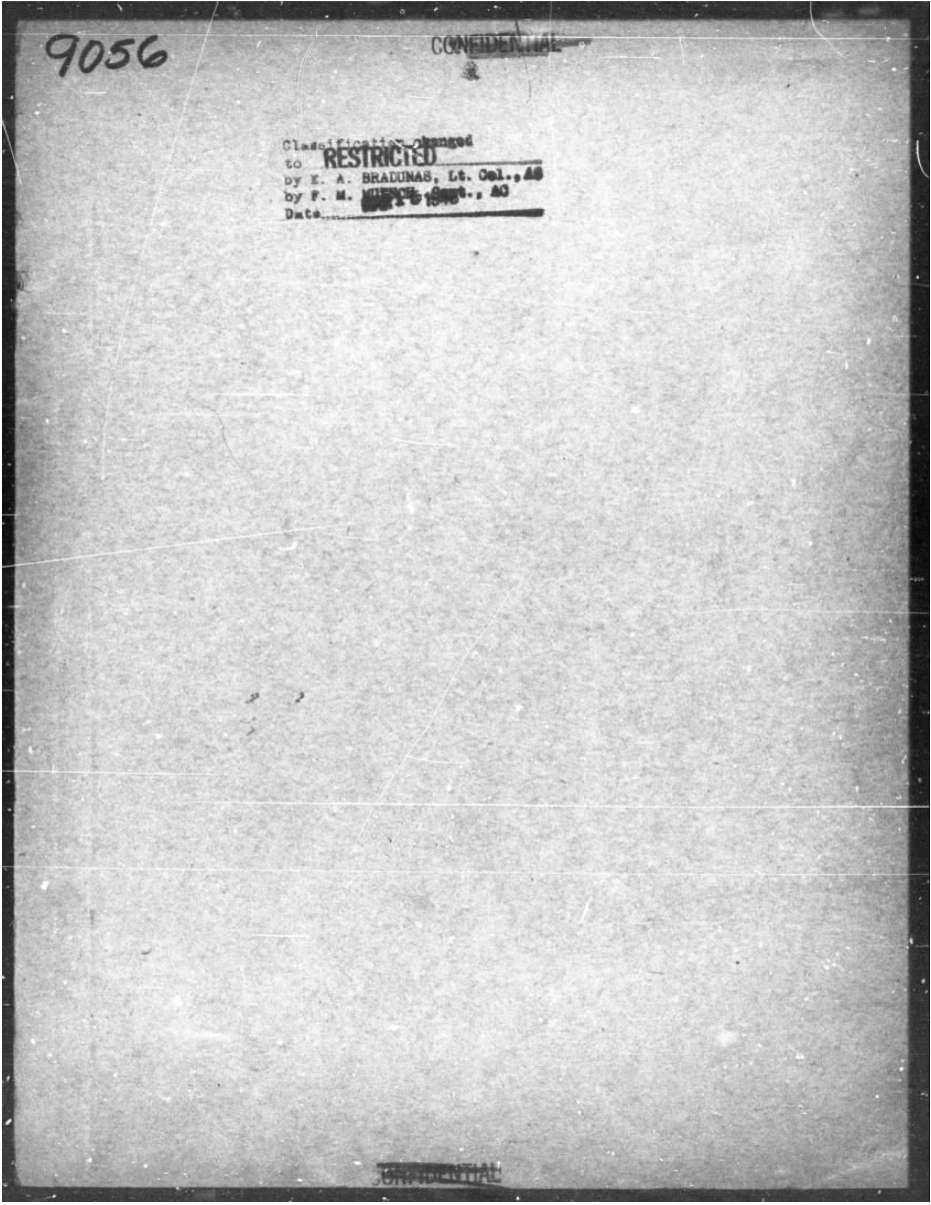


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Classification: ~~SECRET~~  
 to: ~~RESTRICTED~~ MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 9056  
 by S. A. BRADGAS, Lt. Col., 46  
 by F. M. MORROW, Capt., 46

