother)</u> <u>RTD 3841 N. Octavia, Chicago, Illinois</u>
(7) Ball Turret Gnr.	<u>Morgan, Warren G.</u>	<u>Gnr. Sgt., 39144992</u>	<u>Mrs. Mildred Morgan (Mother)</u> <u>RTD 3521 May Court, Oakland, California</u>
(8) Waist Gnr.	<u>Safko, Bernard P.</u>	<u>Sgt., 35913431</u>	<u>Mrs. John Safko (Father)</u> <u>RTD Box 753, Johnstown, Pa.</u>
(9) Waist Gnr.	<u>Askins, John W.</u>	<u>T/Sgt., 14115196</u>	<u>Mrs. Louella M. Askins (Mother)</u> <u>RTD Route #6, Fayetteville, Tennessee</u>
(10) Tail Gnr.	<u>Jimenez, Robert B.</u>	<u>Sgt., 37824096</u>	<u>Mrs. Rose Failoni (Aunt)</u> <u>RTD 5715 Manchester Ave., St. Louis, Missouri</u>
(11)			
(12)			

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

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED LAST BY RADIO	SAW SIGHTED CRASH	FORCED LANDING
(1) <u>Brooking, Robert E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>02039178</u>			<u>X</u>
(2) <u>Hixson, Ralph A.</u>	<u>4th Sgt.</u>	<u>19072956</u>			<u>X</u>
(3)					

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 (X) Parachutes were used. ( ) Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash. N. - 2042  
 ( ) Other reasons (specify)

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.

2-Inclosures.

Incl #1-Sketch (Sex) Date 26 April 1945

Incl #2-Witness Statements (Sex) CONFIDENTIAL

KENNETH E. MARTS, Major Air Corps.

Signature of preparing officer

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