

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

AP0 #520

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location Gullia, Fld. Italy #1 Command or Air Force Air Force
Group 459th Bomb (Hv) Squadron 759th Bomb (Hv)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Gullia Fld Italy Course 191 Degrees True
Target Oswiecim, O/R. Poland. Type of mission Bombardment Strategic.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Hazy, General Undercast, 15 Mile Vis., with Occasional Broken Clouds.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 18 Dec 1944 Time 1500 Last known position 42°05'N, 16°00'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 Lack of Gasoline.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24H AAF Serial Number 42-95265
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT _____
8. ENGINES: Type, mode. & series R-1830-43 AAF Serial Number (a) 42-39517
(b) 42-58931 (c) CP-306820 (d) CP-310501
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
(a) Browning R1787380 (e) Browning R1187967 (i) Browning R1187366
(b) 50 Cal. L997155 (f) 50 Cal. L1184756 (j) 50 Cal. L118069
(c) " R1188016 (g) " R1184125 (k) _____
(d) " L1188137 (h) " L1184095 (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
KIA (1) PILOT	SCHMIDT, Andrew J.	0692567, 2nd Lt	MIA	Mrs. Dorothy (Wallace) Schmidt (M) 7331 Miller Ave, Upper Darby, Pa.
KIA (2) CP	THOMSON, Sheldon F.	01540353, 2nd Lt	MIA	Mr. A. S. Thomson (father), Rt 3 Box 483, Oklahoma City, Okla.
KIA (3) N	SELLERS, Nelson E.	T127740, F/O.	MIA	Wilfred W. Sellers (father), San Jose, Ill.
KIA (4) BU	BUTLER, Charles A. Jr.	0854100, 1st Lt.	MIA	Charles A. Butler, Sr (father) 513 S 48th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
KIA (5) E	THACKSTON, John B. Jr.	34172381, S/Sgt.	MIA	Marie B. Thackston (mother), 322 Sunset Ave., Rocky Mount, N. C.
KIA (6) R	HARPER, Leo L. Jr.	38396197, S/Sgt.	KIA	Leo L. Harper Sr., (father) 418 South 14th St., Clinton, Okla.
KIA (7) NT	HALTIWANGER, Bernard A.	34842569, Cpl.	MIA	Sally Haltiwanger (mother), Rt 2, Lexington, S. C.
KIA (8) WG	GELLER, Harold D.	12152803, Sgt.	MIA	Samuel Geller (father) 1420 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y.
KIA (9) BT	MERCER, Charles O.	33452492, Cpl.	MIA	Jacqueline K. Mercer (wife), 200 Rhode Island Ave, NE, Washington, D.C
KIA (10) TT	ZULLO, Paul J.	12229563, Cpl.	MIA	Joseph Zullo (father), 47-27 161st St., Flushing, Long Island, N.Y.

(11) Classification changes
to RESTRICTED
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. H. MUECH, Capt., AC

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	SIGHTED	SAW FORCED CRASH LANDING
(1) BERTRAND, William F.	1st Lt	0670337		X	
(2) _____					
(3) _____					

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
* (X) Parachutes were used. () Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
() Other reasons (specify): *one parachute left airplane.
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 Made.

Inlosures.
Statement
Sketch

Date 20 December 1944 George H. Cliett
Signature of preparing officer
CONFIDENTIAL GEORGE H. CLIETT, Capt., A.C.
Adjutant.

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