

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

10742

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Torretta, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
Group 461st Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 767th Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta, Italy Course direct to target
Target Blechhammer, Germany Type of mission bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU
4. GIVE: [a] Date 17 Dec 1944 Time 1200 Last known position near Muglitz, Germany
[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 42-51322
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: None (Number 66 painted on sides)
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series P&W R-1830-43 AAF serial Number [a] 42-377736
[b] CP-312589 [c] CP-315637 [d] 41-14024
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] All Browning Cal. 50

[a] <u>LU 1235737</u>	[e] <u>LB 1236406</u>	[i] <u>LW 986459</u>
[b] <u>RU 1236444</u>	[f] <u>RB 1236636</u>	[j] <u>RW 1235325</u>
[c] <u>LN 986444</u>	[g] <u>LT 1235367</u>	
[d] <u>RN 986534</u>	[h] <u>RT 986467</u>	

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 STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
[1] Pilot	<u>Lang, Charles V., Jr., 1st Lt.</u> <u>0-667823</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mrs. Margie M. Lang (Wife)</u> <u>Carrollton, Alabama</u>
[2] Co-pilot	<u>Maggard, Oliver, Jr., 2nd Lt.</u> <u>0-826237</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mr. Oliver Maggard (Father)</u> <u>20 Hillside Road, Larchmont, New York</u>
[3] Nav	<u>Mohlman, Arthur W., 1st Lt.</u> <u>0-1052082</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mrs. Marie Mohlman (Wife)</u> <u>2720 Sciota St., Cincinnati, Ohio</u>
[4] Bomb	<u>Munson, Howard E., 2nd Lt.</u> <u>0-780316</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mr. Edwin R. Munson (Father)</u> <u>1134 S. 31st St., San Diego, Calif.</u>
[5] RWG	<u>Bosso, Guy V., Cpl.</u> <u>32234312</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mrs. Jannie Bosso (Mother)</u> <u>133 E Chestnut St., E Rochester, N.Y.</u>
[6] LWG	<u>Engalke, Wilfred A., Sgt.</u> <u>38414209</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mrs. Clara M. Engalke (Mother)</u> <u>1409 Miller St., Houston, Texas</u>
[7] TG	<u>Norton, Harold R., Sgt.</u> <u>11085727</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mr. Vinton J. Norton (Father)</u> <u>RFD #1, Randolph, Vermont</u>
[8] NTG	<u>Johansson, Hjalmar O., Cpl.</u> <u>32984706</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mrs. Elina G. Johansson (Mother)</u> <u>222 East 96th St., New York, New York</u>
[9] BTG	<u>Rutter, James M., Cpl.</u> <u>39305204</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mrs. Ethel G. Rutter (Mother)</u> <u>805 Micelli St., Roseburg, Oregon</u>
[10] TTG	<u>Reed, Lon N., Jr., Cpl.</u> <u>14123198</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mrs. Lora Reed (Mother)</u> <u>W-Broadway, Maryville, Tennessee</u>
[11] Photo	<u>Charles R. Clay, Sgt.</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mr. Harvey L. Clay (Father)</u>

[12]

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRAITE [one only] COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
[1] John T. Ryan	T/Sgt.	11094279		X		
[2] Russell H. Ritchel	T/Sgt.	11101343		X		
[3] Robert F. Miller	S/Sgt.	11108352		X		

[4]

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: **None.**

Date: 28 December 1944

/s/ Raymond L. Wilcovitz

Captain, Air Corps

Adjutant

767TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

STATEMENT

I was flying in ship 60, in C Flight on December 17 when fighters attacked us over Muglitz, Germany. Ship number 66 passed under our aircraft. He seemed to be under control with all props turning and apparently OK. No fighters were after it then, though shortly thereafter a FW-190 went down and, I believe, he was after "66".

