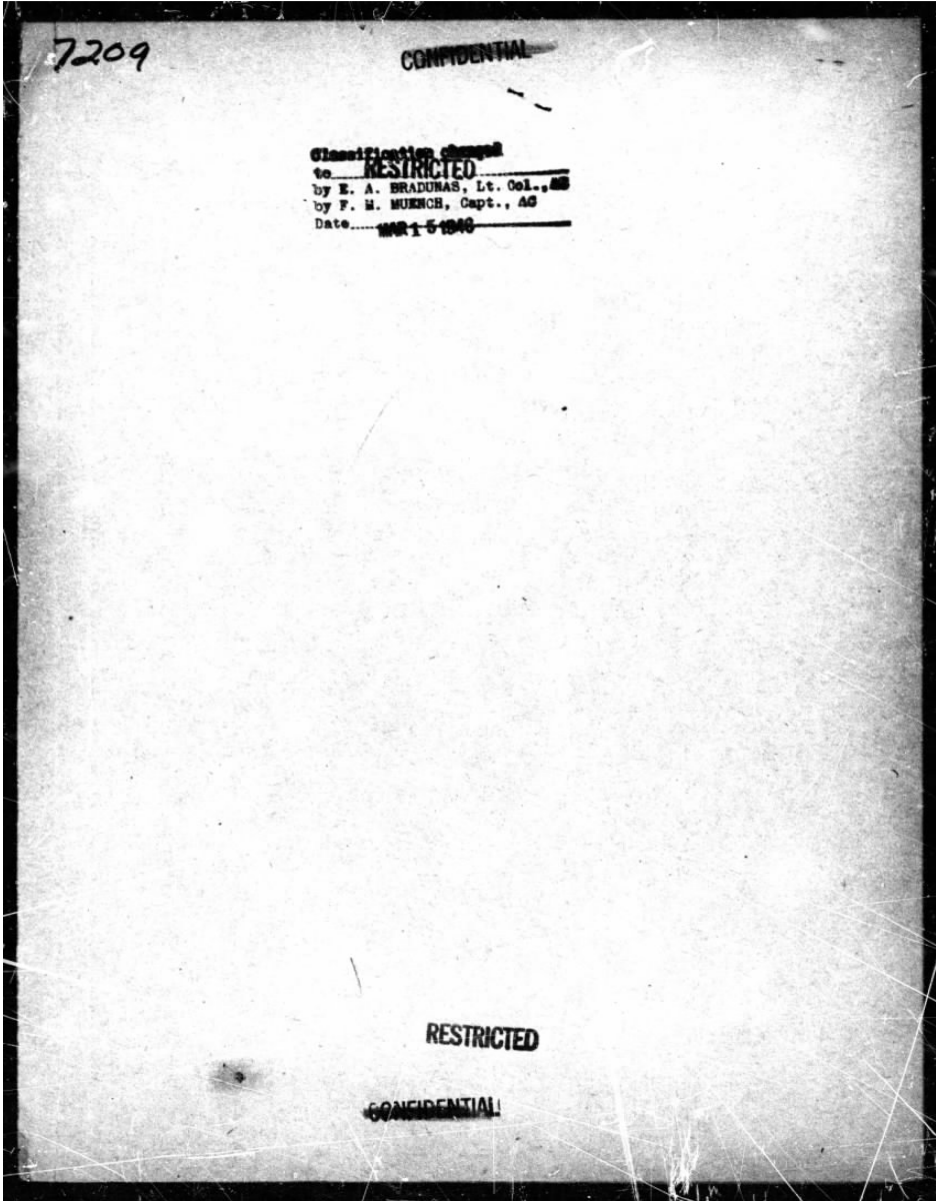


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 by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AG  
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IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Castellucio, Italy Command or AF 15th  
 Group 451st Bomb Group (H) Squadron 725th Bomb Squadron  
 Base to 231W182E-435N

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Castellucio Field Course 2121E-4044N 2252E  
 Target Bucharest, Roumania Type of Mission Bombing 4407N 2459E to IP to Target

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Slightly Hazy

4. GIVE: (a) Date July 31, 1944 Time 1445 Location Adriatic Sea  
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
 (b) Specify whether: ( ) Last sighted ( ) Last Contacted by Radio  
 (X) Forced Down ( ) Seen to Crash; or  
 ( ) Information not available.

5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)  
 ( ) Enemy Aircraft ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft (X) Other circumstances as follows: Mechanical Trouble (Fuel Shortage)

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H AF Serial No. 42-52614

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-43 AF Serial No. (a) 42-37919  
 (b) CP-306985 (c) CP-308363 (d) CP-304600

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)  
 (a) No records available (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (f) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_

9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: ( X Battle Casualty ( ) Non-Battle Cas.

