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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Lucera A/D No. 8, Italy Command or AF 15th AF
Group 301st Bomb (H) Squadron 419th Bomb (H)
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Lucera A/D No. 8, Italy Course Lucera, Italy to Wiener
Target Wiener Neudorf Type of Mission Bombing Neudorf A/C Fcny, Austria.
A/C Fcny, 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 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: (X) Last Sighted () Last Contacted by Radio
() Forced Down () Seen to Crash; or
() Information not available.
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 42-31625
7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1820-97 AAF Serial No (a) SW 005176
(b) SW 009354 (c) SW 013694 (d) SW 005228
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below name, Type, and Serial Number) All M2 Flex .50 Cal
(a) 650627 (b) 892395 (i) 1074240 (m) 333535
(c) 697482 (d) 892448 (j) 143-425
(e) 889462 (f) 502828 (k) 336-740
(g) 682888 (h) 892666 (l) 120851
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
EUS 1.	Pilot	LILLIGREN, JAMES P.	2nd Lt	O-551897	J.T. Lilligren (father), 4270 Ottawa Ave, Minneapolis, Minn.
DED 2.	Co-pilot	THOMPSON, VERNON D.	2nd Lt	O-765355	Mrs. V.D. Thompson (Mother), 519 W. Burchett Ave, Glendale, California.
DED 3.	Navigator	STEVEY, JOHN C.	2nd Lt	O-757837	Ralph Stevey, Rt. #4 (Father), Fairfield, Iowa.
DED 4.	Bomb-Gunner	TRACER, JOHNNIE D.	S/Sgt	38451140	Rena H. Tracer, Rt. #4 (Mother), Paragould, Arkansas.
EUS 5.	Eng Gnr	LONGO, RICHARD A.	Sgt	15113562	Mr. Michael M. Longo (father), 135 W. Main St., Springfield, Ohio.
EUS 6.	Rad Opr Gnr	ALLISON, CHARLES J.	S/Sgt	36480748	Mr. Charles Allison (father), McKinaw, Illinois.
DED 7.	Lwr Frt Gnr	BRENNEMAN, JESSE E.	Sgt	37537162	Mrs. Mae E. Brenneman (Mother), 1220 W. Broadway, Newton, Kansas.
EUS 8.	Waist Gnr	LEWIS, IRA E.	Sgt	39298268	Mrs. Annie Lewis (Mother), 1337 E. 61st St., Los Angeles, California.

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- DED 9. Tail Gunner HERRING, HERBERT J. 4 Sgt 38069821 Mrs. Helen Herring (Mother), Eagle Pass, Texas.
- DED 10. Waist Gunner BISHOP, EDWIN K. 2 Col 38512465 Mrs. Prudence Jane Bishop (Mother), Box 242, Green Forest, Arkansas.

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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Contacted _____ Saw _____

NAME IN FULL

RANK SERIAL NO

Crash Forced Land

1. Gerhart, Paul E. 2nd Lt 0-695231
2. Gato, John C. T/Sgt 14048325

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12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
(X) Parachutes were used () Persons seen walking 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, 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 made because A/C was last seen over enemy territory.

Date of this Report: 28 July 1944.

Jack A. Nendell
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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

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