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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON
 MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location Manduria, Italy, Command or Air Force 15th Group 451st Bomb Gp H Squadron 725th Bomb Sq Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Manduria, Italy, Course to Bologna, Italy, Intended Destination Bologna, Italy, Type of Witch-Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR CREW LAST REPORTED: Ceiling and visibility unlimited.
- GIVE: (a) Date 29 Mar/44 Time 1215, and Location Over Target of best known whereabouts of missing aircraft
 (b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; () Last Contacted 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; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24J; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-64353
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series B-1830-65; A.A.F. Serial Number(s) BP 43-4040
 (b) BP 43-4128; (c) BP 43-4021; (d) BP 43-4097
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, Type and serial number)
 (a) Only records on ship. (c) _____ (d) _____
 (e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT. Crew Ten, Passengers 0, 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	<u>YOUNGER, JOSEPH M.</u>	2nd Lt.	0-541835
2. Co-Pilot	<u>THOMPSON, JAMES F. (N.A.F.)</u>	2nd Lt.	0-684031
3. Navigator	<u>HOLLIS, JOHN P. JR.</u>	2nd Lt.	0-691135
4. Bombardier	<u>BLISS, EDWIN E.</u>	2nd Lt.	0-685429
5. Upper Turret	<u>Zaumbrecher, Philip J.</u>	S/Sgt	19171217
6. Lower Turret	<u>Sherbert, John R. Jr.</u>	S/Sgt	13144773
7. Right Waist	<u>Patterson, Jack M. Jr.</u>	T/Sgt	13170921
8. Left Waist	<u>Hamm, Floyd (M.I.)</u>	S/Sgt	11100210
9. Tail Gunner	<u>Kenny, Daniel J. (M.I.)</u>	S/Sgt	12158244
10. Nose Gunner	<u>Briggs, William W. Jr.</u>	S/Sgt	11057144

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Rank Number	By radio	Last sighted	Seen Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>STENNING, WILLIAM G.</u>	<u>1st Lt. 0-672475</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. _____					
3. _____					

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED? AND IF YES TO ONE OR MORE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING PROBABLE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN
- ATTACH EYE-WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE. No search made.

2 Incls:
 Incl 1 - Statement of 1st Lt WILLIAM S. STENNING (quad)
 Incl 2 - Sketch of Area. (quad) (Sgt) MALCOLM B. GIBBS (Officer)
 1st Lt. Air Corps, Adjutant.

Date of report 3 April 1944.

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725TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO # 520 U.S. ARMY

5 April 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 451st Bombardment Group (H) APO#
520, U.S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith Missing Air Crew Report of Crew #
30, assigned to this Squadron, reported missing in action as of
29 March 1944 on Mission over Bolzano, Italy.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>
2nd Lt	YOUNGER, JOSEPH M.	0-541835
2nd Lt	THOMPSON, JAMES F.	0-684081
2nd Lt	HOLLIS, JOHN P. JR.	0-691135
2nd Lt	BLISS, EDWIN E.	0-685429
S/Sgt	Zaunbrecher, Philip J.	18171217
S/Sgt	Sherbert, John R. Jr.	13144773
T/Sgt	Patterson, Jack M. Jr.	13170921
S/Sgt	Hamm, Floyd (NMI)	11100210
S/Sgt	Kenny, Daniel J.	12158244
S/Sgt	Briggs, William W. Jr.	11057144

2. Subject personnel are battle casualties as defined by
paragraph 2, Section II, Circular 10, NATOUSA, dated 24 January
1944.

3. Battle casualty Report forwarded your headquarters 30
March 1944.

For the Squadron Commander:

Malcolm B. Qaden
MALCOLM B. QADEN
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - MAC Rpt, Lt YOUNGER & Crew
3 Apr 44 w/2 incls (Quint)

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DATE: 3/29/44 1200

U.S.A 430

ME 961

PLACE: near Trient

2nd.Lt. ~~YOUNGER, Joseph Meese~~

0-541835 .

TYPE: Liberator B 24 J; 353

2nd.Lt. THOMPSON, James

0-684081 .

captured

725 (HB) Sqd;

2nd.Lt. HOLLIS, John Percy

0-691135 .

451 Group; 47 Wing

2nd.Lt. BLISS, Edwin Irwin

0-685429 .

BASE: Manduria

S/Sgt. PATTERSON, Jack

13170921 .

S/Sgt. ZAUBRECHER, Phillip D.

18171217 .

S/Sgt. HANN, Floyd

11100210 .

TARGET: Hq. 2nd Air Force

S/Sgt. BRIGGS, William W. Jr.

11057144 .

S/Sgt. KENNY, Daniel Joseph

12158244 .

S/Sgt. SHERRERT, John Richard Jr.

13144773 .

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN : 29 March 1944 1200 hrs.

CASUALTY NO. KX NE 961

PLACE OF CRASH : near Trient

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT : Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE : Air Fleet Command 2, Verona

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D FOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
ZAUWERCHER Philip D. 4 November 1921 Monaca, La.	S/Sgt.	18171217	captured	Stalag 1 Barth
PATTERSON Jack 1 March 1924 Pittsburgh, Pa.	S/Sgt.	13170921	captured	Stalag 1 Barth
NOELIS John Perry Jr. 1 November 1918 Jennings, Okla.	2nd Lt.	0-691135	captured	Dulag Luft
YOUNGER Joseph Moore 2nd Lt.	2nd Lt.	0-541835	captured	Dulag Luft
SHEPHERD John Richard 12 December 1922 Maryland	S/Sgt.	131144773	captured	Stalag 1 Barth
KENNY Daniel Joseph 3 February 1923 New York	S/Sgt.	12158244	captured	Stalag 1 Barth
BRIGGS William W. Jr. 26 March 1921 Ayer, Mass.	S/Sgt.	11057144	captured	Stalag 1 Barth
HANN Floyd 24 August 1924 Waterbury, Conn.	S/Sgt.	11109210	captured	Stalag 1 Barth
BLISS Edwin Irwin 12 January 1922 Sheffield, Pa.	2nd Lt.	0-685429	captured	Stalag 1 Barth
Casualty No. NE 961		First Supplementary Report, dated 19 May 1944		
THOMPSON James 6 September 1917 USA	2nd Lt.	0-684081	captured	Dulag Luft

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Rus 4972



Patterson, Jack, S/Sgt. born March 1, 1924
Ident. Tag: 13 170921
Taken prisoner

Hollis, John Percy Jr., 2nd Lt, born Nov. 1, 1918
Ident. Mark: 0-691 135
Taken prisoner

Younger, Joseph Meese, 2nd Lt,
Ident. Mark: 0-541 835-
Taken prisoner

Sherbert, John Richard, S/Sgt, born Dec. 15, 1922
Ident. Mark: 13 114 4773
Taken prisoner

Kenny, Daniel Joseph, S/Sgt, born Feb. 3, 1923
Ident. Mark: 12 158 244
Taken prisoner

Briggs, William W. Jr., S/Sgt. born March 26, 1921
Ident. Mark: 11 057 144
Taken prisoner

Famm, Floyd. S/Sgt, born Aug 24, 1924
Ident. Mark: 11 100 210
Taken prisoner

Bliss, Edwin Irwin, 2nd Lt, born Jan. 12, 1922
Ident. Mark: 0-685 429
Taken prisoner

ME 961

March 29, 1944

Liberator

Zumbrocher, Philip D., S/1st. born Nov. 4, 1921
Ident. Tag: 18 171 217
Taken prisoner