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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 12084

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Castellucio, Italy Command or Air Force 15th  
 Group 451st Bombardment Group Squadron 725th Bomb Squadron

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Castellucio Field Course Base Casalinuova 4603N 1440E-4710N 1406E-233W  
 Target Vienna, Austria Type of mission Bombing 15215-11 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 1450 Last known position 44 degrees 15' North, 16 degrees 11' East  
 (b) Specify whether:  Last sighted,  Forced down,  Seen crash,  Last contacted by radio,  No information.

5. AIRCRAFT ~~XXXX~~ (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]  
 Enemy aircraft,  Enemy anti-aircraft,  Other Lack of Fuel

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 G AAF Serial Number 42-78463

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT Hone

8. ENGINE: Type, model & series R-1830-65 AAF Serial Number (s) CP-326627  
EP-41974 (s) CP-439164 (s) CP-309384

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number]  
 (a) No records (b) None  
 (c) available (d) None  
 (e) None (f) None  
 (g) None (h) None

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS:  Battle Casualty,  Non Battle Casualty.

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers 0; Total 11  
 [If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet.]

| CREW POSITION | FULL NAME [Last, first, initial] | RANK, SERIAL NUMBER | CURRENT NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP STATUS AND ADDRESS                         |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| ✓ Pilot       | KERRER, GLENN A.                 | 1st Lt, O-702290    | <u>LIANA</u> Mrs Glenn Kerres (Wife) 1549 D Ave, NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa      |
| ✓ Co-Pilot    | LYON, CLAYTON H.                 | 2nd Lt, O-721813    | <u>RTDMA</u> Mrs Mabel V. Lyon (Mother) 313 Mobile St, Waterloo, Iowa        |
| ✓ Nav         | JACOBS, PAUL S.                  | P/O, T-124715       | <u>RTDMA</u> Sidney Jacobs (Father) 117 E. 77th St, NYC, NY                  |
| ✓ Bomb        | CARSON, VIRGIL L. <u>W</u>       | P/O, T-133053       | <u>RTDMA</u> Alberta V. Carson (Mother) 318 S. Main St, Osceola, Iowa        |
| ✓ Up Tur      | Bernstein, Bernard               | Cpl, 6910441        | <u>RTDMA</u> Bertha Bernstein (Mother) 1120 College Ave, NYC, NY             |
| ✓ Low Tur     | McCrary, Willia H.               | Cpl, 34920319       | <u>RTDMA</u> Blanche F. McCrary (Mother) Box 216, Philadelphia, PA Tennessee |
| ✓ Right W     | Wurthmann, Henry S.C.            | Cpl, 32965590       | <u>RTDMA</u> Mae Wurthmann (Mother) 550 W. 174th St, NYC, NY                 |
| ✓ Left W      | Kaplan, Leonard M.               | Cpl, 32978091       | <u>RTDMA</u> Gertrude G. Kaplan (Mother) 902 Ave N, Brooklyn, NY             |
| ✓ Tail Gr     | Hunt, Francis M.                 | Cpl, 35899159       | <u>RTDMA</u> Ruby D. Hunt (Wife) 200 E Darts-mouth Ave, Muncie, Indiana      |
| ✓ Nose Gr     | Winters, Orris A.                | Cpl, 39923459       | <u>RTDMA</u> Gladys H. Winters (Mother) Fountain Green, Utah                 |
| ✓ Photo       | Bivins, George V.                | Sgt, 15382769       | <u>RTDMA</u> Olivia Abel (Mother) 719 Breckenridge St, Owensboro, Kentucky   |

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

| NAME IN FULL           | RANK | SERIAL No. | CONTACTED LAST | SAW                                 | FORCED |
|------------------------|------|------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| (a) WILLIAM H. McGUIRE | Capt | O-290338   |                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| (b)                    |      |            |                |                                     |        |
| (c)                    |      |            |                |                                     |        |

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.