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 Passengers \_\_\_\_\_ Total 11  
 (Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

NAME IN FULL	R.N.A. SERIAL NO.	TEXT OF KIM, RELATIONSHIP
1. <del>UPPER TURRET GUNNER</del> <u>HIGHWOOD OSCAR</u>	<u>2nd Lt 0-69835</u>	<u>Elmer C. Gates (Brother) USA</u>
2. <u>LOWER TURRET</u> <u>Smith, Carl Calbreith</u>	<u>S/Sgt 13132477</u>	<u>One J. Smith (Mother) USA</u>
3. <u>PILOT</u> <u>McKELVEY, THOMAS GRADLEY</u>	<u>1st Lt 0-810913</u>	<u>Duty</u>
4. <u>CO-PILOT</u> <u>McKENNAN, BERNARD (NMI)</u>	<u>2nd Lt 0-700522</u>	<u>Duty</u>
5. <u>NAV</u> <u>BEVINGTON, THOMAS ROBINSON</u>	<u>2nd Lt 0-703686</u>	<u>Duty</u>
6. <u>UPPER TWR HOUER</u> <u>Horton Junior</u>	<u>T/Sgt 37406669</u>	<u>LIA</u>
7. <u>RIGHT</u> <u>McDrew, George Olaus</u>	<u>S/Sgt 35257352</u>	<u>LIA</u>
8. <u>LEFT W. H.</u> <u>Sanson, Louis Anthony</u>	<u>T/Sgt 32297066</u>	<u>LIA</u>
9. <u>TAIL GNR</u> <u>Tabelis, Charles Leon</u>	<u>S/Sgt 13102700</u>	<u>LIA</u>
10. <u>NOSE GNR</u> <u>Wicks, David William</u>	<u>S/Sgt 34566397</u>	<u>LIA</u>
11. <u>Photographer</u> <u>Byatt, James R. Howell</u>	<u>Sgt 12102808</u>	<u>LIA</u>
12. _____	_____	_____

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

NAME IN FULL	RANK SERIAL NO	Cont		Last		XXX
		By Radio	Sighted	Crash	Forced Land	
1. DONALD CHIDLEY McKELVEY	1st Lt O-810913					X
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 ( ) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash  
 ( ) Any other reason (specify) Three ETD, Six Lightly Injured in Action.

13. ATTACH, AS AN ENCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH, AS ENCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH, AS AN ENCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) No search made, plane missing over Adriatic Sea. Forced Landing in Adriatic Sea.

Date of this report 3 August 1944

*Malcolm E. Gordin*  
 (Signature of Reporting Officer)  
 MALCOLM E. GORDIN  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 Adjutant.

