

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Giulia #1, Cerignola, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF  
Group 459th Bombardment Group (Hv) Squadron 758th Bombardment (Hv)  
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Giulia #1, Cerignola, Italy Course '95 TC  
Target Linz, Austria Type of mission Hbz, Bombardment  
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
CLOUDY VISIBILITY: POOR  
4. GIVE: (a) Date 11 Nov 44 Time 1100 Last known position Near St. Johann, Austria  
(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, ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft, ( ) Other unknown  
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-51262  
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT "BETTY ANNE"  
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-43 AAF Serial Number (a) CF 312597  
(b) 12-39294 (c) BP 401523 (d) BP 401509  
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.) .50 Calibre Browning  
(a) 1253914 (e) 1255298 (i) 1255282  
(b) 1255243 (f) 1255306 (j) 1255295  
(c) 1255172 (g) 1255303 (k) \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) 1255096 (h) 1255227 (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	TALLING, HAROLD G	1st Lt 0705853	1092	Helen Talling, Wife, 506 Lake Street, Erie, Pennsylvania. RT
(2) Co-Pilot	NOTHACKER, ROBERT W	2nd Lt 0721848	1092	J. H. Nothacker, Father, 108 Washington St, Springfield, Massachusetts. RTD
(3) Navigator	BRUSS, ROBERT W	2nd Lt 02056545	1034	Paul Bruss, Father, 1418 South 5th Street, West Allis, Wisconsin. RTD
(4) Bombardier	ROTHLISBERGER, JOHN D	2nd Lt 0773449	1035	Charles C. Rothlisberger, Father, Washington, Iowa. RT
(5) Eng Gnr	BONKO, RICHARD W	Sgt 19055770	748	Ella L. Bonko, 223 North 25th Street, Billings, Montana. (Mother) RT
(6) Eng Gnr	MILLER, EDWARD J	Sgt 32884293	748	Loretta R. Miller, Mother, 1246 St Lawrence Avenue, Bronx, New York. RTD
(7) Rad Opr	THOMAS, WILLIAM F	S-Sgt 14181317	757	Warren H. Thomas, Father, Box 113, Calhoun Falls, South Carolina. RTD
(8) Arm Gnr	PAULSON, KENNETH J	Sgt 39206731	612	Leona C. Paulson, Wife, Stanley, North Dakota. RTD
(9) Aerial Gnr	GERONSKY, RAYMOND J	Sgt 36837342	611	John G. Collins, Uncle, Box 369, Ramsay, Michigan. RTD
(10) Aerial Gnr	RESTINE, PETER W	Sgt 6292037	611	Walter E. Restine, Father, Box 127, Bokoshe, Oklahoma. RTD
(11)				
(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 LAST BY RADIO	SAW	FORCED SIGHTED CRASH LANDING
(1) PAUL I. GUEST	1st Lt	0822701		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.  
( ) Other reasons (specify) NONE

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 in enemy occupied territory

- 2 Inclosures.

Incl #1 - Map  
Incl #2 - Statement

Date 13 November 1944

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Signature of preparing officer  
ALBERT C. LISKO  
Captain, Air Corps, Adjutant