

**WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON**

**The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT**

**13197**

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 765<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta Field, Italy Course Direct to target  
Target Straszhof Marshalling Yard Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
CAVU
4. GIVE: [a] Date 26 March 1945 Time 1133 Last known position Pecs, Hungary.  
[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 **Engine trouble.**
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 L AAF Serial Number 44-49428
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: None
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series P&W R1830-43 AAF serial Number [a] CP-317149  
[b] CP-317552 [c] CP-315372 [d] CP-314238
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number]
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|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| [a] <u>1299257</u> | [e] <u>2259265</u> | [i] <u>967290</u>  |
| [b] <u>1239552</u> | [f] <u>1300574</u> | [j] <u>1232676</u> |
| [c] <u>1259177</u> | [g] <u>966239</u>  |                    |
| [d] <u>1281936</u> | [h] <u>356930</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	Heinze, Lloyd R., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. 0-718632	MIA	Mr. Stephen Heinze (Father) RFD xx, xxxxxxx, Kansas
[2] Co-pilot	Roup, Harold D., Jr., F/O T-63319	MIA	Mrs. Helen Roup (Wife) 299 Moro St., Rochester, Minn.
[3] Nav	Kane, James W., F/O T-134503	MIA	Mrs. Margarita C. Kane (Mother) 169 Marshall Ave., St. xxxx, Miss.
[4] Bomb	Rosenberg, Lawrence M., 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. 0-718141	MIA	Mrs. Jeanetta D. Rosenberg (Mother) 771 West xxx Ave., New York, New York
[5] TTG	Stackhouse, Donald L., Sgt. 33606010	MIA	Mrs. Ester Stackhouse (Mother) Rear 603 R, xxxxx St., xxx, xxx
[6] LWG	McCallicher, Russell R., Sgt. 33832117	MIA	Mrs. Emilie McCallicher (Mother) 1622 Forkest St., Reading, Penn.
[7] RWG	Sturgis, Joy J., Sgt. 38567270	MIA	Mr. Charles R. Sturgis (Father) PO Box x, Mitchell, xxxxxx
[8] BTG	Oster, Albert H., Sgt. 39927509	MIA	Miss Clara Oster (Sister) Box 563, xxxx City, xxxxx
[9] TG	Winslow, George E., Sgt. 33544200	MIA	Mrs. Doris W. Kornogay (Sister) 19 Border Ave., Wilmington, N.J.
[10] NTG	Fries, Walter R., Cpl. 33485441	MIA	Mrs. Xxxx M. Fries (Mother) R.D. #2, Northhampton, Penn.
[11] Photo	Miller, Donald E., Sgt. 33619815	MIA	Mrs. Xxxxx Miller (Mother) 304 Main St., xxxxxxx, xxxxx

[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>Martin F. Comer</b>	<b>Cpl.</b>	<b>14170850</b>		<b>X</b>		
[2] <b>Francis A. Schaules</b>	<b>Cpl.</b>	<b>36870694</b>		<b>X</b>		

[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 the Russian 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: **No search made by this organization.**

**30 March 1945**

/s/ Alfred B. Taylor, Jr.  
Capt., AC Adj.

HEADQUARTERS  
765<sup>TH</sup> BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF  
APO 520

30 March 1945

STATEMENT

Ship #29, Lt. Heinze and crew, were last seen by myself with number 4 engine on fire. At this time the emergency field Pecs was in sight. This is all of my knowledge of this aircraft.

/s/ Martin F. Comer  
Cpl., 14170850  
765<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq (H)

STATEMENT

Ship #29, Lt. Heinze and crew, slid back over our ship with number 4 engine on fire. He kept going back until he was about 490 to 600 yards behind us then feathered the engine. He got the engine started again and tried to rejoin the formation but it caught on fire again so he dropped back and peeled off. This all happened about 1133 hours and approximately 5 minutes past Pecs, Hungary.

/s/ Francis A. Schaules  
Cpl., 36870694  
765<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq (H)