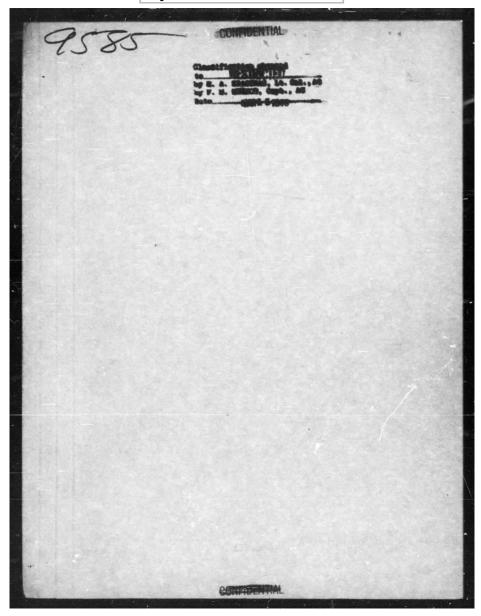
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E. A. BRAD						
1. OMERN	TIANT Location AC	Gastelluccio,		Command o	or Air Force 15th	Air Force
-		51st Bomb Gp (1)	Squadron	726th Bomb Sq. 74000 13508-7	438N 1415E
2. SPECIFY		Castelluccio,	Italy			
3. WEATH	Target Vionna	VISIBILITY AT	TIME OF CR	ASH OR WHEN L	AST REPORTED:	331B II-14
Beathe	r: 8/10 Cloud Co	verage - Vis	ibility - P	oor.		
4. GIVE:	a) Date 1 Nov 19// b) Specify whether: 6	Time 1/32	Last known	position 450 30	W. 150 10	E. over Yug
	b) specify whether:) Last contacted by	radio, () No	information.		oslavia.
5. AIRCRAI	T (LOST) (BELIEVE	D LOST) AS A I	RESULT OF:	(Check one only)		
	ny aircraft, (Enemy FT: Type, model & ser		ther	AAF Serial Number	42-51321	
7. NICKNA	ME OF AIRCRAFT	WRed Fenny				
8. ENGINE	S: Type, mode. & serie	B-1830-43 A	AA	F Serial Number (a)		
9. INSTALL	54007 ED WEAPONS: (Make	type and serial nu	mber.)	(d)Cr-3156.		
(a) Brown	ing MG. M-2.11501	30 (e) Brownin	g M., H-2,2	28564 (I) Pro	ming ac, -2,	1150744
					wning MG, M-2,	11510696
(c) Hrow	ning #2, mG, 7060	87 (h) Brownin	g MG.M-2,2	16877 (k) 17775 (l)		-
	EL LISTED BELOW				Battle Casualty.	
11. NUMBER	OF PERSONS ABOA	RD AIRCRAFT: Cr	ew 11 ; P		Total 11	
CHEW	than 12 persons aboard				LEI - TICKEUM	
POSITION	FULL NAME (Las RANK, SERIAL N	SUMBER	STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, AND ADDRESS	KELATIONSHIP	
(1) Pilot	Bodycomb, Rosse	or 1.,	MILA	Mr. Frederick	M. Bodycomb	(Brother
-1	1st Lt, 0-6839	50 ~		104 Center Av		
(2) to-pil	2nd Lt., U-169	a sharing	MINIA	Mrs Mary Isabe	ve. Burbank.	(Mother)
(3) Hawler	tor Kautz, John					
-	2nd Lt., U-205	7941		Mr. John I. Ks 126 E. 44th St Mrs Vivian Max	, Indianapol:	s, Ind.
(4) Bomber	dier Wier, Char.	lie Y. w	MIA	F.L. Younger,	Bunkie, Loui	(Wife)
(5) ion-tu	Capt., 0-72511	Ira D. Jr.	m MIA	Mrs Ella Ethel	Richardson	(mother)
Gunne	r Sgt, 3477	5493	В	lox 187, Doome,	N. C.	RT
	urret Collier, K	. 6.	AIM	Mrs Rlance A.	Sen Angelo	(Mother)
(7) Waist		Manuel ~~	ATM	210 Plenty Ave Mrs Roxy Anne	Meinstein	(Wife)
Gume	r 8/8gt 110	50675		65 Thornton St	, Revere, Mas	IB.
(8) Maist	Lowe, Spence	er G., Jr. m	MIA _	Miss Edna Auc.	le Lowe	(Sister)
(9) unil-						(Nothern)
(9) mail-		186		Mrs Ethel Mac 425 B. E. 261	th St. Okla.	dity. Okla.
(:0) Nose	Buford, Coy		MTA .	Mrs Dosha Pufe	ord	(Magther)
Gunne	r sgt 18193	201	MTA	Rt #1, Stephen	as, Arkansas	(Man)
(ii) Photog	cpl, 31328	725	MUA -	452 Harrall &		(Mother)
(12)	opr, street					
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AND CH	ECK APPROPRIATE	(one only) COLUM	N TO INDIC	ATE BASIS FOR	SAME:	SAW
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(2) Mei	inle, thomas E.	B/Egt	32625830			
(3)	ONNEL ARE BELIEV	ED TO HAVE CO	IDVIVED CHI	ECK ONE OF TH	IE EOLIGWING	
() Parac	nutes were used. ()	Persons were seen	waiking away i	rom the scene of th	e crasn.	
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15. ATTACH	PHOTOGRAPH, MAR EYEWITNESS DESC	RIPTIONS OF CR.	ASH, FORCEI	LANDING, OR	OTHER CIRCUM	STANCES. esc
16. ATTACH	A DESCRIPTION C	F EXTENT OF S	EARCH, IF /	ANY, AND GIVE	NAME, RANK A	ND SERIAL
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726TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) 451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) APO 520

