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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON
MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

Classification changed
 to **RESTRICTED**
 by E. A. BRAUNAS, Lt. Col., AG
 by F. M. MUEHCH, Capt., AG
 Date **MAR 15 1968**

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing

- ORGANIZATION: Location Castelluccio, Italy Command or Air Force XV
 Group 451st Bomb Gr Squadron 728th Bomb Sq 4808N-1742E to IP
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Castelluccio, Italy Purpose Target
 Intended Destination Zagreb, Yugoslavia Type of Mission By Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Ceiling and visibility unlimited
- GIVE: (a) Date 4/12/45 Time 10:15, and Location Three (3) miles West of Subina
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft
 (b) Specify whether last sighted; last detected by radio;
 forced down; seen to crash; or information not available
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (check only one) Enemy aircraft; Enemy anti-aircraft; Other circumstance: as follows Unknown
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24H; A.A.F. Serial Number 41-29740
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-43 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-3407
 (b) 42-3400; (c) 42-3690; (d) 42-3077
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, type and serial number)
 (a) only record on ship (c) _____ (d) _____
 (e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT. Crew Ten Passengers None Total Ten
 (Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: if more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	BERGMANN, RAY W.	2nd Lt.	0-384247
2. Co-Pilot	CHEFFMAN, BETTE (N.Y.)	2nd Lt.	0-393009
3. Navigator	BLACHMAN, RENE G.	2nd Lt.	0-694315
4. Bombardier	BOLGE, GEORGE R.	Flt. C.	7-123709
5. Upper Turret	Hirsch, Charles A.	S/Sgt.	32429514
6. Lower Turret	Edmonds, Elmer T. <u>Pole</u>	Sgt.	14149710
7. Right Waist	Cameron, Maurice R.	S/Sgt.	11110693
8. Left Waist	Douglas, John R.	S/Sgt.	18090016
9. Tail Gunner	Backey, Ronald R.	Sgt.	35545591
10. Radio Gunner	Lordon, Marvin H.	Sgt.	16877275

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LOST ANY ITEMS OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES TO INDICATE REASON FOR LOSS

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Number	Is it New	Force
1. <u>RODNER, JAMES K.</u>	<u>2nd Lt. 0-309034</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>Headquarters</u>
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED AND ENDED UP IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING STATES: (a) Parachutes were used; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, AND LOCATION OF WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN

14. ATTACH EXTENSIVE DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE LAYOUT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE No search made.

2 Incls:
 Incl 1 - Statement 2nd Lt RODNER, JAMES K. (quad)
 Incl 2 - Sketch of area. (quad) Frederick B. Lloyd
 Frederick B. Lloyd, Major,
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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