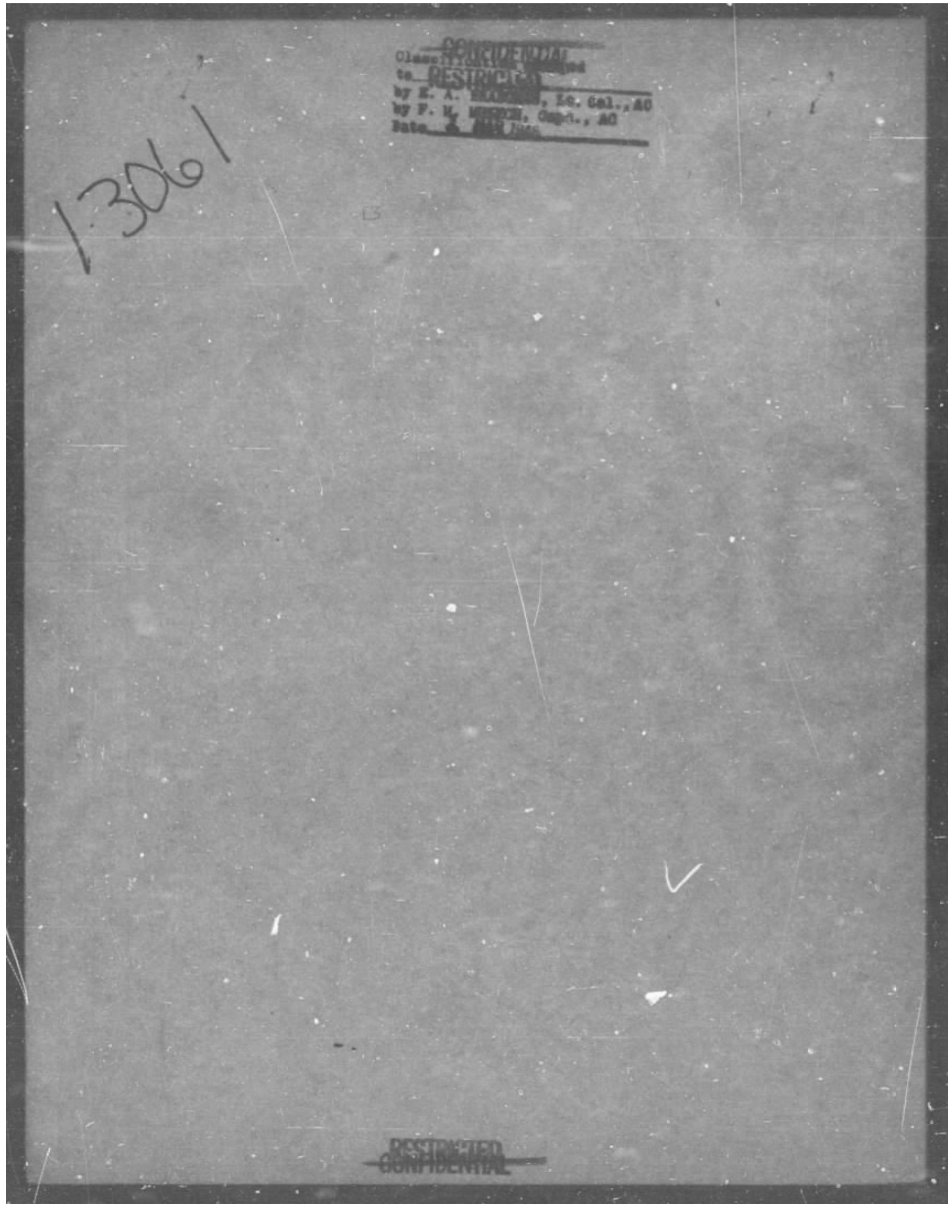


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1. ORGANIZATION: 1st Bombardment Group, 1st Bombardment Wing, 15th Air Force
 2. SPECIFY: Place of departure: Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio Course: Wright Field, Ohio to Rome, Italy
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear and visibility Unlimited.
 4. GIVE: (a) Date: 19 Mar 48 Time: 0600 Last known position: Judenburg, Austria
 (b) Specify whether: Lost in flight, Forced down, Seen by crash.
 Last contacted by radio, No information.
 5. AIRCRAFT: BOMBARDER AS A RESULT OF: Enemy aircraft, Other
 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series: B-24 L AAF Serial Number: 44-39436
 7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: NONE
 8. ENGINES: Type, model & series: R 1830-43 AAF Serial Number (a): CP-318405
 (b): CP-317284 (c): CP-317130 (d): CP-318700
 9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (a) (b) (c) (d)
 No records
 Available

 10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: Battle 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.