2. Incls:  
 Incl 1 - Overlay of area last sighted.  
 Incl 2 - Statement, Lt McKelvey.



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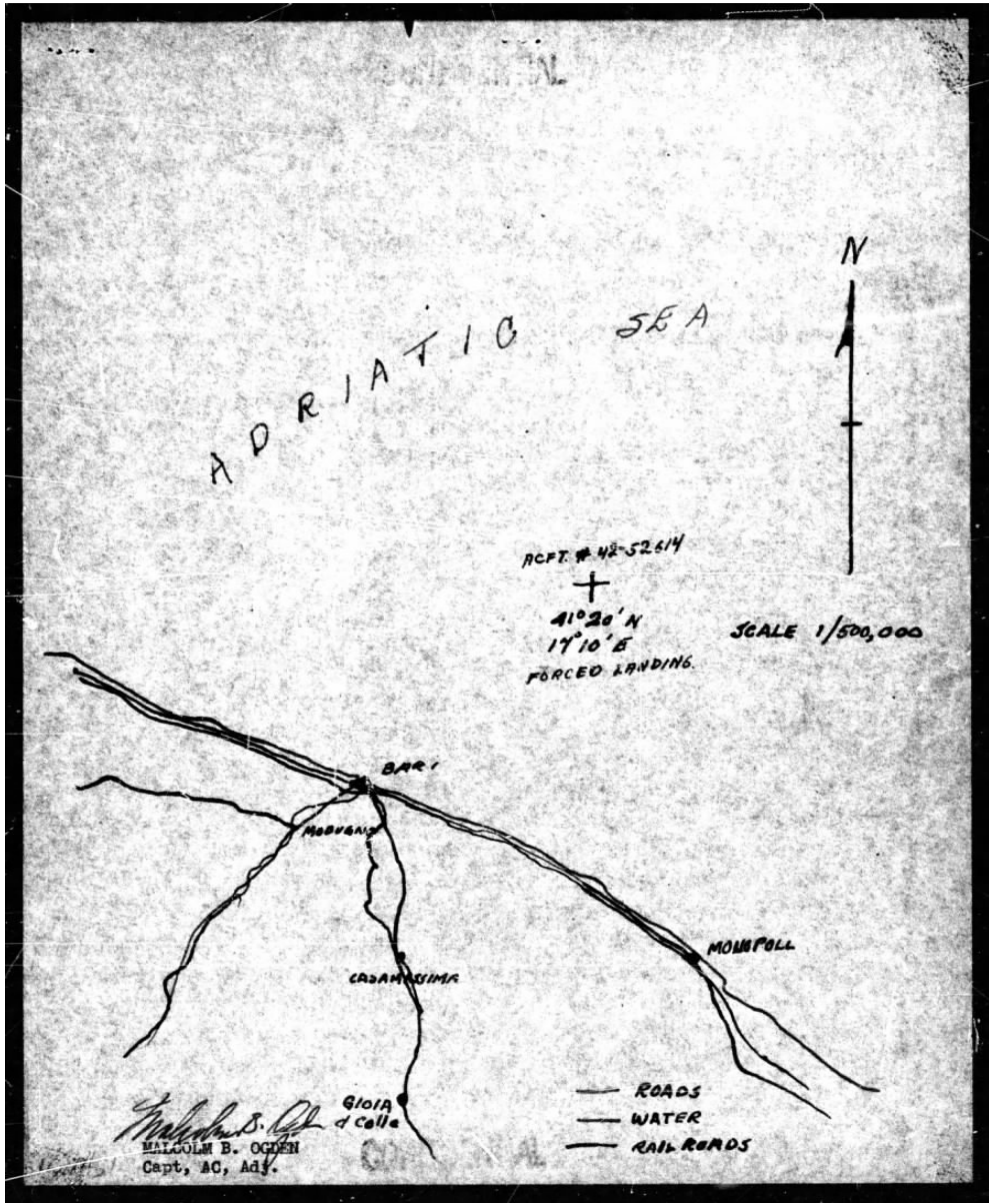
I, DONALD G. McKELVEY, O-810913 AC, was pilot of B-24 Airplane No. 42-52614 reported Missing in Action as of 31 July 1944 in the Adriatic Sea.

I was forced to ditch the ship twenty (20) miles from the coast due to a shortage of fuel. After spending approximately thirty (30) minutes in the water after we crashed landed, an Italian fishing boat rescued three (3) Officers and six (6) Enlisted Men.

*Donald G. McKelvey*  
DONALD G. McKELVEY  
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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1st Lt Donald G. McKalvey	Mr. David M. McKalvey, (Father) 420 West 24th Street, New York, New York.
2nd Lt Thomas R. Beveridge	Mr. James H. Beveridge, (Brother) R. F. D. # 2, Somonauk, Illinois.
2nd Lt Richard C. Gates	Mr. Elmer C. Gates, (Brother) Rural Free Delivery Number One, Johnson, Vermont.
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T/Sgt Marion J. Houts	Mr. Marion E. Houts, (Father) 1145 Riverview Boulevard, Saint Louis, Missouri.
S/Sgt Earl G. Smith	Mrs. Ora J. Smith, (Mother) Third Street, Falls Creek, Pennsylvania.
S/Sgt David W. Vike	Mrs. Ruth M. Vike, (Wife) 420 Northwest 13th Avenue, Miami, Florida.
S/Sgt George Odus Wray	Mr. Odus G. Wray, (Father) Route # 4, Bedford, Indiana.
S/Sgt Charles L. Tubelis	Mr. John Tubelis, (Father) 2254 East Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Sgt James R. Hyatt	Mr. James M. Hyatt, (Father) 1380 Walnut Street, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts.

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CASUALTY BRANCH RECORD SECTION SEP 12 1944 11209

NAME: Newman Bernard SERIAL NUMBER: 0-700 532  
 GRADE: 2d Lt.  
 ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL REPORTS: (IMPORTANT - Unofficial reports or information will not be shown below. This information will be indicated -- "Code X".)

TYPE OF CASUALTY	DATE AND AREA	CLASSIFICATION & MESSAGE NO.	BATTLE	NON-BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE E. A. NOTIFIED
MIA	31 July 44 - Adriatic	Ship. 184	✓		No Action
RTD		AG 704 (12 Aug 44) 226044-1-007	✓		

E. A. \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: \* Intercept MIA repl. ship. 184. Returned from mission safe and well.

NO CASUALTY REPORTED \_\_\_\_\_  
 IS THERE A CASUALTY BRANCH FILE? NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_  
 FORM NO. 437 NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_

CLERK FURNISHING REPORT Miller  
 DATE OF REPORT 9 Sept 44 ROOM NO. 3143 GROUP NO. S.S.  
Rechecked 12 Sept 44

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