

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

12475

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 765th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta Field, Italy Course Direct to target
Target Vienna South Station Area Type of mission Bombing

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU

4. GIVE: [a] Date 21 Feb 1945 Time 1327 Last known position Vienna, Austria
[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 44-48993

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: Gene's Harepower

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series P&W R1830-65-A AAF serial Number [a] CP 326863
[b] CP 328880 [c] CP 328690 [d] CP 328320

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number]

[a] <u>R-50 230418</u>	[e] <u>R-50 451853</u>	[i] <u>R-50 61578</u>
[b] <u>R-50 366453</u>	[f] <u>R-50 185613</u>	[j] <u>R-50 48932</u>
[c] <u>R-50 381158</u>	[g] <u>R-50 508231</u>	
[d] <u>R-50 361468</u>	[h] <u>R-50 135144</u>	

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	McMillen, Dewey E., 2nd Lt. 0-829524	MIA	Mrs. Evelyn A. McMillen (Mother) 2629 Roselawn Ave., Detroit, Michigan
[2] Co-Pilot	Marshall, Clarence P., 1st Lt. 0-709225	MIA	Mrs. Martha S. Marshall (Wife) 720 N. Joplin Ave., Pittsburg, Kansas
[3] Nav	Hendrickson, Robert H., 2nd Lt. 0-2072734	MIA	Mrs. Mary Hendrickson (Mother) 468 30th Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
[4] LWG	Hazel, James R., S/Sgt. 36535391	MIA	Mr. Charles R. Hazel (Father) 3124 ?????? St., Detroit, Michigan
[5] RWG	Christie, George, T/Sgt. 20644361	MIA	Mr. John M. Christie (Father) R.R. #1, Pleasant, Penn.
[6] Radio Oper	Nagy, Louis W., Sgt. 32236249	MIA	Mr. Louis R. Nagy (Father) 7 Liberty St., Carteret, New Jersey
[7] NG	Sloeki, Frank C., Sgt. 17031178	MIA	Mr. Wilmer Solecki (Father) 45 N. Hallock, Kansas City Missouri
[8] TG	Veilleux, Philip R., Sgt. 42093929	MIA	Mrs. Jane Veilleux (Mother) 58 ???????? Ave., Bangor, Maine
[9] TTG	Martin, Kenneth R., Sgt. 39215673	MIA	Mrs. Nellie R. Martin (Mother) 325 N. Nickerson, Seattle, Washington
[10] BTG	Hill, Albert G., Sgt. 34829901	MIA	Mrs. Etta G. Hill (Mother) Route #1, Midway, Georgia
[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] Joseph J. Student	Cpl.	13096954		X		

[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] **_Believed to have landed safely behind enemy lines.**

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:.

27 February 1945

Alfred B. Taylor, Jr.
Capt, Air Corps
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
765TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520, c/o, NY, NY

27 February 1945

STATEMENT

On 21 February 1945 approximately 1327 hours I was flying tail gunner in A Flight first section No. 5 position. I saw aircraft No. 24, Lt. McMillen's airplane, go over the target at Vienna and after rallying drop down about 3000 feet before it was brought under control. At last sight of the aircraft, about five minutes later, it seemed to be under good control and the engines were seemingly functioning satisfactorily at that time.

/s/ Joseph J. Student
Cpl., 13096954
765th Bomb Sq (H)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Robert H. Hendrickson Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-2072734
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Rank Sqn CO Robert Baker Rank Major.
3. What year 1945 month Feb day 21st did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Vienna, target, Military Work Shop, target time, 1230, altitude, 25,000 ft route scheduled, direct from Italy, route flown same.
5. Where were you when you left formation? About 5 miles south of Vienna.
6. Did you bail out? No.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No.
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". Nobody bailed out.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? We landed without damage at Kaeskenet, Hungary, which was in Russian hands.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Full crew, Pilot, co-pilot, myself (nose), radio operator, engineer, martin turret gunner, tail gunner, nose gunner, waist gunner.
11. Where were they in aircraft? 3 in waist; 6 on flight deck.
12. What was their condition? Everyone okay, except very shaken up.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Saw all crewmembers back in squadron after VE Day.
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. ;