/s/ John T. Ryan
T/Sgt., 767 Bob Sq

I was flying right waist in ship 63 flying number two position, C Flight, first section. While looking out my window ship number 66 pulled up along side of us from the rear with a fighter on his tail. Fire and smoke was coming from three engine and it looked as if he was coming up for protection from the rest of the ships.

I shot at the fighter and while so doing 66 peeled off to the right and fell away. The fighter dove down and into flame and so I looked back from following the fighter and 66 had fallen away about 500 yards and then the bomb bay blew up. The ship fell in two pieces. I saw one chute in the air after. I do not know from which end it came.

/s/ Russell H. Ritchell
T/Sgt., 767 Bomb Sq.

I was flying tail gunner on ship which was leading the formation attacked by the fighters. Ship number 66 was about 600 to 700 yards behind the formation at the time of the first attack. I lost sight of him soon afterward, but it seems certain that he would have been jumped by the fighters since he was so far out of the formation.

/s/ Robert F. Miller
S/Sgt., 767 Bomb Sq.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520

US ARMY

16 January 195
S: 26 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Supplement to Missing Air Crew Report.

TO: Commanding General, 49th Wing, APO 520.

1. Inclosed information, supplementary to Missing Air Crew Report, has been obtained from:

<u>Charles V. Lang</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-667823</u>	<u>461st B Gp</u>
(Name)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Organization)

2. It is desired that casualty status of personnel referred to be revised.
 - a. In cases where men are declared to be dead, if the commanding officer believes evidence to be reasonably conclusive, appropriate corrected battle casualty report will be submitted. If evidence is not deemed sufficient, then a statement will be made of reasons for presumption of survival.
 - b. If place of casualty shown on original battle casualty report does not agree with statement, corrected report should be submitted for those men still missing.
 - c. Personnel should be reported Captured or Interned only when evidence shows actual incarceration in an established prison camp or safe arrival in a neutral country.
 - d. If no change is indicated, statement has been forwarded to you for information and inclusion of copy with Missing Air Crew Report.
3. Report will be made by indorsement hereon of action taken.

By command of Major General TWINING:

/s/ Winkle D. Reel
Major, Air Corps
Assistant AG.

1st Ind. S: 24 January 45
HQ 49th BOMB WING (H), APO 520, 18 January 45.

C-WRT-9

TO: CO, 461st Bomb Gp (H), APO 520.

For immediate compliance.

By command of Brigadier General LEE:

/s/ Frank E. Marek
Major, Air Corps
Asst Adjutant

360.33 2nd Ind. S: 22 Jan 1945
HQ 461st Bomb Group (H), APO 520, 19 Jan 45.

LCP/rfq

TO: CO, 767th Bomb Squadron (H), APO 520.

For compliance with basic communication.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel LAWHON:

/s/ Louis C. Pfister
1st Lt., Air Corps
Asst Personnel Officer

360.33 3rd Ind
767 Bomb Sq (H), 461st Bomb Gp, APO 520 c/o PM NY NY, 22 Jan 45.

RLW/dhf

TO: CO, 461 Bomb Gp, APO 520 c/o PM NY NY.

One copy of supplemental information removed and filed with Missing Air Crew Report.

For the Squadron Commander:

/s/ Raymond L. Wilcovitz
Capt., Air Corps
Adjutant

AG 360.33 4th Ind.
HQ, 461st Bomb Group (H), APO 520, 23 Jan 45.

LCP/rfq

TO: Commanding General, 49th Bomb Wing, APO 520.

Evidence presented herewith is not considered conclusive enough to permit any change in casualty status of missing personnel.

For the Group Commander:

/s/ Louis C. Pfister
1st Lt., Air Corps
Personnel Officer

AG 360.33 5th Ind.
HQ 49TH BOMB WING (H), APO 520, 24 January 45.

C-WRT-9

TO: CG, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520.

360.33 6th Ind.
HQ FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 26 January 1945.

/s/ F.E.M.

GP/B/eh

TO: CG, MTOUSA, APO 512. Att'n: Casualty Branch, AGD.

