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 Authority: NND 735001
 By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 10367

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Castelluccio, Italy Command or Air Force 15th
 Group 451st Bomb Group (H) Squadron 725th Bomb Squadron

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Castelluccio Field Course Base 4308 1618 4128 1649E
 Target Vienna, Austria Type of mission Bombing 4800 15275-1P to Y

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear, visibility unlimited

4. GIVE: (a) Date 12/11/44 Time 1239 Last known position 18 miles East of target
 (b) Specify whether: (X) 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 Unknown

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series P-24 J AAF Serial Number 44-10629

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-S5 AAF Serial Number (a) GP-313421
 (b) BP-449476 (c) SASC-P-13 (d) BP-451190

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
 (a) No records (e) _____ (f) _____
 (b) available (g) _____ (h) _____
 (c) _____ (i) _____
 (d) _____ (j) _____

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty, () Non-Battle Casualty.

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; 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 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <u>EW(1) Pilot</u> | <u>CAMPBELL, CHARLES R.</u> | <u>1st Lt, O-710442</u> | <u>MIA Charles N. Campbell (Father) Box J, Rupert, Idaho</u> |
| <u>EW(2) Co-Pilot</u> | <u>WARD, JACK L.</u> | <u>2nd Lt, O-798333</u> | <u>MIA Mrs Beverly E. Ward, (Wife) 2025 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, California</u> |
| <u>EUS(3) Nav.</u> | <u>DAVIS, DAVID (MIA)</u> | <u>2nd Lt, O-2058358</u> | <u>MIA Sol Moses Davis (Father) 732 Glenwood Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio</u> |
| <u>EW(4) Bomb</u> | <u>TRIMMER, KENNETH P.</u> | <u>2nd Lt, O-773013</u> | <u>MIA Rebecca R. Trimmer (Mother) 6971 214th St, Queens Village, New York</u> |
| <u>EUS(5) Tur</u> | <u>Clark, Charles C.</u> | <u>T/Sgt, 37417597</u> | <u>MIA Flossie Clark (Mother) Rt # 1, Box 52B, Matthew, Missouri</u> |
| <u>EW(6) Low Tur</u> | <u>Kraynak, Andrew P.</u> | <u>S/Sgt, 33695261</u> | <u>MIA Ann Kraynak (Mother) 930 Vermont Ave, Glassport, Pa.</u> |
| <u>EUS(7) Left W</u> | <u>Daniels, Vincent G.</u> | <u>T/Sgt, 32239671</u> | <u>MIA Anna C. Daniels (Wife) 108 Arliff Ave, Plainfield, New Jersey</u> |
| <u>EW(8) Right W</u> | <u>Davino, William J.</u> | <u>T/Sgt, 13151973</u> | <u>MIA Mary E. Davino (Mother) 505 Main Chunk St, Pottsville, Pa.</u> |
| <u>EUS(9) nose gr</u> | <u>Fisher, Gilbert C.</u> | <u>S/Sgt, 33751750</u> | <u>MIA Ethyle Fisher (Wife) 301 Gallatin St, NW, Washington, D.C.</u> |
| <u>EUS(10) tail</u> | <u>Butler, Paul E.</u> | <u>S/Sgt, 12089684</u> | <u>MIA Paul J. Butler (Father) 270 Field Ave, Floral Park, New York</u> |

EUS(11) _____

(12) _____

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 |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|--------|
| (1) <u>James R. Hite</u> | <u>Sgt</u> | <u>38517880</u> | | | <u>X</u> | |
| (2) _____ | | | | | | |
| (3) _____ | | | | | | |

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 (X) Parachutes were used. () Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
 () Other reasons (specify) _____

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 Inclosures.
 Incl 1- Overlay of Date 13 December 1944 area last sighted
 Incl 2- Statement, Sgt Hite

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 MALCOLM B. OGDEN
 Capt, AG, Adj.
 Signature of preparing officer
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725TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520 US ARMY

13 December 1944

S T A T E M E N T

I, James R. Hite, 38517880, AC, was the tailgunner of a B-24 Liberator aircraft which flew in the fourth position of the formation on 11 December 1944, with B-24 Liberator aircraft number 44-10629, piloted by 1st Lt CHARLES R. CAMPBELL, O-710442.

After dropping our bombs, we continued to follow Lt Campbell's ship. When he turned to the right, we followed since he had made no signs whatsoever of aborting. Later I saw one chute emerge from his ship. After this aircraft was lost from my view I noticed two additional chutes below us, but I can't be sure they were from the subject aircraft.