CREW POSITION	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP	STATUS AND ADDRESS
1 Pilot	<u>WARDEN, PAUL H.</u>	1st Lt.	<u>O-724820</u>	MIA Mrs Anna M. Warden (Mother)	11 S. 29th St., Parsons, Kansas. RTD
2nd Pilot	<u>HEAD, LOUIS R.</u>	1st Lt.	<u>O-388118</u>	MIA Dr. Jerome R. Head (Father)	1318 Davis St., Evanston, Illinois. RTD
3rd Pilot	<u>BRANDSTATTER, KENNETH G.</u>	2nd Lt.	<u>O-6926426</u>	MIA Edward G. Brandstatter (Father)	1266 Lakeland Ave., Lakewood, Ohio. RTD
4th Pilot	<u>WOLFF, EUGENE L.</u>	2nd Lt.	<u>O-776726</u>	MIA Mr Alex Wolff (Father)	1276 Shawmut, St Louis, Missouri. RTD
5th Pilot	<u>Allen, Everett J.</u>	Cpl.	<u>18150251</u>	MIA Mrs S. Alteen (Mother)	5801 Canine St., New Orleans, La. RTD
6th Pilot	<u>McGinn, Robert D.</u>	Cpl.	<u>34722651</u>	MIA Carilla E. Cook (Grandmother)	Rt. # 2, Geneva, Alabama. RTD
7th Pilot	<u>Palmer, Richard T.</u>	Cpl.	<u>35918600</u>	MIA Eva R. Palmer (Mother)	992 Summit, Warren, Ohio. RTD
8th Pilot	<u>Shaffler, Kenton</u>	Cpl.	<u>13134686</u>	MIA Laura A. Shaffler (Mother)	318 McKen Place, # 9, Pittsburgh, Pa. RTD
9th Pilot	<u>Borden, Duane S.</u>	Cpl.	<u>3390882</u>	MIA Carrie F. Borden (Mother)	Elkton, Maryland. RTD
10th Pilot	<u>Bourdette, Warren G.</u>	Cpl.	<u>3241207</u>	MIA Charlotte M. Bourdette (Mother)	80 Benson Ave., Sea Cliff, Long Island, NY. RTD
11th Pilot	<u>Mathison, William</u>	Sgt.	<u>1805894</u>	MIA Phyllis M. Mathison (Wife)	2520 Dixon St., Port Huron, Michigan. RTD

