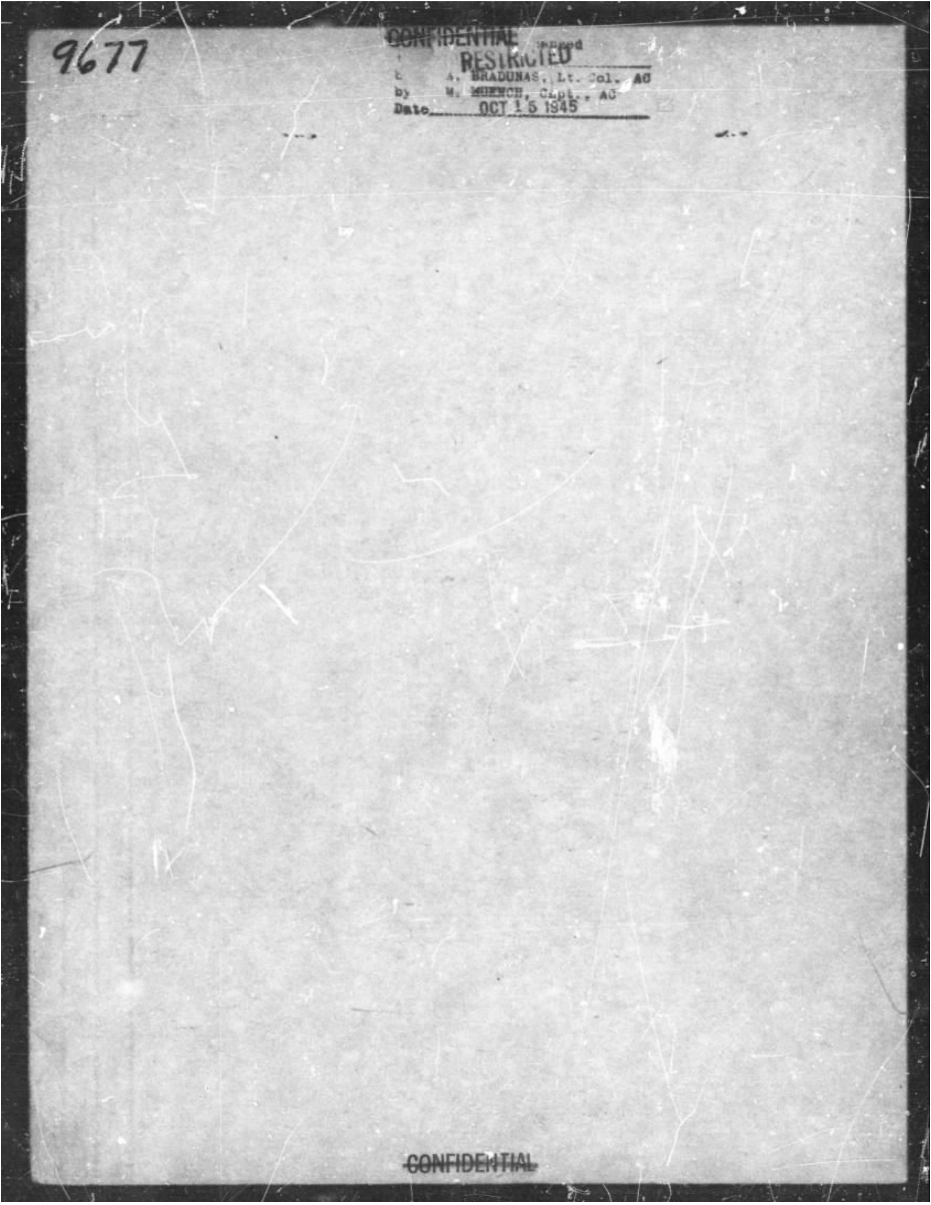


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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. NAME: BRADYAS, Lt. Col., AF Castelluccio, Italy Command or Air Force 15th Air Force
 by E. A. Castelluccio, Italy Squadron 727th Bombardment Sq (H)
 by F. M. Castelluccio, Italy Group 1st Bombardment Group (H)

Date: 8 November 1944 Place of departure Castelluccio, Italy Type of mission Combat
 Target Kufstein, Germany Type of aircraft B-24-E

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Good visibility, 15 miles

4. GIVE: (a) Date 4 November 44 Time 1400 Last known position 42° 19' N- 13° 00' E
 (b) Specify whether: (X) Last sighted, () Forced down, () Sent to crash,
 () Last contacted by radio, () No information.

