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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location Castelluccio, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
 Group 451st Bombardment (H) Squadron 727th Bombardment (H)
 2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Castelluccio, Italy Course Base 4509N 1251E-4631N 1335E
4803N 1210E-4817N 1209E-
 Target Linz, Austria Type of mission Combat 4839N 1311E-IP to Tgt.
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: CAVU

4. GIVE: [a] Date 25 Apr 45 Time 1247 Last known position Over Linz, Austria
 [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 B-24 J AAF Serial Number 448776

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-65 AAF Serial Number [a] CP-328404
 [b] p-136 [c] 42-37861 [d] (P-303805

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number]
 [a] Browning 50calibre: [e] 1549087 [i] 1758116
 [b] 1757652 [f] 1757441 [j] 1548461
 [c] 1757735 [g] 1758034 [k] 1757574
 [d] 1549086 [h] 1034967 [l] _____

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

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9
 [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	<u>Stresky, Edward H.</u> 1st Lt, O-823479	<u>MIA KIA Mrs. Lillian Stresky, Mother</u> Kennedy Road, Windsor, Conn.
✓ 2) Co-p	<u>Miskend, Arthur L.</u> 1st Lt, O-826258	<u>MIA KIA Mr. Michael Miskend, Father</u> 1005 Walton Ave, New York, NY.
✓ 3) Nav	<u>Gore, James R.</u> 1st Lt, O-2064243	<u>MIA KIA Mr. Benjamin Gore, Father, 3530</u> Nashville Ave., New Orleans, La.
✓ 4) U-Tur	<u>Arnold Jr., Ora</u> T/sgt, 35142020	<u>MIA KIA Mrs. Elizabeth Arnold, Mother</u> 529 N. Tibbs, Indianapolis, Ind.
✓ 5) B-Tur	<u>Hendrix, Paul</u> S/sgt, 35707654	<u>MIA KIA Mrs. Pearlle Hendrix, Mother</u> Brock, Kentucky.
✓ 6) N-Tur	<u>Meyran Jr., George D.</u> sgt, 32997244	<u>MIA KIA Mr. George Meyran sr., Father</u> 37 Colony St., West Hempstead, NY.
✓ 7) T-Tur	<u>Barker, Arthur J.</u> S/sgt, 38462803	<u>MIA KIA Mrs. Gloria Barker, Wife, 202</u> S. Church St., Brady, Texas.
✓ 8) Rt-W	<u>Peterson, David W.</u> sgt, 42027996	<u>MIA KIA Mrs. Pearlle Peterson, Mother,</u> Box 73, Lakewood, New York.
✓ 9) Lt-W	<u>Thorvig, Quentin H.</u> T/sgt, 17154212	<u>MIA KIA Mrs. Lillian Thorvig, Mother</u> Spicer, Minnesota.
[10]		
[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 LAST		
			BY RADIO	SAW SIGHTED	SAW FORCED CRASH LANDING
[1] <u>Robert P. Mitchell</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>O-2001923</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.
 [] 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.

2 Inclosures.

- # 1 - sketch
- # 2 - statement

Date 28 Apr 45

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 1st Lt., AC, Asst S-2 C

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

AFPPA-8/md

27 September 1945

SUBJECT: First Lieutenant James R. Gore, 02064243 and Technical
Sergeant Ora Arnold, Jr., 35142020.

TO : Commanding Officer
1020 Base Unit R.P.S. Det
Miami Beach, Florida

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request from the family of First Lieutenant Arthur L. Miskend for information concerning his fate and the crash of Aircraft 448776, 25 April 1945. Lieutenant Gore and Sergeant Arnold believed to have this information. ↑NIR

2. Request that a report be forwarded this headquarters with least practicable delay, giving details of escape of subject named men and fate of entire crew.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

/s/ N. W. Reed
/t/ N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
AC/AS-1

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201-GORE, James R. (O)

1st Ind.

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Intelligence Division, AAF Redistribution Station No. 2, Miami District, AAFFDC, Miami Beach, Fla. 4 October 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 4th SvC Separation Center, Camp Shelby, Mississippi, ATTN: Intelligence Officer.

1. Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.
2. Subject officer transferred your command per Par 76, SO 242, this Headquarters, dated 30 August 45. Information has been forwarded to T/Sgt Arnolds next Station.

