

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Torretta, Italy Command or Air Force 15th Air Force
Group 461st Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 764th Bombardment Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta, Italy Course Straight to target
Target Brod, Yugoslavia Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) Date 19 Jan 45 Time 12:35 Last known position 45°09'N, 18°01'E
(b) Specify whether: () Last sighted, () Forced down, () Seen to crash,
() Last contacted by radio, () No information.
5. PERSONNEL (LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (check one only)
() Enemy aircraft, () Enemy anti-aircraft, () Other _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B24L AAF Serial Number 44-49242
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None
8. ENGINES: Type model & series _____ AAF Serial Number (a) _____
(b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (make, type and serial number.)
(a) _____ (e) _____ (i) _____
(b) _____ (f) _____ (j) _____
(c) _____ (g) _____ (k) _____
(d) _____ (h) _____ (l) _____
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
<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Parsonson, Ernest C.</u>	<u>1st Lt 0-737461</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>Mrs. Jean M. Parsonson (Wife)</u> <u>234 Dewey St., Royal Oak, Michigan</u>
<u>Actg Comd</u>	<u>Mixson, Marion C.</u>	<u>Major 0-382615</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>Mrs. Gracia I. Mixson (Wife)</u> <u>129 Ashley Ave., Charleston, S.C.</u>
<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Romanowicz, Anthony A.</u>	<u>1st Lt 0-706638</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>Mr. Julian Romanowicz (Father)</u> <u>22 George St., Westfield, Mass.</u>
<u>Radar-Bmbdr</u>	<u>MacDiarmid, Robert A.</u>	<u>1st Lt 0-722336</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mr. James R. MacDiarmid (Father)</u> <u>RFD #1, Simi, Ventura Co., Calif.</u>
<u>Navigator</u>	<u>Chaklos, John F.</u>	<u>2nd Lt 0-1540374</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mrs. Agnes K. Chaklos (Mother)</u> <u>8694 Sherwood St., Detroit, Michigan</u>
<u>Bombardier</u>	<u>Herold, Robert A.</u>	<u>1st Lt. 0-708036</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Dr. Armin B. Herold (Father)</u> <u>3706 W. 179th St., Cleveland, Ohio</u>
<u>Radio Optr</u>	<u>Worrell, James E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt 36480173</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>Mrs. Catherine Worrell (Wife)</u> <u>R.R. #2, Streator, Illinois</u>
<u>Rt Wst Gnr</u>	<u>Kiser, Jr., Willie G.</u>	<u>S/Sgt 33651594</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>Mrs. Verna K. Kiser (Mother)</u> <u>Coulwood, Virginia</u>
<u>Lft Wst Gnr</u>	<u>Wieland, Roy J.</u>	<u>S/Sgt 39716576</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>Mrs. Agnes C. Wieland (Mother)</u> <u>1721 Cedar St., Alhambra, Calif.</u>
<u>Top Trt Gnr</u>	<u>Mills, Jerry Moh.</u>	<u>S/Sgt 14154057</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>Mrs. Winnie S. Mills (Mother)</u> <u>1123 Floyd St., Covington, Georgia</u>
<u>Tail Trt Gnr</u>	<u>Brickman, Perry F.</u>	<u>S/Sgt 38251729</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>Mrs. Callie E. Brockman (Mother)</u> <u>Genl. Delivery, Gillette, Texas</u>

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 BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
<u>Marion C. Mixson</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>0-382615</u>		<u>X</u>		
<u>Ernest C. Parsonson</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-737461</u>		<u>X</u>		

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 made.

Date 22 January 1945

WILLIAM L HALLAUER

Capt, Air Corps, Adjutant.

Inclosures.

Incl 1-Map, Ap Lost Personnel

Incl 2-Statement, Mixon

Incl 3-Statement Parsonson

764TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520 US ARMY

S T A T E M E N T

I was flying as Staff Pilot on the lead ship on 19 January 1945. Our ship was approaching the target and only a few seconds before bombs away, a burst of flak started a fire between the cockpit and nose section. The fire seemed to be of a serious nature at first and the crew was ordered to standby to abandon ship. The fire was subdued after several minutes and at that time we found that the three men in the nose had left the plane.

Reports from other air-crews definitely indicate that all parachutes opened properly and the men were last seen floating to earth.

Because of the small piece of flak that severed an electrical cable and a hydraulic line to start the fire, I am almost positive that no one in the nose was injured by the flak burst.

The view of the fire from the nose would indicate that the entire plane was aflame and I think the occupants of the nose section saw this and doing the logical thing under the existing condition, bailed out.

MARION C. MIXSON, 0-382615
Major, Air Corps
Commanding

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S T A T E M E N T

On the mission of 19 January 1945 to Brod, Yugoslavia, I was the pilot on the lead ship and a flak hit caused a good-sized fire in the nose section behind the bombardier. Although the fire did not spread and finally went out, at the moment it must have seemed very serious to the men in the nose. They had been given an alert signal and probably decided that the fire prevented the bail-out signal, so all three men (one bombardier and two navigators) left the plane through the nose wheel doors. Although I did not see the chutes, it has been reported to me by other members of the formation that all the chutes opened. I feel certain that all three men landed safely and are either POWs or in friendly hands.

The fire was brought under control and the plane was able to return to the base and land safely.

ERNEST C. PARSONSON, 0737461
1st Lt, Air Corps
Pilot, 764 Bomb Sq

DATE AFD THE AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN 19 Jan 45 - PM CASUALTY NO. ME 2745

PLACE OF CRASH near Slac-Brod

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Liberator

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NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
MAC DIARMID Robert Archibald	1st Lt	0-722336	captured	Dulag-Luft West
FORGEY Jr. George W.	2nd Lt	0-555692	captured	Dulag-Luft West
CHAKLOS John Francis 13 Jan 25 Detroit, Mich.	2nd Lt	0-1540374	captured	Dulag-Luft West

REMARKS:

Dulag-Luft, 8 Feb 45 Wo.

Meldung Über den Abschufi eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschufi-Nr. ME 2745

Abschufitag und Zelt: 19.1.45 - Nachm.

Abschufiort: b. Slav-Brod

Flugzeugtyp: Liberator

Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. M. Kdtr. A (0) 111/XVII

Besetzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienstgrad	Erk.- Marke:	Gef.: Verw.: Tot.:	Verbleib: Welches Lager Art d. Verw cadung Grabiage
MAC DIARMID Robert Archibald	1.Lt.	0-722336	Gef.	Dulag-Luft West
FORGEY Jr. George W. 1923	2.Lt.	0-555692	Gef.	Dulag-Luft West
CHAKLOS John Francis 13.1.25	2.Lt.	0-1540374	Gef.	Dulag-Luft West

Bemerkungen: MACR 11534

DULAG-LUFT. Den 8.2.45 Wo.