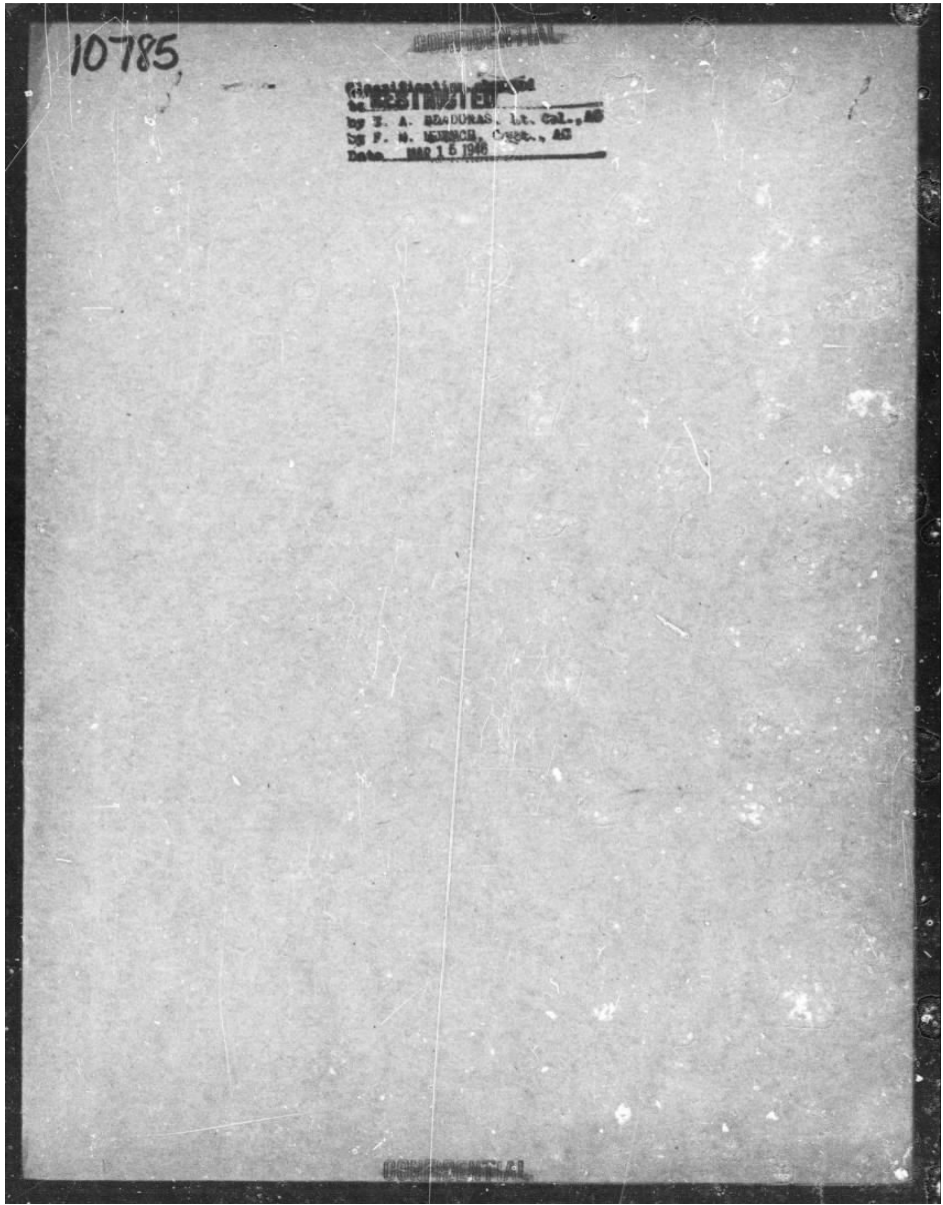


**DECLASSIFIED**  
Authority: NND 735001  
By: NARA NARA Date: 1973



**DECLASSIFIED**  
**Authority: NND 735001**  
**By: NARA NARA Date: 1973**

Classification changes  
 to **RESTRICTED**  
 by **L. A. BRADY**, Lt. Col., **MISSING AIR CREW REPORT** 10785  
 by **F. M. MUKER**, Capt., AG  
 Date **11/1/1971**

1. ORGANIZATION, Location **Castelluccio, Italy** Command or Air Force **15th Air Force**  
 Group **461st Bomb Gp (H)** Squadron **726th Bomb Sq (H)**  
 Base **4331N 1639E-4619N 1649E**

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure: **Castelluccio, Italy** Course **4772N 1728E-4948N 1756E-17**  
 Target **Omniscin, Poland** Type of mission **Bombing** Target.