5. AIRCRAFT (LOST) (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one on):
 () Enemy aircraft, () Enemy anti-aircraft, () Other Unknown

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24-E AAF Serial Number 42-95239

7. NICKNAME (F AIRCRAFT) None

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series B-1830-43 AAF Serial Number (a) CP-312036
 (b) CP-313355 (c) 42-59764 (d) 42-58903

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number)
 (a) Browning Cal 50 1187346 (c) Browning Cal 50 1187631 (i) Browning Cal 50 1181018
 (b) " " 1187382 (f) " " 1186848 (j) " " 1187142
 (c) " " 1183982 (g) " " 1187995 (k) " " " "
 (d) " " 1188046 (h) " " 11881419 (l) " " " "

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Entire 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.)

POSITION	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
(1) Pilot	<u>Young, William R.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-586500</u>	<u>KIA MIA</u>	<u>Robert L. Young, Father, Box 287 New Lebanon, Ohio</u>
(2) Co-Pilot	<u>Mark, James F.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-2057352</u>	<u>KIA MIA</u>	<u>John F. Mark, Father, Route #5, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky</u>
(3) Navigator	<u>Morris, J. V.</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>B-126809</u>	<u>KIA MIA</u>	<u>Pauline Margaret Morris, Wife, 6237 Ingleside Ave., Chicago, Ill.</u>
(4) Bombardier	<u>Smith, Jerold D.</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>B-3857</u>	<u>KIA MIA</u>	<u>Mary Alice Smith, Mother, B.D., So. Houston, Texas</u>
(5) Upper Tur.	<u>Bousquet, Gerald J.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>11096538</u>	<u>KIA MIA</u>	<u>Olive R. Bousquet, Wife, Box 1120, Chickasaw, Alabama</u>
(6) Lower Tur.	<u>Ferguson, Robert K.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>36963064</u>	<u>KIA MIA</u>	<u>Kathleen Ferguson, Mother, Box 2, Oneboygan, Wisconsin</u>
(7) Right Waist	<u>Wahn, Charles A.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>36585264</u>	<u>KIA MIA</u>	<u>Josephine E. Wahn, Mother, 18404 Woodbine, Detroit, Michigan</u>
(8) Left Waist	<u>Dubuisson, Thomas E.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>34794238</u>	<u>KIA MIA</u>	<u>Mary E. Dubuisson, Mother, 309 E. Somana St., Pensacola, Florida</u>
(9) Tail Gun.	<u>Shields, Henry E.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>37655424</u>	<u>KIA MIA</u>	<u>Edith Mae Shields, Mother, 420 W. Main St., Washington, Iowa</u>
(10) Nose Gun.	<u>Price, William J.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>14102495</u>	<u>KIA MIA</u>	<u>William H. Price, Father, 40 W. Sprague St., Winston Salem, N. C.</u>
(11) Photographer	<u>Gurunian, George A.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>16108423</u>	<u>KIA MIA</u>	<u>Alice Gurunian, Mother, 144 LaBelle St., Highland Park, Michigan</u>

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 BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW	FORCED CRASH LANDING
(1) <u>Raymond K. Henley</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>O-707484</u>			<u>X</u>	
(2)						
(3)						

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. None
 () 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. None

2. Inclosures.
 Incl 1 - Statement. Date 8 November 1944
 Lt. Henley
 Incl 2 - Sketch.

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 GEORGE R. CURTIS,
 Captain, Air Corp.,
 Adjutant.