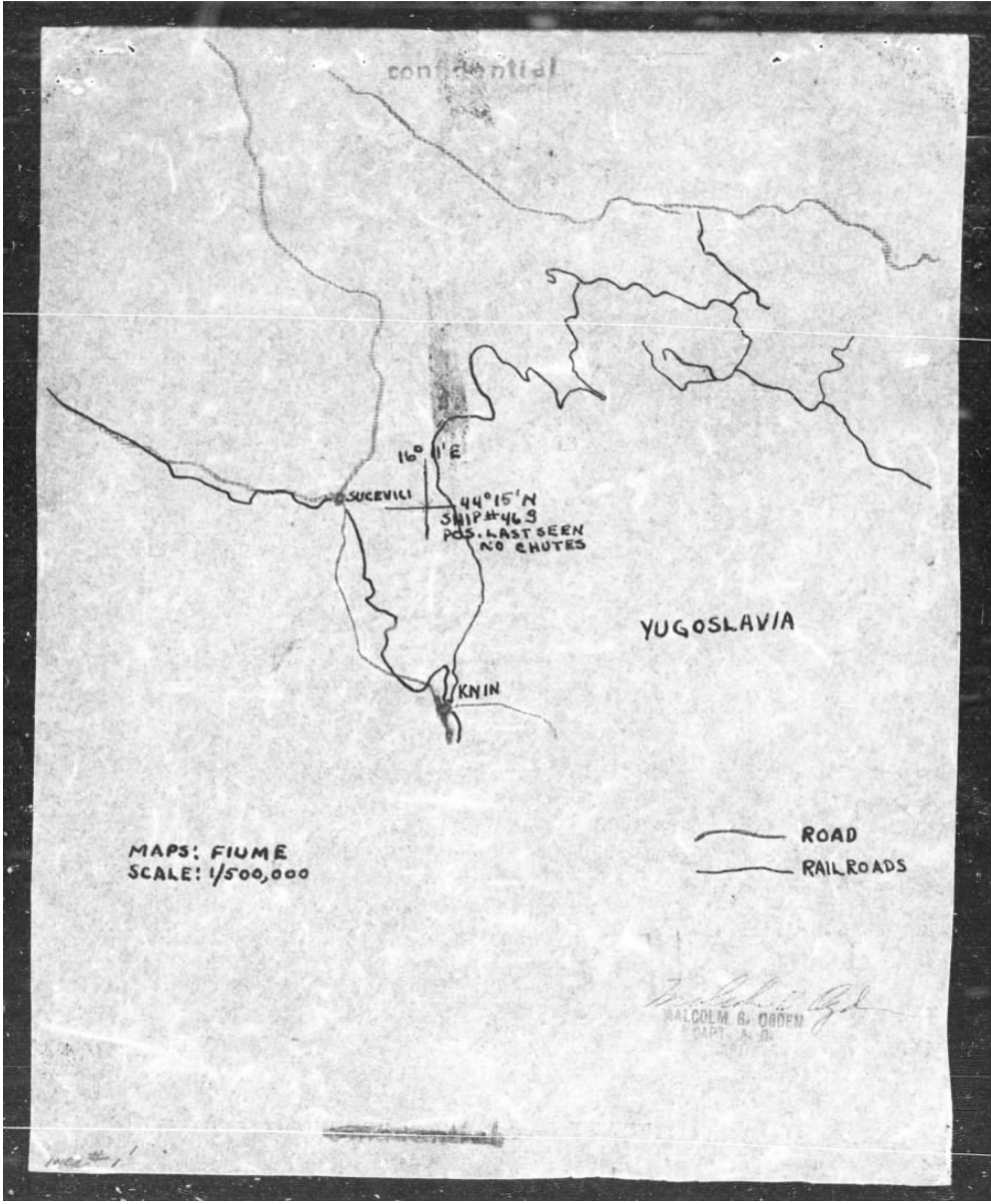
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

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. Includes:  
 Incl 1- Overlay of Date 10 Feb 1945 Malcolm B. Ouden  
 area last sighted CONFIDENTIAL MALCOLM B. OUDEN  
 Incl 2- Statement, Capt, McGuire Capt, AC, Adj.

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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, WILLIAM H. McGUIRE, O-290338, AC, was the Observer on the ship of Lieutenant Colonel JOHN S. HOPPOCK, O-364053, who was flying number one position of the Able Flight on the mission of 7 February 1945.

At 1425 hours, 1st Lt GLENN A. KERRES, O-702290, AC, Pilot of Ship number 42-78463, 725th Bombardment Squadron (H), called in to the Able Flight Leader for a heading to the Island of Vis. Colonel HOPPOCK received the call and asked the Navigator, Lt MULLINIX, for the heading. Lt MULLINIX gave a heading of 180 degrees and this heading was relayed to Lt KERRES. I last saw the subject ship at 44 degrees fifteen minutes North, sixteen degrees eleven minutes East, at approximately 1430 hours, at an altitude of 15,000 feet. I lost sight of the plane against the background of the Yugoslavian mountains. The ship was at about a 5:30 position to the formation at that time. The formation was at 17,000 feet on a course of about 185 degrees.

*William H. McGuire*  
WILLIAM H. McGUIRE  
Captain, O-290338.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Virgil L. Carson Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. O-2023008
2. Organization 451 B.B.p Commander /L. Stefanowics Rank Col. Sqn CO S. Dooley Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month February day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission Bomb Oil Refineries target, Vienna, Austria, target  
 time, 1215 (approx.), altitude, 27,500 feet route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Short distance after target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All crew members bailed out Northwest of Petrovic, Yugoslavia. We were all returned to Italy by Partisan help.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Petrovic, Yugoslavia
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)