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: Castelluccio, Italy Command or Air Force: 15th A.F.  
 Group: 88th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron: 726th Bombardment Sq (H)  
 2. SPECIFY: Place of departure: Castelluccio, Italy Course: (See Reverse)  
 Target: Vienne, Austria Type of mission: Bombing  
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Excellent Weather Clear and visibility good.  
 4. GIVE: (a) Date 13 October 44 Time 1155 Last known position over Austria 4800N 1630E  
 (b) Specify whether: (X) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,  
 ( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.  
 5. AIRCRAFT ~~XXXXX~~ (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)  
 ( ) Enemy aircraft, (X) Enemy anti-aircraft, ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24-J AAF Serial Number 42-51587  
 7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None  
 8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-43a AAF Serial Number (a) CP-315488  
 (b) CP-315502 (c) CP-315450 (d) CP-315440  
 9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)  
 (a) Browning MG M-2 1534319 (c) Browning MG M-2 1531980 (i) Browning MG M-2 1037227  
 (b) Browning MG M-2 1532472 (j) Browning MG M-2 1537471 (l) Browning MG M-2 1037954  
 (c) Browning MG M-2 1032754 (g) Browning MG M-2 1030746 (k) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) Browning MG M-2 1531909 (h) Browning MG M-2 1037090 (j) \_\_\_\_\_  
 10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty, ( ) Non-Battle Casualty.  
 11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10 1/3/45  
 (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
Pilot	Spellacy, Ibar M. Jr.	2nd Lt	O-710521	MIA	Mr. Margaret E. Spellacy	(Wife) RTD
Co-Pilot	Bloom, Theodore C.	2nd Lt	O-768422	MIA	Mr. August Bloom	(Father) RTD
Nav.	Folk, Drue W.	2nd Lt	O-2056574	MIA	Mrs. Dorothy J. Folk	(Wife) RTD
Bomb.	Bahr, Lester M.	2nd Lt	O-772807	MIA	Mr. Albert E. Bahr	(Father) RTD
Upper Turret	Gaffner, Dean F.	Sgt	36452898	MIA	Mr. Richard M. Gaffner	(Brother) RTD
Ball	Cassidy, John D.	Sgt	31341578	MIA	Mrs. Ellen G. Cassidy	(Mother) RTD
Waist Gunner	Pumagalli, Frank J.	Sgt	39121305	MIA	Mrs. Flora C. Pumagalli	(Wife) RTD
Waist Gunner	Kornbluh, Martin	Sgt	20239348	MIA	Mrs. Anna Kornbluh	(Mother) RTD
Tail Gunner	Desmer, Evon S.	Sgt	37705235	MIA	Miss Myrtle G. Thomson	(Sister) RTD
Nose Gunner	Falcons, George B.	S/Sgt	16138133	MIA	Mr. Patrick J. Falcons	(Father) RTD

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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 BY RADIO	LAST SAW	FORCED SIGHTED CRASH LANDING
(1) <del>XXXXX</del> Doyle E. Treese	Sgt	36670019			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.  
 (X) Other reasons (specify) Plane was in good condition when last seen, only losing altitude.

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. Plane was lost under or over enemy territory.

3-Enclosures.  
 Incl 1- Statement Date 15 October 1944 ALBERT F. OGG, Captain, AG, Adjutant territory.  
 (S-2 Officer) CONFIDENTIAL Signature of reporting officer  
 Incl 2- Sketch  
 Incl 3- Statement ~~(See instructions)~~ (Sgt Treese) No. 777

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COURSE: Base to 4348N 1539E-4433N 1622E-4616N 1706E-4647N 1740E-4755N 1800E-4854N 1637E-4845N 1613E-IP-Target.

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726TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
 451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
 APO 520 U.S. ARMY

14 October 1944

S T A T E M E N T

Second Lieutenant Ibar M. Spellacy Jr., O-710521, was pilot of aircraft #42-51587, on a combat mission to bomb marshalling yards in Vienna, Austr'a on 13 October 1944. Just after passing over the target at approximately 48° 00'N, 16° 30'E, the aircraft was seen to leave the formation and go down, losing altitude rapidly. It is not known whether the airplane crashed or continued on course. There were no eyewitnesses as to the exact time the airplane left the formation, though it is generally believed that it did so in the target area, shortly after bombs away. Aircraft last sighted at approximately 1155 hours.

No information has been received from Lieutenant Spellacy up to this time and the undersigned has no opinion as to their fate.

Following is a list of officers and men who were aboard this aircraft on 13 October 1944.

Pilot	Spellacy, Ibar M. Jr.,	2nd Lt.	O-710521
Co-Pilot	Blom, Theodore C.	2nd Lt.	O-788422
Navigator	Folk, Drue W.	2nd Lt.	O-2056574
Bombardier	Bahr, Lester M.	2nd Lt.	O-772807
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S T A T E M E N T

I was tail gunner on 2nd Lt., Jackson's aircraft flying in position number 6, in the first flight of our formation, on the combat mission on the Marshaling Yards in Vienna Austria on 13 October 1944.

2nd Lt., Spellacy in the Aircraft with the revetment number fifty (50) was flying in position number 7. Just as we passed over Vienna, in the Flak area directly over the target, I last saw Lt. Spellacy's aircraft. I know no further details.

*Doyle E. Treese*  
DOYLE E. TREESE,  
Sgt. 36670019.

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