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727TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
A.P.O. 52C, U. S. Army

7 November 1944

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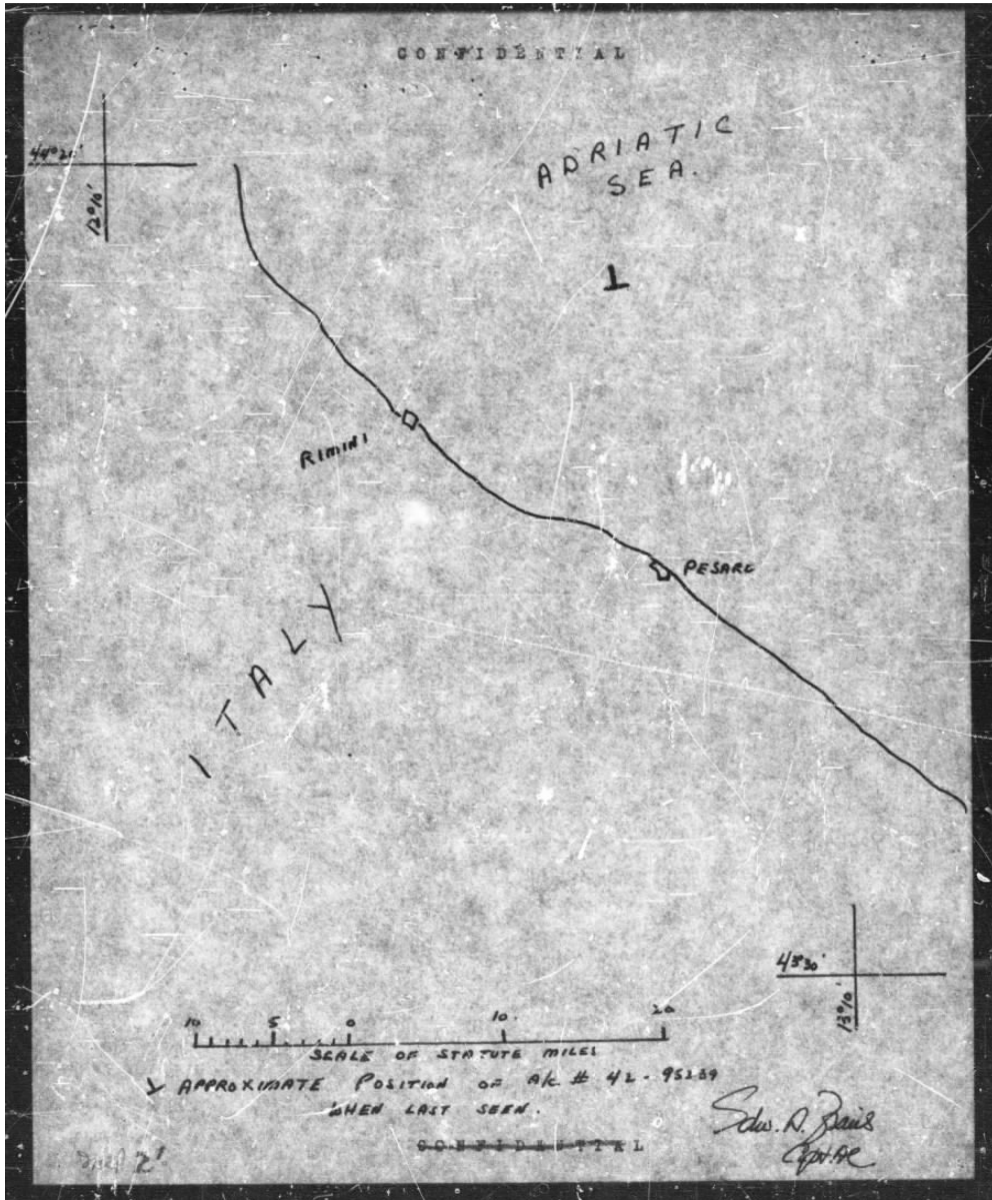
On 4 November 1944, our group was returning from a combat mission and had reached friendly territory. At about 1400, I saw A/O # 42-95239 leaving the formation and sliding to the west, towards the Italian coast. We had been over the Adriatic, and I last saw this plane piloted by Lt. William R. Young at about 44° 10'N - 13° 00' E. The aircraft was in perfect control and did not seem to be in any trouble.

