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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location Lucera A/D No. 8, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
Group 301st Bomb (H) Squadron 352nd Bomb (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Lucera A/D No. 8, Italy Course Base to Linz, Austria
Target Linz Tank Works, Austria Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Strong winds encountered all along briefed route
4. GIVE: (a) Date 5 November 1944 Time 1042A Last known position Not Given
(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, (X) Other Weather
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series PB-17G AAF Serial Number 42-97728
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1820-97 AAF Serial Number (a) SW 009501
(b) SW 009503 (c) SW 007542 (d) SW 009529
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
(a) 729489 (e) 729435 (i) 1181809
(b) 1181814 (f) 949463 (j) 729751
(c) 949709 (g) 729745 (k) 729648
(d) 729128 (h) 1181880 (l)
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 STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
KIA (1) Pilot	MITCHKO, ALBERT H. 2nd Lt. O-807765	MIA	Mr. Andrew Mitchko (Father) 217 Washington St., Boonton, New Jersey
KIA (2) Co-Pilot	BULLOCK, PHILIP M. 1st Lt. O-675319	MIA	Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bullock (Parents) Lincoln Golf Course, Muskegon, Mich.
Rtd (3) Navigator	HILLHOUSE, HARRY P. 2nd Lt. C-2060287	MIA	Mrs. Margaret G. Hillhouse (Wife) 4430 Overlook Rd, Birmingham, Ala.
KIA (4) Radar Navigator	CANTWELL, BENJAMIN E. 1st Lt. O-703940	MIA	Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Cantwell (Parents) New Windsor, Maryland
DEAD (5) Bombardier	FLOOD, WILLIAM W. 2nd Lt. O-1540361	MIA	Mr. Patrick J. Flood (Father) # 11 Laidlaw Ave, Jersey City, New Jersey
Rtd (6) Eng. Gnr	PATTERSON, ROY T. Sgt 18098424	MIA	Mrs. Janie Patterson (Wife) 518 W. Irwin St. Tyler, Texas
KIA (7) Rad O Gnr	HAGLUND, ROBERT G. S/Sgt 37565716	MIA	Mrs. Della C. Haglund (Mother) 1606 4th Ave South, Minneapolis, Minn.
KIA (8) Wst Gnr	IMLAY, MARK E. S/Sgt 19049984	MIA	Mrs. Ida Imlay (Mother) Box 33 Hurricane, Utah
KIA (9) Wst Gnr	O'BRIEN, WILLIAM J. Sgt 34794473	MIA	Mrs. Ann Helane O'Brien (Mother) 1503 W. Philadelphia St. Detroit, Mich.
KIA (10) Trl Gnr	SPAGNOLO, THOMAS J. Sgt 32638309	MIA	Mr. Ambati Spagnolo (Father) 1251 77th St., Brooklyn, New York

(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: SAW CONTACTED LAST SAW FORCED BY RADIO SIGHTED CRASH LANDING

NAME IN FULL

(1) JOSEPH V. MORGAN

(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. No search since a/c's route, was almost completely over water and enemy territory.

2. Inclosures.

Incl 1 - Witnesses' Statements.

Incl 2 - Sketch.

Date 19 November 1944.

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