

## MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Ginilia #1 Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF  
 Group 459TH BOMB GP (HV) Squadron 759TH BOMB SQ (HV)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Ginilia Field, Italy Course 240 Degrees  
 Target HODONIN M/Y, CHECKOSLAVAKIA Type of mission Bombardment Strategic
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
CLEAR OVER TARGET-UNDERCAST ALL AROUND --VIS. 15MILES
4. GIVE: (a) Date 20 Nov 44 Time 1135 Last known position 48 22'N, 17 35'E  
 (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, (X) Other Engine on fire when last sighted
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24J AAF Serial Number 42-51772
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT GEN
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-43 AAF Serial Number (a) BP-448586  
 (b) BP-448178 (c) BP-448480 (d) BP-448289
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)  
 (a) BROWNING R1548502 (c) BROWNING L1547303 (i) BROWNING R1547261  
 (b) BROWNING L1548485 (f) BROWNING R1547496 (j) BROWNING L1548486  
 (c) BROWNING R1547272 (g) BROWNING R1547441 (k) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) BROWNING L1547119 (h) BROWNING L1547116 (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 AND ADDRESS                 | RELATIONSHIP |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| (1) Pilot     | APPLEBY JR, ERNEST (NMI)         | 0826834, 2nd Lt     | MIA            | Mrs Dora (Hughes) Appleby               | (Mother)     |
|               |                                  |                     |                | 2515 Oakland Ave, Nashville Tenn        |              |
| (2) 10        | SULLIVAN JR., OWEN M (W)         | F/O T-4162          | MIA            | Mrs Eleanor Ann Sullivan                | (Mother)     |
|               |                                  |                     |                | 385 San Benito Way Calif, San Francisco |              |
| (3) 8         | NEWBURY WALTER B                 | 2nd Lt 02060835     | MIA            | Mr Frank G. Newbury                     | (Father)     |
|               |                                  |                     |                | Sussex, Detroit, Michigan               |              |
| (4) 6         | KIRCHHOFF, James M.              | F/O T-126720        | MIA            | Mr Edward Kirchhoff                     | (Father)     |
|               |                                  |                     |                | Otto Street Macuoketa, Iowa             |              |
| (5) 5         | CHEKIRDA, LEONARD (NMI)          | Cpl 36674519        | MIA            | Mrs Elizabeth C. Chekirda               | (Mother)     |
|               |                                  |                     |                | West 48th St. Chicago, Illinois         |              |
| (6) 4         | CHAKOS, GUS W. RTD               | Cpl 16126848        | MIA            | Mrs Christina Chakos                    | (Mother)     |
|               |                                  |                     |                | W 201k St Chicago Illinois              |              |
| (7) 9         | SCARDINO ANTHONY J (W)           | Cpl 18220182        | MIA            | Mrs Mary Grace Scardino                 | (Mother)     |
|               |                                  |                     |                | Post Oak RD Houston Texas               |              |
| (8) 7         | LANCE GAYLORD C. (W)             | Cpl 35554026        | MIA            | Mrs Maude E. Lance                      | (Mother)     |
|               |                                  |                     |                | Weston Ohio                             |              |
| (9) 2         | BAUMGARTEN, LAWRENCE G. (W)      | 38546002, Cpl       | MIA            | Mrs Katie Baumgarten                    | (Mother)     |
|               |                                  |                     |                | So. 3rd St Houston Texas                |              |
| (10) 3        | CARDWELL, Jr. LAWRENCE (W)       | Cpl. 35811819       | MIA            | Mr Lawrence C. Cardwell                 | (Father)     |
|               |                                  |                     |                | 614 Broadwar St. Hickman, Ky            |              |

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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. | CONTACTED LAST |     |        |
|-------------------------|------|------------|----------------|-----|--------|
|                         |      |            | BY RADIO       | SAW | FORCED |
| (1) BERTRAM, ELVIN C.   | CPL  | 15097905   |                | X   |        |
| (2) MCGILL, LUTHER G JR | PVT  | 34916161   |                | X   |        |
| (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) Aircraft under apparent control when last seen.

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. NONE

Inclosures.

Incl-1-Sketch Date 22 NOVEMBER 1944  
 Incl-2-Statement fr Cpl Bertram  
 Incl-3-Statement fr Pvt McGill

George H. Elliott  
 GEORGE H. ELLIOTT, CAPT AC.,  
 Adjutant.

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