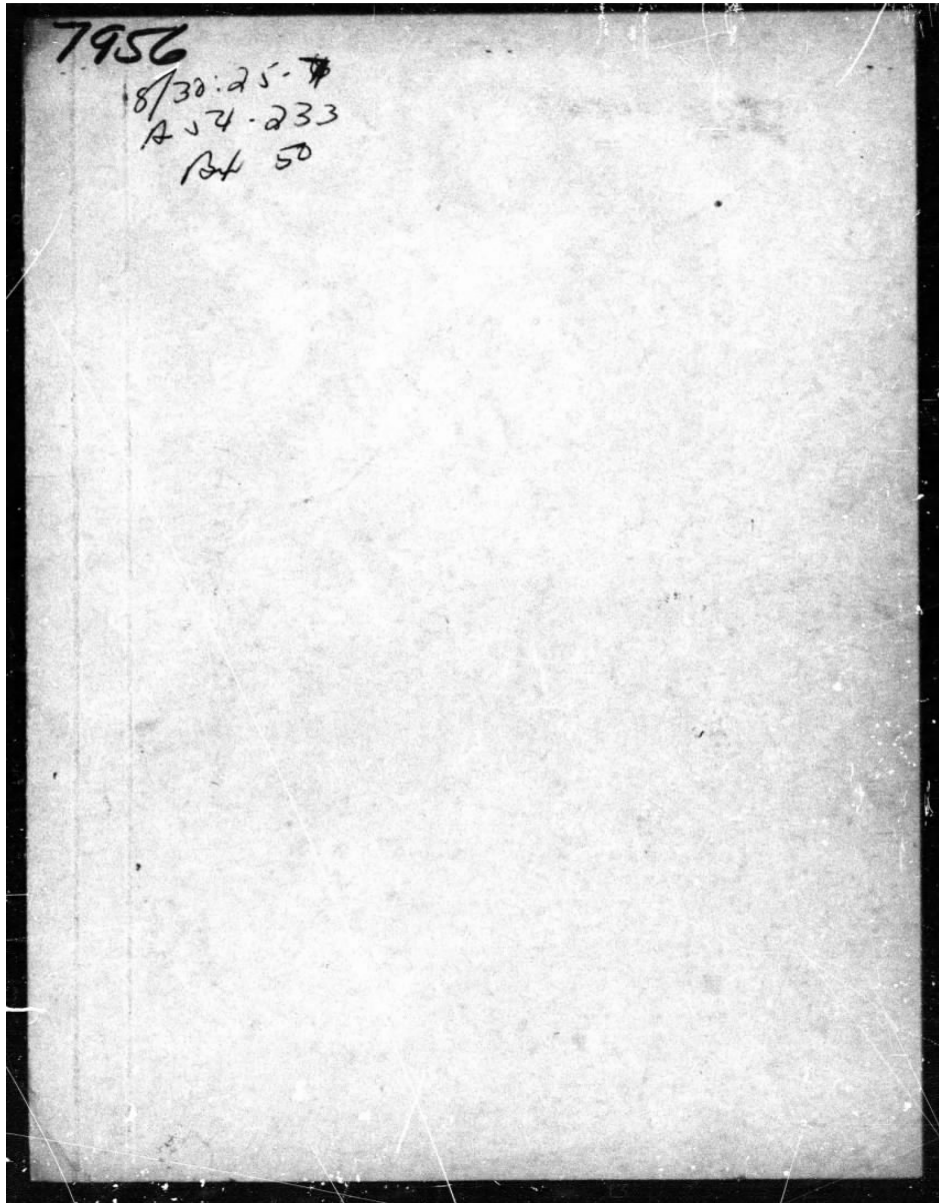


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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 7358

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Castellucio, Italy Command or AF 15th Group 451st Bomb Gp.; Squadron 725th Bomb Squadron; Headquarters Base 4410
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Castellucio Field Course 107-4444 1410
Austria 4231 1604 4718 1603E
 Target or Intended Destination Markersdorf Airbase; Type of Mission Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear for a five mile radius around target
- GIVE: (a) Day 23 Month Aug Year 1944; Time 1116 and Location Near Turnitz, Austria of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); 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-24 H; AAF Serial No. 42-95579
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If any Extra Joker
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Service R-1830-43; AAF Serial Number (a) CP-309499; (b) CP-309423; (c) CP-308862; (d) CP-309559
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
 (a) No record's _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
 (e) available _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
 (i) _____ (j) _____ (k) _____ (l) _____
 (m) _____ (n) _____ (o) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
 (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 12 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