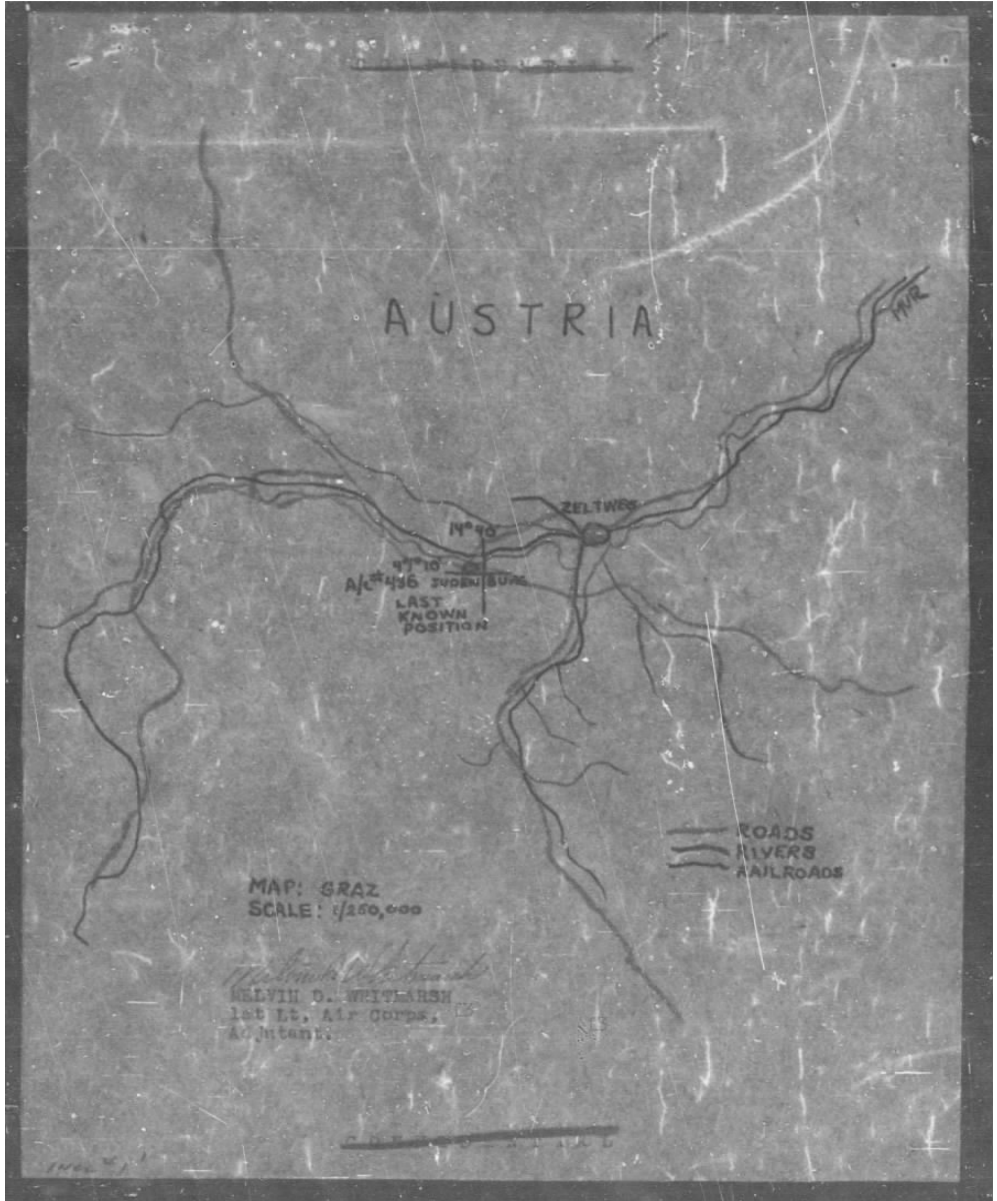
12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (see entry) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED	LAST BY RADIO	SAW	FORCED
<u>RICHARD E. THORNE</u>	1st Lt.	<u>O-705187</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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): UNKNOWN

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.
 15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION 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 TO SEARCH MADE, None missing over enemy territory.
 17. Tray 1 - Overlay of 19 March 1948
After last sighted
 Incl 2 - Statement, Lt THORNE
 1st Lt, Air Corps, Adjutant.

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APO 520 US ARMY

19 March 1945

S T A T E M E N T

I, RICHARD E. THORNE, O-705167, AC, was the Co-Pilot of the lead ship on the mission on 16 March 1945.

Approximately ten (10) minutes after leaving the target, Lt. HARDEN, contacted me by radio for a heading to Russia. I told him that he would encounter too much flak enroute to Russia so I gave him a 180 degree heading to Yugoslavia. At this time Lt. HARDEN said he had two (2) engines out with one smoking and three (3) gas leaks.

I contacted the fighter escort and three P-51s were escorting subject ship when it passed out of my view.

Richard E. Thorne
RICHARD E. THORNE
1st Lt., O-705167.

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2nd Lt. Kenneth A. Brandtetter	Mr. Robert G. Brandtetter (father) 1266 Lakeland Avenue Lakewood, Ohio ✓
2nd Lt. Louis E. Reed	Mr. Jerome E. Reed (father) 1337 Maple Street Evansville, Indiana ✓
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Cpl. Duane A. Horden	Mrs. Corrin F. Horden (mother) 125 West 10th Avenue Columbus, Ohio ✓
Cpl. Warren C. Bourdette	Mrs. Charlotte E. Bourdette 50 Emmaus Avenue (mother) Sea Cliff Long Island, New York ✓
Cpl. Robert D. Oden	Mrs. Corilla S. Oden (grandmother) Hunts Ten Gotha, Alabama ✓
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Cpl. Marion Shaffler	Mrs. Laura A. Shaffler (mother) 315 Gates Place 7 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ✓