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
 Weathers clear, Visibility: good

4. GIVE: (a) Date **26 Dec 44** Time **1445** Last known position **45° 34' N. 16° 44' E.**  
 (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

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series **E-24 J** AAF Serial Number **42-78606**

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT \_\_\_\_\_

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series **P-1830-65 A** AAF Serial Number (a) **446076**  
 (b) **446080** (c) **446076** (d) **41-44090**

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number)  
 (a) **Browning MG, M-2, 1261282** (b) **Browning MG, M-2 1269186** (c) **Browning MG, M-2 1269180**  
 (d) **Browning MG, M-2, 1261159** (e) **Browning MG, M-2 1269079** (f) **Browning MG, M-2 1269285**  
 (g) **Browning MG, M-2, 1267130** (h) **Browning MG, M-2 1261104** (i) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (j) **Browning MG, M-2, 1261131** (k) **Browning MG, M-2 1261179** (l) \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew **10**; Passengers \_\_\_\_\_; Total **10**  
 (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
1 Pilot	Jackson, William F.	2nd Lt. 0-705024	MIA Mr. Frank E. Jackson (Father) 425 N. 22nd St, Quinoy, Ill. <b>RTD</b>
2 Co-pilot	Rohde, Harry O.	1st Lt. C-825992	MIA Mrs Katherine Rohde (Mother) 773 Granford Ave, NYC, NY. <b>RTD</b>
3 Navigator	Wengert, Theodore W.	2nd Lt. 0-246606	MIA Mr. Theodore Wengert (Father) 450 E. 155 Street, NYC, NY. <b>RTD</b>
4 Bombardier	Glass, Wallace H.	2nd Lt. 0-154067	MIA Mrs. Helda M. Glass (Wife) 20059 Lake Chabot Rd, Hayward, Calif. <b>RTD</b>
5 Top Turret	James, Elwood	Cpl 5666854	MIA Mrs Lena James (Wife) Wasmantown, Ky. <b>RTD</b>
6 Lower Turret	Prochnow, Lawrence W.	S/Sgt 1E009295	MIA Mr. Frank W. Prochnow (Father) 8922 W. Adler St., Milwaukee, Wisn. <b>RTD</b>
7 Waist	Malkin, Norton W.	S/Sgt 35786408	MIA Mrs Sarah Malkin (Mother) 2419 S. 9th St, Phila., Penna. <b>RTD</b>
8 Tail	Fugue, Clyde M. Jr.	S/Sgt 1E106519	MIA Mrs Clara J. Fugue (Wife) 1202 Western Ave., Amarilla, Texas <b>RTD</b>
9 Tail Gunner	Treese, Doyle E.	Sgt 5670019	MIA Mrs Sula Treese (Mother) Anna, Ill. <b>RTD</b>
10 Nose Gunner	Phifer, Clyde W.	Cpl 35679811	MIA Mrs Bobbie Irene Phifer (Wife) 701 S. E. Colorado, Portales, N. M. <b>RTD</b>

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 LAST BY RADIO	SAW	FORCED
Hamilton, William C.	2nd Lt	0-829473		X	

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 Parachute was used.  Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.  
 Other reasons (specify) **Plane was under control when last sighted.**

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.