Forwarded as supplement to Missing Air Crew Report.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ Windle D. Reel
Major, Air Corps
Assistant AG.

AG 360.33/030-C Wrapper Ind.
HQ, MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 12 January 1945.

JKR/ak

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.
(Att: Statistical Control Division)

Forwarding Missing Air Crew reports carrying AG Casualty Branch Control
Numbers 1255 thru 1264 inclusive.

For the THEATER COMMANDER:

/s/ Jack K. Roberts
1st Lt., AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

		U.S.A.		ME-2062
	Rank	Name	ASN	
DATE: 17 Dec 44	1st Lt.	Mohlman, Arthur	0-	
afternoon		William	1052082	
PLACE: Area of Muglitz	2nd Lt.	Munson, Howard	0-780316	
TYPE: Liberator		Edwin		
MARKINGS: 767 Sqd	1st Lt.	Lang, Charles V.	0-	
461 Group; 49 Wing	Sgt.	Reed, Lon N.	-	
TARGET: Airfield HQ	Sgt.	Engalke, Wilford A.	38414209	
x(v) 211/XIII	Sgt.	Rutter, James M.	39305204	
	Sgt.	Johansson, Hjalmar O.	32984706	
	S/Sgt.	Clay, Charles R.	19165159	
	Sgt.	Norton, Harold R.	11085727	
	Cpl.	Bosso, Guy V.	32234312	

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN **17 December 1944,** CASUALTY NO. **ME-2562**

PLACE OF CRASH **Cladsite**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT **Liberator**

REPORTING OFFICE **Air-base headquarters X/XII/VIII**

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
Mohlman, Arthur William	1st Lt.	0-1052082	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Munson, Howard Edwin 1918 U.S.A.	2nd Lt.	0-780316	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Engalke, Wilford Adelphus	Sgt.	38414209	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Rutter, James M. 22 Nov 1923 Wash.	Sgt.	39305204	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Johansson, Hjalmar O. 1923 U.S.A.	Sgt.	32984706	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Clay, Charles Richard 1922 U.S.A.	S/Sgt.	19165159	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Norton, Harold R.	Sgt.	11085727	Captured	Dulag-Luft West

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 12 January 1944. Wo.

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-2562

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: **17 Dec 44 at 1230**

PLACE OF CRASH: **at Ryhnik**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **refuses to talk**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command E(U)211/VIII Clewitz 18 Dec
44 at 2010**

CREW

SURNAME, AND **Rutter**
FIRST NAME: **James M.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **39305204**

CAPTURED: **17 Dec 44 at 1545** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

Transferred to Oberereal 19 Dec at 2000 hrs.

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-2562

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WAS SHOT DOWN: **17 Dec 44 at 1230**

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TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **refuses to talk**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command E(U)211/VIII Clewitz 18 Dec
44 at 2010**

CREW

SURNAME, AND **Mohlman**
FIRST NAME: **Arthur**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **1st Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **0-1052082**

CAPTURED: **17 Dec 44 at 1545** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

Transferred to Oberereal 19 Dec at 2000 hrs.

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-2562

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
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44 at 2010**

CREW

SURNAME, AND **Engalke**
FIRST NAME: **Wilford A.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **38414209**

CAPTURED: **17 Dec 44 at 1545** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

Transferred to Oberereal 19 Dec at 2000 hrs.

