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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 12091

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Castelluccio, Italy Command or Air Force 15th
 Group 451st Bombardment Group Squadron 725th Bomb Squadron
 Base Casalmora 4603N 1449E

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Castelluccio Field Course Base-Casalmora 4603N 1449E
 Target Vienna, Austria Type of mission Bombing IP to Target

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear and Visibility Unlimited

4. GIVE: (a) Date 2/7/45 Time 1323 Last known position Over target
 (b) Specify whether: 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, Other and Collision

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 H AAF Serial Number 42-52440

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT Calamity Jane

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-43 AAF Serial Number (a) 42-59786
 (b) BP-307154 (c) BP-401443 (d) 42-61109

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number]
 No records (1) (1)
 available (1) (1)
 (1) (1)
 (1) (1)

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: 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, initials] RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP STATUS AND ADDRESS
Pilot	HOLST, PAUL D. 2nd Lt, O-721758	MIA Gustaf E. Holst (Father) 31 Pal- mouth St, Worcester, Mass.
Copilot	GEROULD, CLINTON L. F/O, T-63185	MIA Mrs Cleone F. Gerould (wife) RD # 1, Rome, Pa.
Nav	PETERS, THOMAS A. F/O, T-129459	MIA John G. Peters (Father) RFD # 1, Brownsville, Pa.
Bomb	BELINKIE, ISADORE G. F/O, T-133050	MIA Beatrice G. Belinkie (wife) 243 Wood Ave, Bridgeport, Conn.
Up Tur	Klaffka, Arthur W. <u>ESOMIA</u> Sgt, 42020528	MIA Arthur L. Klaffka (Father) 241 Kehr St, Buffalo, NY
Low Tur	Szekely, John Cpl, 15128170	MIA Joseph Szekely (Father) RFD # 1, Amherst, Ohio
Right W	Katzmarski, Stanislaus B. Cpl, 12175828	MIA Agnes R. Katzmarski (Mother) 31-50 35th St, Astoria, LI, New York
Left W	Peabody, Arthur S. Jr Cpl, 31270053	MIA Mildred Peabody (Mother) 56 Exeter St, W. Newton, Mass.
Tail Gr	Tischler, Albert M. Cpl, 37487223	MIA Elizabeth Ann Tischler (Mother) Parkston, South Dakota
Nose Gr	Peterson, John G. Cpl, 39075459	MIA Mrs Janet J. Peterson (wife) 918 Missasouka Rd, Tallahassee, Fla.

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (use only) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED LAST BY RADIO	SAW	FORCED
ALBERT D. SHERMAN JR	2nd Lt	O-828558		X	
(1)					
(2)					

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.
 Other reasons [specify] Unknown

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 No search made, plane missing over enemy territory.

2. Inclosures:
 Incl 1- Overlay of Date 10 Feb 1945
 area last sighted Malcolm B. Ogden
 Incl 2- Statement, Lt Sherman Capt, AC, AdJ

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
 SIGHTED 7 Feb 45 - 1345 CASUALTY NO. ME 2794

