

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

16507

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 Odertal, Germany Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:

4. GIVE: [a] Date 17 Dec 1944 Time ____ Last known position ____
[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 **Crashed landed in the Adriatic Sea near Isle of Vis before reaching target.**

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-51430

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: The Tulsamerican

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series ____ AAF serial Number [a] ____
[b] ____ [c] ____ [d] ____

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

[a]	[c]	[i]
[b]	[f]	[j]
[c]	[g]	
[d]	[h]	

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	Ford, Eugene P., 1 st Lt. 0-805804	KIA	
[2]	Ecklund, Vincent O., 1 nd Lt. 0-768489	RTD	
[3] Nav	Landry, Russell C., 1 st Lt. 0-719208	KIA	
[4]	Miller, Val R., 1 st Lt. 0-708932	EUS	
[5]	McLemore, Wallace H., S/Sgt. 34827720	EUS	
[6]	Priest, Charles E., T/Sgt. 38189197	KIA	
[7]	Hazel, James R., S/Sgt. 36535391	RTD	
[8]	Stelandt, Edward F., S/Sgt. 36482462	RTD	
[9]	Toney, John F., S/Sgt. 38588581	EUS	
[10]	Walenga, Casimir P., S/Sgt. 36462456	EUS	
[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]						
[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] _____

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:.

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