

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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 Insbruck, Germany Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
10/10 top above 24000, snow showers in target area but none over target
4. GIVE: [a] Date 15 Nov 1944 Time Unknown Last known position somewhere in Alps Mountains.

[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 **Believed due to bad weather conditions.**

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-51971

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: None

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series P&W R1830-65A AAF serial Number [a] CP-327775
[b] CP-327876 [c] CP-327829 [d] CP-327906

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

[a] <u>1757991</u>	[e] <u>1758966</u>	[i]
[b] <u>1757681</u>	[f] <u>1759011</u>	[j]
[c] <u>1758651</u>	[g] <u>1757506</u>	
[d] <u>1759014</u>	[h] <u>1757699</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	Beatty, William M., 1 st Lt. 0-678822	MIA	Mrs. Catherine (Hughs) Beatty (Mother) 522 E. Henry St., Meadville, Pa.
[2] Co-pilot	Hayes, Arnold T., 2 nd Lt. 0-823855	MIA	Mr. William C. Hayes (Father) 19 Regina Rd., Boston, Mass.
[3] Nose Nav	Berg, Emil H., 1 st Lt. 0-716620	MIA	Mrs. Fannie H. Winterfeld (Sister) 3912 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.
[4] Radar Nav	Read, Eltinge H., 1 st Lt. 0-663666	MIA	Mr. Charles E. Read (Father) Hailey, Idaho
[5] Nav	Dietrick, Paul A., 1 st Lt. 0-688002	MIA	Mr. P. G. Dietrick (Father) 5453 Nebraska Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C.
[6] Bomb	Lace, James E., 1 st Lt. 0-717077	MIA	Mrs. Josephine R. Lace (Mother) Halcomb, Illinois
[7] RWG	Carlton, Frederick C., Sgt. 31025330	MIA	Mrs. Cleo Carlton (Mother) 102 Washington St., Ayer, Mass.
[8] LWG	Livaudais, Warren J., S/Sgt. 38313440	MIA	Mrs. Amelia Livaudais (Mother) 290 Brooklyn Ave., Southport, La.
[9] TTG	Lambas, James (NMI), S/Sgt. 19052961	MIA	Mrs. Jane Lambas (Mother) 1130 Park Ave., Glendale, Calif.
[10] Radio	Schultz, Valgene E., S/Sgt. 16156797	MIA	Mrs. Mildred Schultz (Mother) 1402 Main St., Menomonie, Wis.

[11] TTG **Tackaberry, LeRoy W., Sgt.** **MIA** **Mrs. Mabel Tackaberry (mother)**
42049880 **835 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y.**

[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] **Impossible to determine.**

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.**

18 November 1944

/s/ Samuel B. Sinai
Capt., AC Adj.

HEADQUARTERS
765TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
APO 520

Statements are not available due to the fact that only four aircraft from the 461st Bomb Group participated in the mission. The three returning crews reported that they did not see or have any contact with the missing aircraft because the mission was not made in formation and due to adverse weather conditions. It is the opinion that the missing aircraft crashed in the Alps mountains somewhere in or around the target area in Germany due to the bad weather conditions prevailing.

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