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

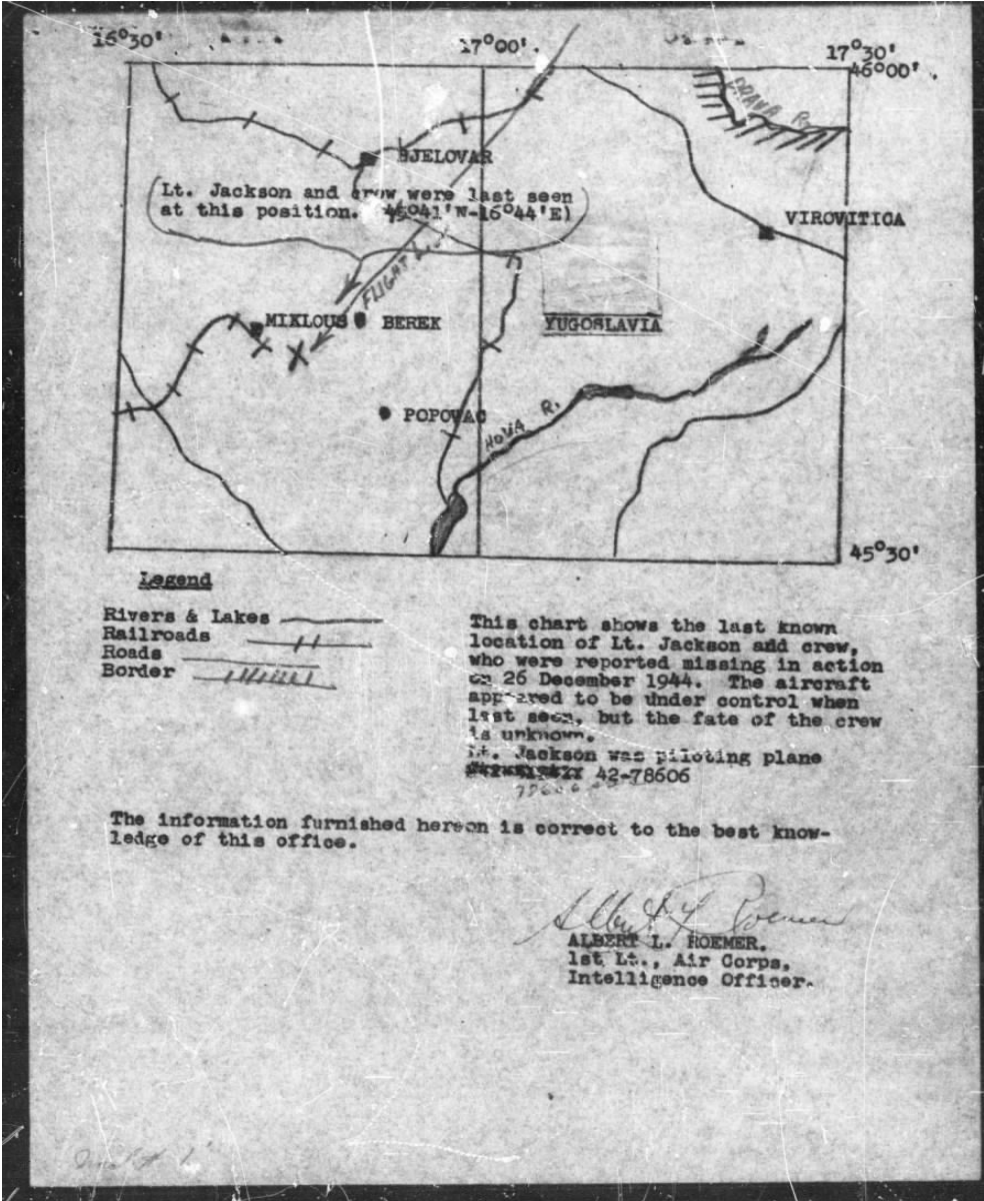
16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE **No search made. Plane last sighted over enemy territory.**

17. Inclosures:  
 Incl 1 - Sketch. Date **29 Dec 1944**  
 Incl 2 - Eyewitness Statement  
 Incl 3 - Statement of S-2 Officer

Signature of reporting officer  
**ALBERT F. OGG**  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 Adjutant.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**DECLASSIFIED**  
 Authority: NND 735001  
 By: NARA NARA Date: 1973





**DECLASSIFIED**

Authority: NND 735001

By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

CONFIDENTIAL726th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
451st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO # 520 U. S. ARMY

27 December 1944.

STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES

On the 26th of December 1944 I was flying in the same formation with Lieutenant William F. Jackson on a mission to the oil refinery located at Oswiecim, Poland. On the return journey Lieutenant Jackson began to straggle behind the formation. At about 1445 hours Jackson called one of the flight leaders but couldn't get him. He asked anybody to answer. I answered by radio and he stated his rudder controls were damaged and his oxygen was low; that he was going to leave the formation, lose altitude and try to make Vis. I repeated his message back and he confirmed it. Prior to the second flak area where he was hit he was in the number four position and I was in the number six position.