2 November 1944

STATEMENT

First Lieutenant Rosser I. Bodycomb, 0-683950, was pilot of aircraft #42-52321, nicknamed "Bad Penny", on a combat mission to bomb the Vienna Ordnance Depot, at Vienna, Austria, on 1 November 1944. Lieutenant Bodycomb was leading a flight over the target when he sustained serious flak damage to his aircraft. Shortly after leaving the target he dropped out of the lead position with one engine feathered and his number two engile smoking badly. He lost altitude rapidly and was followed by eight P-38 type aircraft. Lieutenant Bodycomb was last sighted at approximately 1432 hours, at 450 30'N, 150 10'E at an altitude of approximately nine-thousand feet through an eight-tenths cloud coverage. No parachutes were seen to leave the aircraft. the aircraft.

Nothing further has been heard from Lieutenant Bodycomb or his crew and the undersigned has no opinion as to their fate.

Following is a list of officers and men who were aboard this aircraft on 1 November 1944.

Bodycomb, Rosser I.
Ccoper, Alva S.
Kautz, John I., Jr.
Wier, Charlie Y.
Richardson, Ira D. Jr.
Collier, K.C.
Weinstein, Manuel
Lowe, Spencer G., Jr.
Hall, Curtis L., Jr.
Buford, Coy
Levine, Cyril G. lst Lt. 2nd Lt. 2nd Lt. 0-683950 0-1692892 Co-Pilot Navigator 0-2057941 0-725117 34775493 Capt. Bombardier Top-Turret Ball-Turret Sgt. Sgt. S/Sgt. Sgt. 18220033 Waist-Gunner Waist-Gunner 18004083 Tail-Gunner Sgt. 18193186 Nose-Gunner Set. 18193201 31328125 Photographer Cpl.

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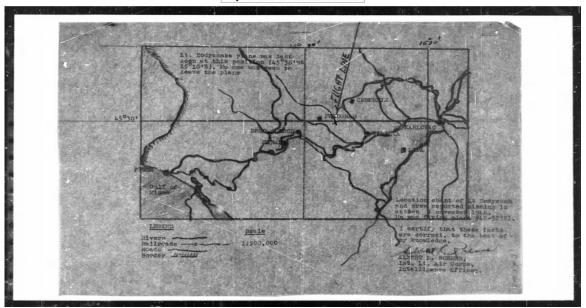
I, Staff Sergeant Thomas E. McHale, 32625830, was nose gunner on the aircraft flying number two position of our flight, when I saw Lieutenant Rosser I. Bodycomb, flying aircraft number 42-52321, pass under our formation and go off to the right of our formation. He was flying at a slight right angle away from our formation. This all took place about ten or fifteen minutes before we hit the Adriatic Coast at approximately 450 30'N, 150 10'E, at 1432 hours. We were just going into a mist which lasted until we were out past the coast line. It is my estimation that he was flying at about nine-thousand feet altitude. All four engines were operative and I saw no parachutes leave the aircraft.

Thomas & A. Hale

THOMAS E. McKALE, S/Sgt. Air Corps,

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eb/1/6/45 Mrs. Vivien N. Wier, (wife) Captain, Charlie Y. Wier Mr. Fred R. Bodymonb, (brother) 10. Center Avenue, Chatham, New Jersey. 1st Lt. Rosser I. Bodycomb Mr. Luman A. Geopey, (fether) 630 East Clive Avenue, Burbenk, Gelifornia. 2nd Lt. Alva S. Cooper Mrs. Doris G. Kerts, (mother) 126 East 44th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. 2nd Lt. John I, Keuts, Jr. Mrs. Ella S. Richardson, (mother) Box 187, Boone, North Carolina. Sgt. Ira D. Richardson, Jr. Mrs. Blanche A. Gollier, (nother) Sgt. K. C. Collier Mrs. Roxy A. Weinstein, (wife) 65 Thornton Street, Revers, Massachusetts. S/Sgt. Manuel Weinstein Mrs. Kete Love, (mother) 505 North 17th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas. S/Sgt. Spencer G. Love, Jr. Mrs. Ethel M. Hall, (mother) 425 Southeast 26th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Sgt. Curtis L. Hall, Jr. Mrs. Dosha Buford, (mother) P Route Number One, Stephens, Arkansas. Sgt. Coy Buford Mrs. Anna Levine, (mother) 2556 Main Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Cpl. Cyril G. Levine