

**WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON**

**The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT**

**10943**

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 15<sup>th</sup> AF  
Group 461<sup>st</sup> Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 767<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta, Italy Course direct to target  
Target Klagenfurt, Austria Type of mission bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
heavy cirrus clouds
4. GIVE: [a] Date 8 Jan 1945 Time 1400 Last known position near Muraka Subote, Yugoslavia  
[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 **Mechanical difficulties and weather.**
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 44-48757
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: None (71 printed on sides)
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series P&W R-1830-65A AAF serial Number [a] BP-449394  
[b] BP-449306 [c] BP-448705 [d] 41-14148
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] All Browning Cal. 50  
[a] LU 1757557 [e] LB 1757518 [i] LW 1549023  
[b] RU 1757956 [f] RB 1757535 [j] RW 369176  
[c] LN 1202599 [g] LT 175 7615  
[d] RN 999427 [h] RT 1757460
10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS:  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
[1] Pilot	Wiley, Thomas R., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. 0-721889	MIA	Mrs. Susan V. Wiley (Mother) 318 E McHarg, Stamford, Texas
[2] Co-pilot	Gillis, Wellington A., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. 0-831151	MIA	Mrs. Marian W. Gillis (Mother) 105 Summer St., Malden, Mass.
[3] Nav	Hershkowitz, Bernard H., F/O T-132286	MIA	Mr. Morris Hershkowitz (Father) 650 S 19 <sup>th</sup> St., Newark, New Jersey
[4] Bomb	Goldstein, Bernard R., F/O T-6962	MIA	Mrs. Marian B. Goldstein (Wife) 315 S 3 <sup>rd</sup> St., Las Vegas, Nevada
[5] BTG	Noble, Roy L., Cpl. 13190213	MIA	Mrs. Clara Noble (Mother) 274 Advent St., Elliott, Pa.
[6] TTG	Morris, Robert D., Cpl. 37731095	MIA	Mr. Raymond E. Morris (Father) 2300 Farrow, Kansas City, Missouri
[7] NTG	Gilmer, Clarence L., Cpl. 19201148	MIA	Mrs. Mable M. Kropf (Mother) Rt #1, Box 61, Hubbard, Oregon
[8] LWG	Bentz, Forrest M., Sgt. 33486662	MIA	Mrs. Elmira D. Bentz (Mother) Rt #2, Sinking Spring, Pa.
[9] RWG	Glasson, James A., Cpl. 38554034	MIA	Mrs. Salma Glasson (Mother) Box 403, Taft, Texas
[10] TG	Snow, Oliver I., Sgt. 20148853	MIA	Mrs. Irene E. Snow (Wife) Mechanics St., Freeport, Maine
[11]			
[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] <b>George R. Podwolsky</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lt.</b>	<b>0-819602</b>		<b>X</b>		
[2] <b>John Shell</b>	<b>Cpl.</b>	<b>13113114</b>		<b>X</b>		
[3] <b>Jerome J. Fox</b>	<b>Cpl.</b>	<b>36440540</b>		<b>X</b>		
[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] **Plane in control and apparently undamaged when last seen.**

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; plane lost in enemy territory.**

Date: 12 January 1945

/s/ Raymond L. Wilcovitz  
 Captain, Air Corps

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN

**8 Jan 45 - 1500,**

CASUALTY NO. **ME-2721**

PLACE OF CRASH

**near St. Oswald**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

**Liberator**

REPORTING OFFICE

**Airbase HQ Gran**

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
<b>Wiley, Thomas Rufus 12 Oct 23 USA</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.</b>	<b>0-721889</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft West</b>
<b>Gillis, Wellington Albert 14 March 21 Mass.</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.</b>	<b>0-831151</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft West</b>
<b>Hershkowitz, Bernard Hilland 1 Nov 23 N.J.</b>	<b>F/O</b>	<b>T-132286</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft West</b>
<b>Goldstein, Bernard Robert 25 Jan 23</b>	<b>F/O</b>	<b>T-6962</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft West</b>
<b>Bentz, Forrest M June 23 Pa.</b>	<b>Sgt.</b>	<b>33486662</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft West</b>
<b>Glasson, James Avery, Jr. 1922 Portland &amp; Taft, Tex.</b>	<b>Cpl.</b>	<b>38554034</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft West</b>
<b>Gilmer, Clarence Luther 26 Dec 22 Piler, Idaho</b>	<b>S/Sgt.</b>	<b>19201148</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft West</b>
<b>Snow, Oliver Isian 9 July 21 USA</b>	<b>Sgt.</b>	<b>20148853</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft West</b>
<b>Morris, Robert Dean 1 Nov 25</b>	<b>Sgt.</b>	<b>37731095</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft West</b>
<b>Noble, Roy Lawrence 27 Jan 26 Pittsburgh</b>	<b>Cpl.</b>	<b>13190213</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft West</b>

REMARKS:

**Dulag Luft: 31 Jan 45. Wo.**

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