James R. Hite

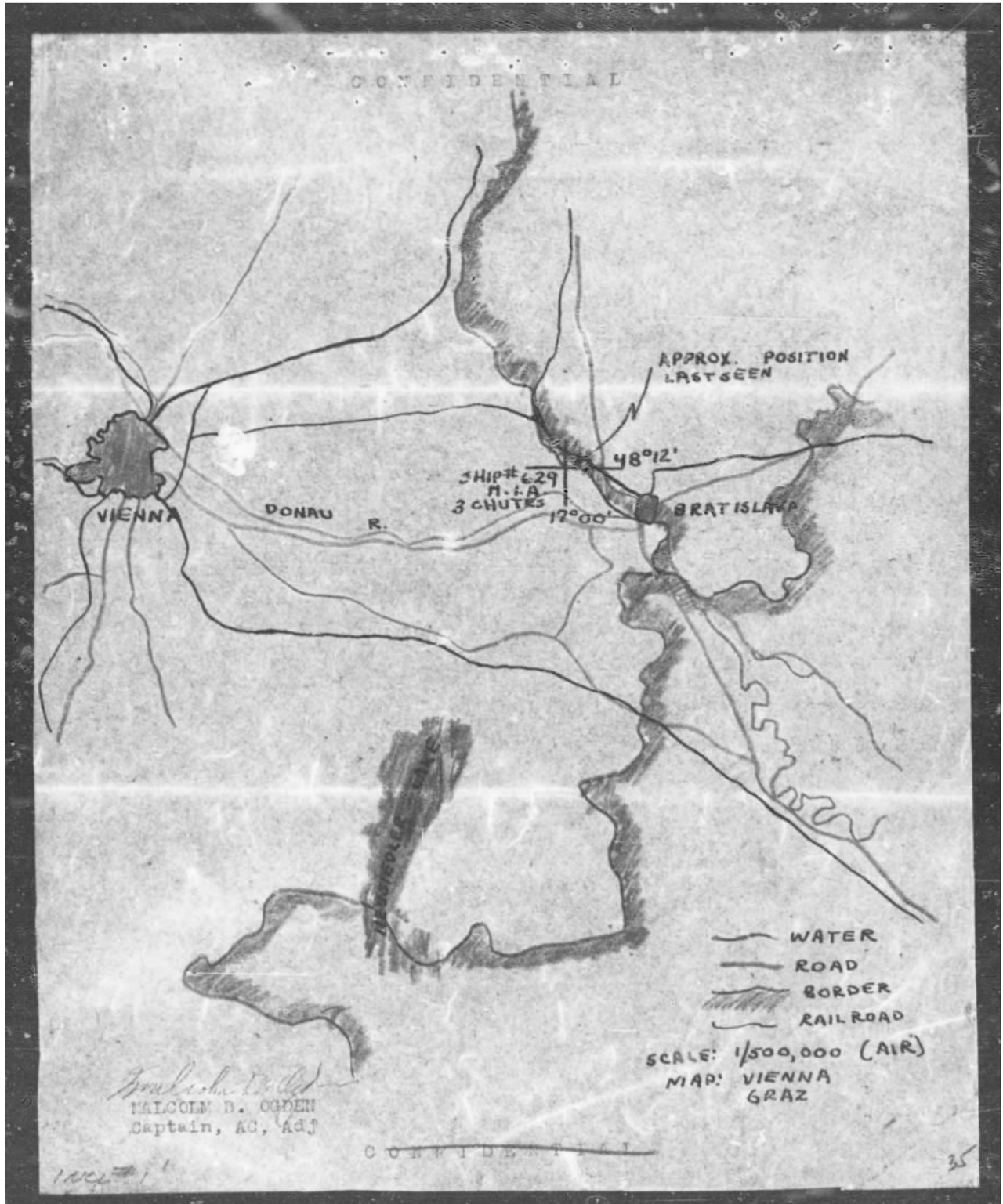
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| 2d Lt Kenneth P. Trimmer | Mrs. Rebecca Trimmer, (Mother) 8971-214th Street, Queens Village, New York. |
| 2d Lt Jack L. Ward | Mr. Abraham C. Plantefaber, (Friend) 20251 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, California. |
| 2d Lt David Davis | Mr. Sol M. Davis, (Father) 732 Greenwood Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. |
| T/Sgt Charles C. Clark | Mrs. Flossie Clark, (Mother) Route Number One, Box 52B, Matthew, Missouri. |
| T/Sgt William J. Devine | Mrs. Mary E. Devine, (Mother) 505 Mauch Chunk Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania. |
| S/Sgt Vincent G. Daniels | Mrs. Anna C. Daniels, (Wife) 106 Arlington Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey. |
| S/Sgt Gilbert C. Fisher | Mrs. Ethyle Fisher, (Wife) 301 Gallatin Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. |
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