OFF POSITION (Last Name First)	Name in Full	Rank	Serial Number	Next of Kin Relationship	Address	Current Status
Pilot	WHITING, KENNETH AUGUST	1st Lt	0-809071	Floyd S. Whiting	Utah	MIA
Copilot	MOORE, ALVIN WARREN	7	1st Lt 0-743453	Mrs. Laura Moore	Utah	MIA
Eng	BERNARD, FRANCIS JOSEPH	4	(Mother) 644 2nd St., McMinnville, Oregon			MIA
Bomb	WALINSKY, EDWARD STEVEN	7	2nd Lt 0-709257	Trene B. Badmerek	Pa	MIA
			(Wife) 30 Ashley St., Ashley, Pa			
			2nd Lt 0-698623	Mrs Natalie Wensick	New York	MIA
			(Mother) 475 18th St., Brooklyn, New York			
	Broda, Peter (NMI)	7	Sgt 0 34765768	Christina A. Broda	Ohio	MIA
			(Mother) 852 W. Spring St., Lima, Ohio			

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(Name in Full) _____ Serial _____ Next of Kin Re- Current

POSITION (Last Name First)	Rank	Number	Relationship	Address	Status
1. Cow-Pur Bates, Harry Vaughn	3	Sgt O 33504616	Mrs Edna M. Bates	_____	MIA
			(Mother) Rt #1, Reinholds, Pa		
2. Light W. Garbacz, Joseph (NMI)	6	Sgt 3617178	Sophie Andrzejek	_____	MIA
			(Aunt) 8108 Kirkwood St, Detroit, Mich		
3. Left W. Nitsch, Milton Robert	4	S/Sgt 36807036	Tillie Nitsch	_____	MIA
			(Mother) 2426 Calumet Drive, Sheboygan, Wis		
4. Nose Cnr Anderson, Elmer James	1	Sgt O 34783328	George F. Anderson Sr	_____	MIA
			(Father) 2111 F. Central Ave, Orlando, Fla		
5. Tail Cnr Bateman, Oscar Watson	7	Sgt O 18149555	James P. Bateman	_____	MIA
			(Father) Rt #3, Gloster, Miss		

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Rank Number	Contacted		Check Only One Column		
		by Last	Saw	Saw Forced	Sighted	Crash Landing
6. Miller, Lindley G.	T/Sgt 12078843					y

7. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reasons (Specify) _____

8. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. Unknown

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT. No search made, plane missing over enemy territory.

Date of Report 25 August 1944

Malcolm B. Ogden
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 MALCOLM B. OGDEN
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:
 None

2 Incls:
 Incl 1- Overlay of area last sighted.
 Incl 2- Statement, T/Sgt Miller.

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25 August 1944

I, Lindley G. Miller, 12078843, AG, was the Night Waist Gunner on the ship of 1st Lt GOMER E. TUDOR, O-806371, which flew in the lead position of the formation on 23 August 1944 with B-24 Airplane number 42-95379, piloted by 1st Lt KENNETH A. WHITING, O-809071. This ship was flying in number two position. It was hit by a FW-190 in the attack over the IP. main tanks burst into flame, after which the ship went into a spin to left. After dropping approximately five thousand feet, the ship exploded.

Lindley G. Miller
LINDLEY G. MILLER
T/Sgt, 725th Bomb

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✓ 1st Lt. Alvin Warren Moore	Mrs. Laura R. Moore, (mother) 644 Second Street, Molinsville, Oregon.
✓ 2nd Lt. Francis J. Bodmarek	Mrs. Irene M. Bodmarek, (wife) 30 Wiley Street, Ashley, Pennsylvania.
✓ 2nd Lt. Edward S. Wanecki	Mrs. Matelis Wanecki, (mother) 475 1/2 10th Street, Brooklyn, New York.
✓ S/Sgt. Milton Robert Nitsch	Mr. Arthur Nitsch, (father) 2426 Calumet Drive, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
✓ Sgt. Oscar W. Bateman	Mrs. Germa H. Bateman, (wife) 1369 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
✓ Sgt. Elmer J. Anderson	Mrs. Rena V. Anderson, (mother) 731 Crocker Street, Los Angeles, California.
✓ Sgt. Joseph Garbass	Mrs. Sophie Androsjak, (aunt) 8108 Kirkwood Street, Detroit, Michigan.
✓ Sgt. Peter Breda	Mrs. Christina A. Breda, (mother) 852 West Spring Street, Lima, Ohio.
✓ Sgt. Harry V. Bates	Mrs. Edna M. Bates, (mother) Rural Delivery 1, Reinholds, Pennsylvania.