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BOSSO, Guy V.**
Rank: **Cpl.**
Serial number: **32234312**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Right Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Adony, Hungary.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Cpl. GuyV. Bosso was returned to his Sqdn for further duty.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **Giogia del Colle, Italy. I saw him board a plane for the zone of Interior.**

Any hearsay information: **It is my understanding that Cpl. Bosso has been officially discharged and has since married and living near or in Rochester, New York.**

Source: **Correspondence with other members of my crew.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **It is my belief that he is safe.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Approx. 12.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **He left Giogia Del Colle, Italy the latter part of June 1945 in route to the US by the established redeployment air route.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Charles V. Lang, Jr. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-667823
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Lawhon Rank Col Sqn CO Poole Rank Major.
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Blechhammer, target, Oil refinery, target time, 1430, altitude, 25,000 ft route scheduled, unknown, route flown west northwest of Budapest.
5. Where were you when you left formation? 150 miles northwest of Budapest.
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No knowledge". Lt. Maggard, Cpl. Bosso, Cpl. Reed were picked up by the Russians and later we all returned to HQ 15th AF. Seven other members of the crew were prisoners of war by the Germans until the end of the war. It is my understanding that all were returned safe to the US.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 50 feet from the bank of the Danube River approx. 25 miles south of Budapest, Hungary.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None.
11. Where were they in aircraft? At proper stations.
12. What was their condition? unharmed.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Already described.
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I attended a funeral for an enlisted man of the 15th Air Force at Adony Hungary. The airman's name was Jaconson (not sure, but think the initials were J.J. Jacobson). He was buried in a cemetery in the northern section of Abony, Hungary. He was killed when his chute failed to open or he failed to pull the rip cord.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BOSSO, Guy V.**
Rank: **Cpl.**
Serial number: **32234312**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Right Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? **Not known.**

Where? **Not known.**

If not, why not? **Not known.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **was order into bomb bay by pilot to check fuel leak.**

Was he injured? **Not known.**

Where was he when last seen? **In tail.**

Any hearsay information: **Received a Christmas card from him in 1945. I assume he is OK. Heard he had bailed out and landed in Russian lines.**

Source: **1st Lt. Galvan 767th Bomb Sq after release from prison.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:.

Total number of missions of above crew member: **One.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **17 Dec 44 – Odertal Refinery, Blechhammer, Germany.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Arthur William Mohlman Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-1052082.
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Lawhon Rank Col Sqn CO Donovan Rank Major.
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Blechhammer, target, Oil refinery, target time, 1200, altitude, 26,000 ft route scheduled, , route flown.
5. Where were you when you left formation? 50 miles north of Lake Ballaton.
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes – seven of them.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No knowledge". Those that bailed out the same time that I did are Howard Munson, Johanson, Norton, Engalke, Rutter and cameraman.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 50 feet from the bank of the Danube River approx. 25 miles south of Budapest, Hungary.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Not known.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Not known.
12. What was their condition? Not known.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? When weentered the plane for the mission.
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Was imprisoned with my regular co-pilot who was shot down in another plane.

1st Lt. Charles V. Lang, Jr.	Mrs. Margie M. Lang (Wife) Carrollton, Alabama
1st Lt. Arthur W. Mohlman	Mrs. Marie Mohlman (Wife) 2720 Sciota Street Cincinnati, Ohio
2nd Lt. Oliver Maggard, Jr.	Mr. Oliver Maggard (Father) 20 Hillside Road Larchmont, New York
2nd Lt. Howard E. Munson	Mr. Edwin R. Munson (Father) 1134 South 31st Street San Diego, California
Sgt. Wilfred A. Engalke	Mrs. Clara M. Engalke (Mother) 1409 Miller Street Houston, Texas
Sgt. Harold R. Norton	Mr. Vinton J. Norton (Father) Rural Free Delivery Number One Randolph, Vermont
Sgt. Charles R. Clay	Mr. Harvey L. Clay (Father) Route Number One Vista, California
Sgt. Hjalmar O. Johansson	Mrs. Elina G. Johansson (Mother) 222 East 96th Street New York, New York
Cpl. Guy V. Bosso	Mrs. Jannie Bosso (Mother) 133 East Chestnut Street East Rochester, New York
Cpl. James M. Rutter	Mrs. Ethel G. Rutter (Mother) 805 Micelli Street Roseburg, Oregon
Cpl. Lon N. Reed, Jr.	Mrs. Lora Reed (Mother) West Broadway Maryville, Tennessee