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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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1. Base: Castelluccio, Italy — Command or Air Force 15th Air Force
   Group 451st Bomb Gp (H) — Squadron 726th Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Castelluccio, Italy — Course Base 4400N 1350E-4438N 1415E-4631N 1611E-4733N 1536E-4755N 1537E IP-Targ
   Target Vienna, Austria — Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
   Weather: 8/10 Cloud Coverage - Visibility - Poor.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 1 Nov 1944 Time 1432 Last known position 45° 30' N. 15° 10' E. over Yugoslavia.
   (b) Specify whether: (X) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash, ( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.
5. AIRCRAFT (LOST) (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
   ( ) Enemy aircraft, (X) Enemy anti-aircraft, ( ) Other
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J — AAF Serial Number 42-51321
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT "Bad remmy"
8. ENGINES: Type, mode. & series R-1830-43 A — AAF Serial Number (a) Cr-315664
   (b) 42-54007 (c) Cr-315661 (d) Cr-315640
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
   (a) Browning MG,M-2,1150130 (e) Browning MG,M-2,228564 (i) Browning MG,M-2, 1150744
   (b) Browning MG,M-2,1150338 (f) Browning MG,M-2,633976 (j) Browning MG,M-2, 11510696
   (c) Browning M-2,MG, 706002 (g) Browning MG,M-2,216877 (k)
   (d) Browning MG,M-2, 704687 (h) Browning MG,M-2,217775 (l)
10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty, ( ) Non-Battle Casualty.
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 ; Passengers ; Total 11 .
    (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	Bodycomb, Rosser L., 1st Lt., 0-683950	MIA	Mr. Frederick M. Bodycomb (Brother) 104 Center Ave, Chatham, N. J. RTD
(2) Co-pilot	Cooper, Alva S. 2nd Lt., 0-1692892	MIA	Mrs Mary Isabel Cooper (Mother) 630 E. Olive Ave, Burbank, Calif. RTD
(3) Navigator	Kautz, John I., Jr. 2nd Lt., 0-2057941	MIA	Mr. John I. Kautz, (Father) 126 E. 44th St, Indianapolis, Ind. RTD
(4) Bombardier	Wier, Charlie Y. Capt., 0-726117	MIA	Mrs Vivian Marie Wier (Wife) % F.L. Younger, Bunkie, Louisiana RTD
(5) Top-turret Gunner	Richardson, Ira D. Jr. Sgt, 34775493	MIA	Mrs Ella Ethel Richardson (Mother) Box 187, Boone, N. C. RTD
(6) Ball turret Gunner	Collier, K. C. Sgt, 18220033	MIA	Mrs Blance A. Collier (Mother) 210 Plenty Ave, San Angelo, Tex.
(7) Waist Gunner	Weinstein, Manuel S/Sgt 11050675	MIA	Mrs Roxy Anne Weinstein (Wife) 65 Thornton St, Revere, Mass. RTD
(8) Waist Gunner	Lowe, Spencer G., Jr. Sgt, 18004083	MIA	Miss Edna Lucile Lowe (Sister) Poteau, Oklahoma RTD
(9) Tail Gunner	Hall, Curtis L., Jr. Sgt 18193186	MIA	Mrs Ethel Mae Hall (Mother) 425 S. E. 26th St, Okla. City, Okla. RTD
(10) Nose Gunner	Buford, Coy Sgt 18193201	MIA	Mrs Dosha Buford (Mother) Rt #1, Stephens, Arkansas RTD
(11) Photographer	Levine, Cyril G. Cpl, 31328125	MIA	Mrs Anna Levine (Mother) 452 Harrall Ave, Bridgeport, Conn. RTD
(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:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) McHale, Thomas E.	S/Sgt	32625830		X		
(2)						
(3)						

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.
    (X) Other reasons (specify) Plane was las sighted headed toward friendly territory with a fighter escort.
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 was made.

Inclosures.
Incl 1 - Statement of S-2 Officer
Incl 2 - Statement of Eye Witness
Incl 3 - Sketch

Date 4 November 1944.

Signature of reporting officer
ALBERT F. [illegible],
Capt, A. C.
Adjutant.

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