*William C. Harrison*  
WILLIAM C. HARRISON,  
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

CONFIDENTIAL

**DECLASSIFIED**

Authority: NND 735001

By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

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

27 December 1944

STATEMENT

On 26 December 1944, Second Lieutenant William F. Jackson, O-705024, was pilot of a B-24 type aircraft, AAF Serial Number 42-78606, no nick-name, on a bombing mission over a synthetic oil refinery located at Oswiecim, Poland. On the return journey at approximately 18,000 feet, between Nitra, Czechoslovakia and Gyor, Hungary, the formation in which Lieutenant Jackson was flying encountered intense, accurate and heavy anti-aircraft fire which severely damaged Lieutenant Jackson's aircraft. He withdrew from the formation and began to straggle behind. He stated over the radio that his rudder controls were damaged and that his oxygen was low, and that he was going to lose altitude and try to make Vis. He followed the formation into Yugoslavia and was last seen at approximately 1445 hours at 45°41'N-16°44'E. He appeared to have control of his aircraft and all engines appeared operative. No parachutes were seen to leave the airplane. The weather was clear at the time.

Nothing further has been heard from Lieutenant Jackson or his crew and the undersigned has no opinion as to their fate.

*Albert L. Roemer*  
ALBERT L. ROEMER,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

**DECLASSIFIED**  
**Authority: NND 735001**  
**By: NARA NARA Date: 1973**

ems-1345

1st Lt. Harry O. Bahde ✓	Mrs. Katharine Bahde, (mother) 773 Cranford Avenue, Bronx, New York.
2nd Lt. Theodore W. Wengert ✓	Mr. Theodore Wengert, (father) 430 East 155th Street New York, New York.
2nd Lt. William F. Jackson ✓	Mr. Frank E. Jackson, (father) 425 North 22nd Street, Quincy, Illinois.
2nd Lt. Wallace H. Glass ✓	Mrs. Nelda H. Glass, (wife) 20059 Lake Chabot Road, Hayward, California.
S/Sgt. Morton W. Malkin ✓	Mrs. Sarah Malkin, (mother) 2219 South 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
S/Sgt. Lawrence H. Prochnow ✓	Mr. Frank Prochnow, (father) 8922 West Adler Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
R/Sgt. Clyde M. Fugus, Jr. ✓	Mrs. Clara J. Fugus, (wife) 1202 Western Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.
Sgt. Doyle E. Treese ✓	Mrs. Sula Treese, (mother) Anna, Illinois.
Cpl. Elwood Lucas ✓	Mr. William D. Lucas, (father) Beattyville, Kentucky.
Cpl. Clyde W. Phifer ✓	Mrs. Bobbie I. Phifer, (wife) 701 Southeast Colorado Street, Portales, New Mexico.

*9/24/45*



**DECLASSIFIED**

Authority: NND 735001

By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

1st Lt. Harry O. Rohde	Mrs. Katherine Rohde, (mother) 773 Cranford Avenue, Bronx, New York.
2nd Lt. Theodore W. Wengert	Mr. Theodore Wengert, (father) 430 East 155th Street, New York, New York.
2nd Lt. William F. Jackson	Mr. Frank E. Jackson, (father) 425 North 22nd Street, Quincy, Illinois.
2nd Lt. Wallace H. Glass	Mrs. Nelda M. Glass, (wife) 20059 Lako Chabot Road, Hayward, California.
S/Sgt. Morton W. Malkin	Mrs. Sarah Malkin, (mother) 2419 South 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
S/Sgt. Lawrence W. Prochnow	Mr. Frank Prochnow, (father) 8922 West Adler Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
S/Sgt. Clyde M. Fugus, Jr.	Mrs. Clara J. Fugus, (wife) 1202 Western Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.
Sgt. Doyle E. Treese	Mrs. Sula Treese, (mother) Anna, Illinois.
Cpl. Elwood Lucas	Mr. William D. Lucas, (father) Beattyville, Kentucky.
Cpl. Clyde W. Phifer	Mrs. Robbie I. Phifer, (wife) 701 Southeast Colorado Street, Portales, New Mexico.