PLACE OF CRASH northwest of Helenenschacht

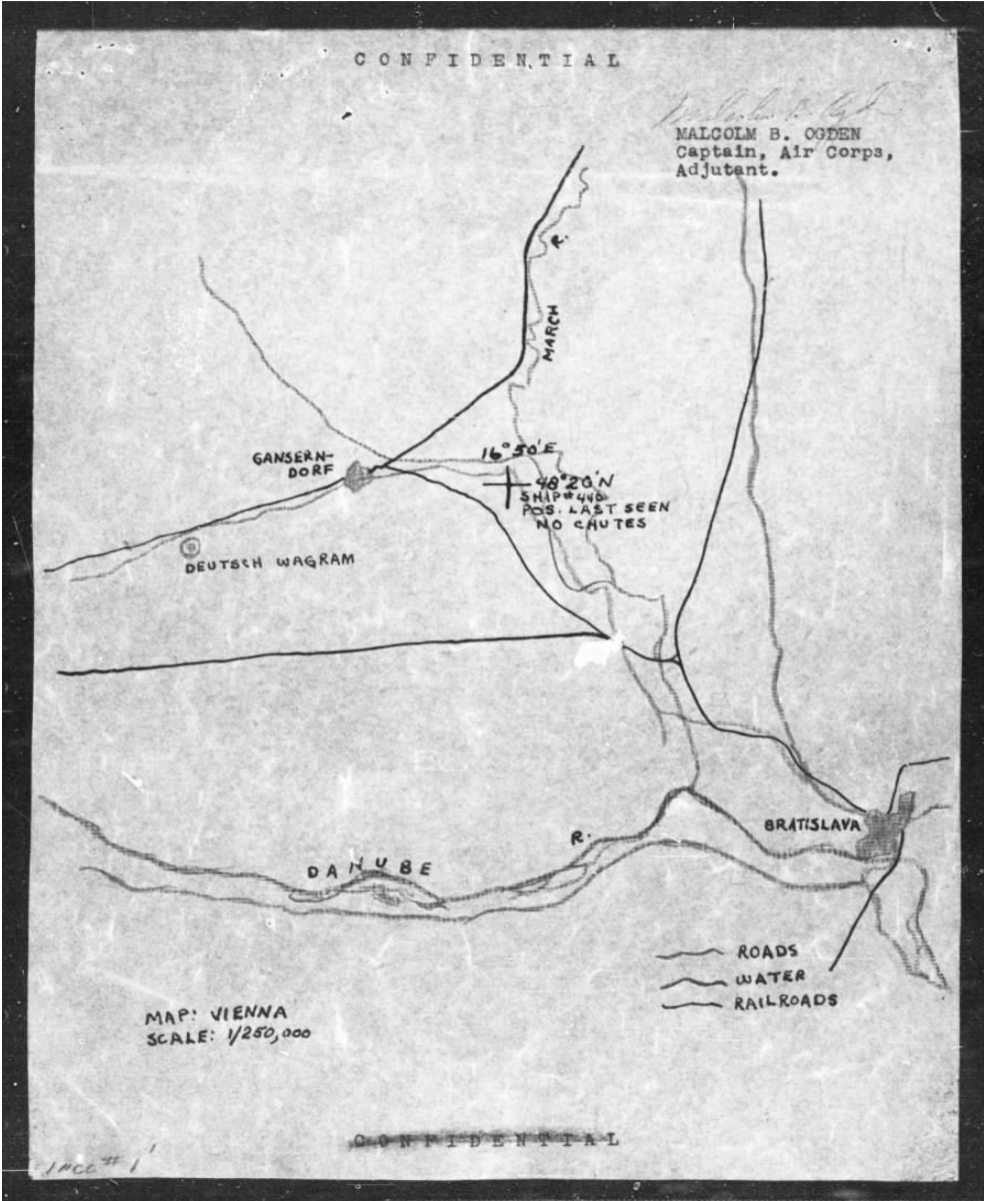
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE Airbase HQ A (c) 4/XVII

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
KLAFKA 10 Feb 19	Arthur Leo Cleve, Ohio	Sgt 42020526	captured	Dulag-Luft West
PEABODY	Arthur	Cpl 31270053	dead	

REMARKS:
 Dulag-Luft, 8 March 45 v.S.

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725TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520 US ARMY

10 February 1945

S T A T E M E N T

I, ALBERT D. SHERMAN JR., O-828558, was the Pilot of a B-24 Liberator Aircraft which flew in the fourth position of the formation on 7 February 1945 with B-24 Liberator Aircraft number 42-52036 piloted by 2nd Lt DARRELL M. BURK, O-2058978, flying number five position, and B-24 Liberator Aircraft number 42-52440, piloted by 2nd Lt PAUL D. HOLST, O-721758, flying number six position.

While over the target Lt HOLST received a direct flak hit in the bomb bay of his ship, causing it to burst in flames. He rallied right and in doing so crashed into Lt BURK'S aircraft. It appeared as if Lt BURK tried to avoid a collision, but to no avail. When the ships collided a few bombs were dropped from Lt BURK'S ship. After the collision the two ships remained together until Lt BURK'S ship barrel-rolled earthward out of my view and Lt HOLST'S ship disintegrated.

Albert D. Sherman Jr.
ALBERT D. SHERMAN JR
2nd Lt, O-828558,
725th Bomb Squadron (H).

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F/O. Clinton L. Gerould	Mrs. Charles F. Gerould, (Wife) ✓ Rosa, Pennsylvania
F/O. Thomas A. Peters	Mr. John G. Peters, (Father) ✓ Brownsville, Pennsylvania
F/O. Indore G. Belincio	Mrs. Beatrice G. Belincio, (Wife) ✓ 245 West Avenue Bridgeport, Connecticut
Sgt. Arthur W. Klaffin	Mr. Arthur L. Klaffin, (Father) ✓ 241 Eden Street Buffalo, New York
Cpl. John Szinsky	Mr. Joseph Szinsky, (Father) ✓ Rural Free Delivery Number One, Ashurst, Ohio.
Cpl. Stanislaus B. Natanzwicz	Mrs. Agnes R. Natanzwicz, (Mother) ✓ 31-30 15th Street Astoria, Long Island, New York
CyA. Arthur S. Peabody, Jr.	Mrs. Mildred Peabody, (Mother) ✓ 50 Beator Street West Boston, Massachusetts
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