Raymond K. Henley
RAYMOND K. HENLEY,
1st Lt., O-707484

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18 March 46

Subject: Crew Members
 Thru : CG, Hqs USAF Mod. Theater of Operations
 APO 794 c/o Postmaster New York, N. Y.

To : CO, Pensouth, Naples, Italy

1. Aircraft B-24H Ser 42-95239 was last sighted off the coast of Rimini, 4 November 1944. Casualty information indicates that sufficient evidence was received on 16 June 1945 to declare all men KIA on 4 November 1944. However, no record of this evidence is found in any files of OQMG, Air Corps Casualty Branch, or A30 Casualty Branch.
 3.

Signed M.V. Turner
 Col. QMG, Assistant

2nd Ind.

Headquarters, AG Casualty Branch, WFOFSA, APO 512, US Army 27 Dec. 45

TO: CO, Hqs Zone #1 2621st GRU (Ovhd) APO 790-A, US Army

The following statement is quoted from battle casualty report dated 9 June 1945 from headquarters 15th Air Force, signed by Major Windle D. Reel, as requested in paragraphs 2 and 3 of letter, Subject: Investigation of Air Casualty, dated 17 December 1945.

"Basis: Scattered and burned out wreckage of plane found North of Chieti, Italy. Eleven bodies were found within 400 yards radius of plane wreckage. The bodies of Lt. Young, W.R., Sp4. Wehn, C.A., Shield, H. E., Price, T. J., and Bousquet, G.J., were definitely identified by various positive means".

2. Inclosed is copy of cable dated 6 June 1945 from OC Troops Pescara, Italy to headquarters, MAAF Intelligence Information, District 3, 15th Air Force. This constitutes all available information on file at this headquarters on subject officer.

Signed F.E. Kent
 Major, AGD Asst Adj Gen.

052256B Cable No 22274

Restricted NoNo. 3537
 To Hq MAAF Intelligence Info Disthree, 15 A.
 From: OC Troops Pescara Cite Jag 7

Further to my signal Jag I of even date search party now returned 4/C identified as us Army Air Corps Type B24/H Serial No 42-95239. Tail no is 75 in red figures on yellow background. Location of Airplane Italy 1/250000 chieti sheet 29. Map ref 105895 reached after seven hours mountain climb from Palombaro Map ref 190920. Airplane found partially burnt out and scattered. 11 bodies found within 400 yrds radius of plane remains. Document recovered believed briefing instructions suggest bombing mission target herman goering benzol plant date 4 November 1944. Mission apparently undertaken by 451,461, and 484 bomber gpps. Rendezvous start point for mission Bovano. Following personnel identified from identity tags.

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Charles A. When 36585284, William R. Young O-686300. Henry E. Shields no number on wrist tag. Price W. J. 141029 from found Cap. 3 bodies badly burnt others very decomposed. Suggest local burial on account of extreme inaccessibility. Altimeter located reads 7500 feet. Suggest dispatch unit officer contact this headquarters soonest.

Note: JAG 1 no record

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2nd Lt. James F. Mark	Mr. John F. Mark, (Father) Rural Route Number Three, Mount Sterling, Kentucky.
Pvt J. W. Morris	Mrs. Margaret P. Morris, (Wife) 6237 Ingleside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
P/O Jerald D. Smith	Mrs. Mary A. Smith, (Mother) General Delivery, South Houston, Texas.
C/Sgt. George A. Gurunian	Miss Margaret Gurunian, (Sister) Office of The Chief of Ordnance, 13th Fl., Rm 1336, Griswold & Congress St., Detroit 32, Michigan.
Sgt. Gerald J. Bousquet	Mr. Olive R. Bousquet, (Wife) Box 1120, Chicklaw, Alabama.
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Sgt. William J. Price	Mr. William M. Price, (Father) 40 West Sprague Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.