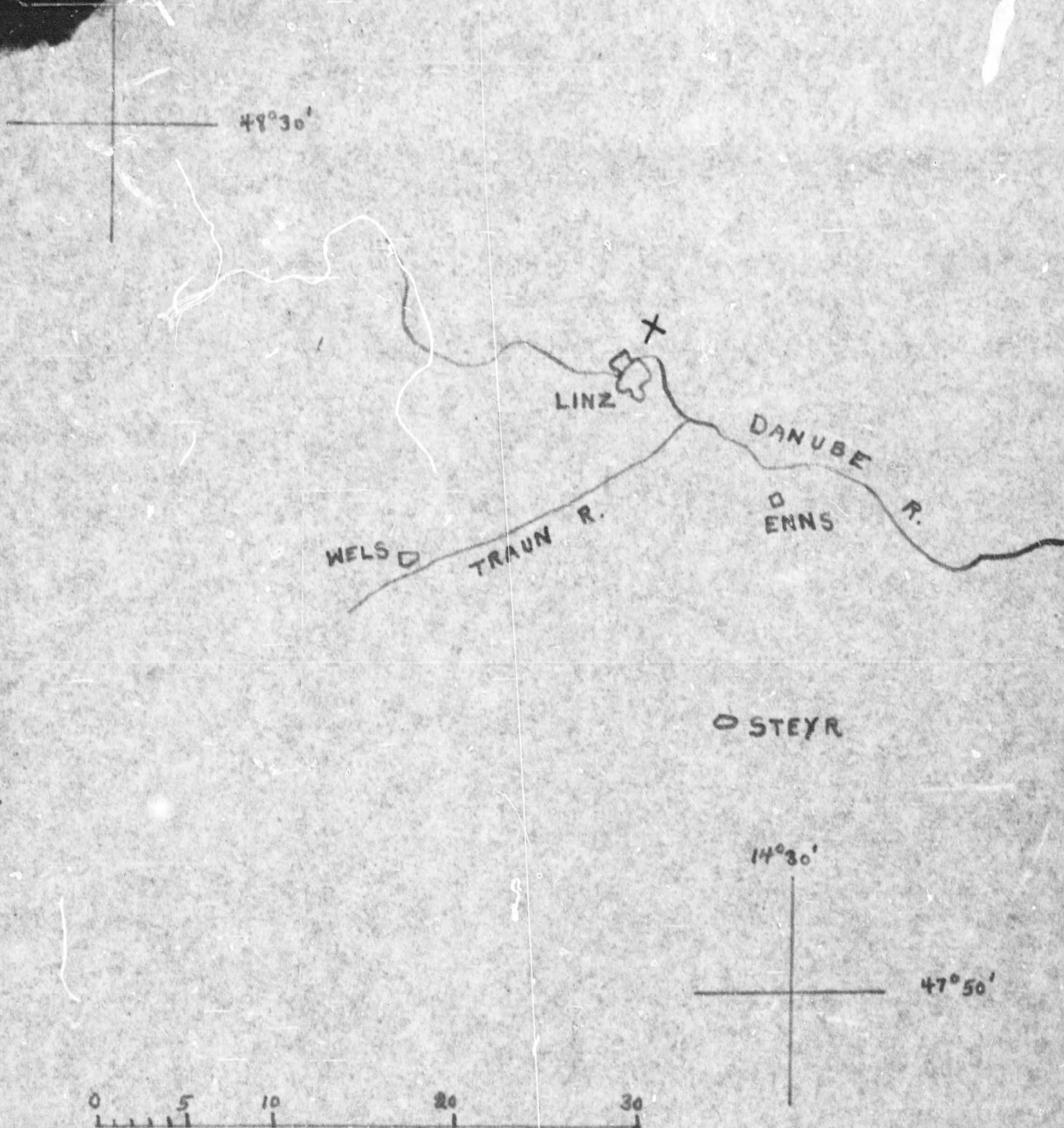
FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Theodore J. Hiatt
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Major, Air Corps
Chief, Intelligence &
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SCALE: STATUTE MILES

+ APPROXIMATE POSITION OF A/C # 776
WHEN LAST SEEN.

Douglas Russell
1st Lt. A.C.

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727TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520, U. S. ARMY

28 April 1945

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

On 25 April 1945, I was flying in the same flight as A/C # 448776 which was piloted by Lt. Stresky. While the formation was over Linz, Austria, and just before "bombs away", a burst of flak struck his ship in the bomb bays. Immediately the plane went into a steep dive and began to flame. It was apparently out of control, as it crashed into the ground and exploded. Two parachutes opened. The time was 1247:

Robert P. Mitchell
ROBERT P. MITCHELL
2nd Lt., AC,
O-2001923

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November 5, 1945.

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your letter asking for information about 2nd Lt. Arthur L. Miskend.

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When Lt. Miskend let loose of the controls, the plane went out of control, making it very difficult for me to get out. In that length of time, I lost sight of Lt. Miskend and that is all the information that I can give about him.

On the rest of the crew that was in the waist, I have no information on them whatsoever. The information that I got from the navigator on the nose gunner was that he was kneeling beside him when he bailed out. What kept the nose gunner from getting out safely, I do not know.

Returning crew members reported the plane did not blow up, but I am sure it did because one of the rudders landed in the field beside me.

If what information I have given doesn't tell you the things you wish to know, I would appreciate it if you would notify me.

Sincerely,

Former Tech Sgt. Ora Arnold, Jr.

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SUBJECT: 1st Lt. Arthur L. Miskend, O-826258

TO : Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personal Services Division, AC/AS-1

1. In reply to your request of information about the fate of 1st. Lt. Arthur L. Miskend and the crash of aircraft 448776, 25 April 1945, and information concerning plane, entire crew and my own escape.

2. I know nothing of the fate of 1st. Lt. Arthur L. Miskend or any of the crew except the engineer. The engineer and myself were held prisoner together and were liberated together.

3. The plane recieved a direct hit. In the nose there was a small fire which I tried to step on to put out. At this time the nose gunner started to climb out of his turret. I looked through the plane and saw a fire raging underneath and behind the flight deck. I opened the nose wheel escape hatch, turned around and hooked on my parachute. At this time the nose gunner was by my side. I fell through the escape hatch and never saw the plane or crew again, except for the engineer.

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James R. Gore
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1st. Lt., Air Corps



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