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by E. A. BRADONAS, Lt. Col., AO
by P. M. MURPHY, Capt., AO
Date ~~11/10/54~~

This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Lucera A/D #8, Italy Command or AF 15th AF
Group 301st Bomb (H) Squadron 19th Bomb (H)
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Lucera A/D #8, Italy Course Lucera, Italy to Wiener
Target WIENER NEU- Type of Mission: Bombing Neudorf A/C Fcty, Austria.
BOEF A/C FCTY, AUSTRIA.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Solid undercast with alto-stratus clouds built up on all sides of the formation
4. GIVE: (a) Date 26 July 1944 Time 1105B Location 47/50N, 15/50E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: () Last Sighted () Last Contacted by Radio
() Forced Down () Seen to Crash; or
() Information not available.
(X) Seen to Explode
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
(X) Enemy Aircraft () Enemy Anti-Aircraft () Other circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-17G AAF Serial No 42-31523
7. ENGINES : Type, Model & Series R-1820-97 AAF Serial No (a) SW-008911
(b) SW-009524 (c) SW-007971 (d) 41-55792
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number) All M2 Flex .50
(a) 974443 (b) 889869 (i) 682655 (m) 890726 cal
(c) 647541 (d) 889513 (j) 888940
(e) 682965 (f) 683495 (k) 889333
(g) 889886 (h) 889592 (l) 889384
9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty () Non-Battle Cas.
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATION SHIP, AND ADDRESS
1. Pilot	STARLING, CHARLES H.	2nd Lt	O-755779	Mrs. Imelda Starling (Wife) 742 So. Western Ave. Los Angeles, California
2. Co-pilot	VAN HOUTEN, CHARLES H.	2nd Lt	O-825010	Mr. Charles Van Houten (Father) 303 Foster Ave. Elmira New York
3. Navigator	CAMPBELL, CHARLES H.	2nd Lt	O-1691647	Mrs. Annie D. Scholze (Sister) 4520 St. Elmo Ave. Chattanooga, Tenn.
4. Bombardier	GARREN, WARREN H.	2nd Lt	O-704283	Mr. Melvin H. Garren (Father) 1008 So. Maple St. Centralia, Illinois
5. Eng Gunner	JONES, BELTON L.	S/Sgt	14124635	Mrs. Annie Jones (Mother) Route #2, Woodruff, South Carolina.
6. Rad Opr	JACKSON, CHARLES L.	S/Sgt	14109024	Mrs. Nellie M. Hannah (Mother) 461 No. Highland, N.E. Atlanta, Ga.
7. Lwr Pnt Gnr	KRIEPEL, WILLIAM F.	Sgt	38529665	Mrs. Mary A. Krippeel (Mother) 2612 Ryan St., Fort Worth, Texas
8. Waist Gnr	KELLY, WILLIAM H. JR.	Sgt	31277345	Mrs. Harriet Kelly (Mother) Mill Rock Rd., Old Saybrook, Conn.

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Tail Gnr KINGSLEY, GLENVILLE, J. S/Sgt 12009963 Mrs. Maie Kingsley (Mother)
7027 Smith Ave. North Bergen, New Jersey
Waist Gnr VOWELL, CLAYTON L. Sgt 36738502 Mrs. May Belle Vowell (Mother) RFD #2 Salem, Illinois

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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWN SIGHTING OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE STATUS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL

RANK SERIAL NO. POSITION DUTY STATION

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|----|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| 1. | Koobatian, Haig S. | 1st Lt O-698734 | X | RECEIVED |
| 2. | Gerhart, Paul E. | 2nd Lt O-695231 | Saw A/C Explode | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |
| 5. | | | | |
| 6. | | | | |

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
() Parachutes were used () Persons seen waiting away from scene of crash
() Any other reason (specify) Surrounding circumstances not reasonably
conclusive of KIA casualty status.
13. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) No search was made because
A/C was seen to explode over enemy territory.

Date of this Report: 28 July 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JACK A. MENDELL,
Major, Air Corps,
Ass't Opns Officer.

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Incl 1 - Witnesses' Statements.
Incl 2 - Sketch.

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