

MISSING AIR CREW

by F. M. MUNCH, Capt., AC

Date 13 November 1944

Location Lucera A/D No. 8, Italy

Group 301st Bomb (H)

Squadron 352nd Bomb (H)

Course Base to Blechhammer, Germany

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Lucera A/D No. 8, Italy
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Lucera A/D No. 8, Italy Target Blechhammer South, Germany Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Thunderstorms on briefed route of missing aircraft
4. GIVE: (a) Date 13 November 1944 2215A Last known position Lucera A/D No. 8, Italy
(b) Specify whether: () Last sighted, () Forced down, () Seen to crash,
() Last contacted by radio, (X) No information.
5. AIRCRAFT (LOST) (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
() Enemy aircraft, () Enemy anti-aircraft, (X) Other Weather
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series PB-17G AAF Serial Number 42-97138
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1820-97 AAF Serial Number (a) SW 018027
(b) SW 011392 (c) SW 008184 (d) SW 011502
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number)
(a) 799791 (e) 728743 (i) 645858
(b) 949507 (f) 1181829 (j) 1180151
(c) 728927 (g) 729556 (k) 1180173
(d) 728873 (h) 644522 (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 POSITION	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
(1) Pilot	WENDT, WAYNE A.	1st Lt.	0-767959	MIA	Mr. Gus Wendt Jr. (Father) Holt Stage, Kalispell, Montana
(2) Pilot	HUG, WILLIAM A.	1st Lt.	0-823590	MIA	Mrs. Martha H. Hug (Wife) 182 Tiorunda Drive, Buffalo, New York
(3) Navigator	SNYDER, HARRY M.	1st Lt.	0-717702	MIA	Mr. Ben R. Snyder (Father) 440 N. Riddle, Colby, Kansas
(4) Radar	CAMPBELL, JOHN W.	Navigator 1st Lt.	0-704647	MIA	Miss Bernice Campbell (Sister) Birmingham, Alabama
(5) Bombardier	WORKMAN, DAVID K.	1st Lt.	0-722772	MIA	Mr. T. D. Workman (Father) Box 281 Rankin, Texas
(6) Eng Gnr	ZELLNER, WALLACE M.	T/Sgt	36149045	KIA	Mrs. Emily A. Zellner (Wife) 4921 Braden, Detroit, Michigan
(7) Rad O Gnr	CAMPBELL, JAMES M.	T/Sgt	34653219	MIA	Mrs. Leila Mae Campbell (Mother) Route #4 Greenville, South Carolina
(8) 1st Gnr	SILKINSON, ROBERT C.	S/Sgt	35871454	MIA	Mrs. Mary Simonson (Mother) 1122 Rosemont Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio
(9) 1st Gnr	SUMNER, ROBERT W.	Sgt	14022448	MIA	Mr. Robert J. Sumner (Father) YMCA Box 1669 Mobile, Alabama
(10) Tail Gnr	PATRICK, ROBERT H.	S/Sgt	35226348	MIA	Mrs. Gloria M. Patrick (Wife) 2509 St. Charles Ave, Dayton, Ohio

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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:
- | NAME IN FULL | RANK | SERIAL No. | BY RADIO | CONTACTED LAST | SAW FORCED | SAW CRASH LANDING |
|------------------------|--------|------------|----------|----------------|------------|---|
| (1) LUTHERN C. HEFFRON | 2nd Lt | 0-2058616 | | | | These Officers |
| (2) ETHAN O. UVAAS | 1st Lt | 0-717706 | | | | participated in same raid, |
| (3) | | | | | | but there is no definite information on |
13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: this a/c's
() Parachutes were used, () Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash. whereabouts.
() 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. No search made, since entire route of missing a/c was over water and enemy territory.

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Incl 1 - Witnesses' Statements.

Incl 2 - Sketch.

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