

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

4627

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, Italy Course Direct to target
Target Bucharest, Rumania Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:

CAVU

4. GIVE: [a] Date 24 Apr 1944 Time 1200 Last known position ?, Rumania
[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 **Losing altitude fast**

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 H AAF Serial Number 41-28717

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: Big Stinky

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

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] **All Browning Cal. 50**

[a] 966955	[e] 966573	[i] ?
[b] 966247	[f] 966599	[j] ?
[c] 966826	[g] 965924	
[d] 964539	[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	Nixon, Forrest D. 1st Lt. 0-440989		
[2] CP	Lindgren, Robert N. 2nd Lt. 0-755371		
[3] Nav	Spangler, Clarence D. 2nd Lt. 0- 692087		
[4] Bomb	West, Sammy W. 2nd Lt. 0-752729		
[5] TTG	Wick, John W. S/Sgt. 32381598		
[6] NTG	Householder, John H. Sgt. 35380587		
[7] BTG	Brlansky, Joseph C. Sgt. 13157945		
[8] TTG	Ward, Edward P. Sgt. 32766091		
[9] LWG	Martin, Charles M. Jr. S/Sgt 35449021		
[10] RWG	Slaton, Leonard E. Sgt. 38280283		
[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] Winham, Clifford L.	2nd Lt.	0-753097		X		
[2] Kamps, Everett C.	2nd Lt.	0-696102		X		
[3]						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: **Yes**

[No] 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:.

Date: 29 Apr 1944

SAMUEL B. SINAI
1st Lt., AC, Adj.

765TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

STATEMENT

At approximately 1212 on the 24th of April 1944, I was flying in the 2nd attack unit, position No. 1 in C flight. At this time I saw ship No. 30 leave our formation and peel away to the left. It was not on fire, not smoking. I judge he lost about 5000 feet of altitude at this time. I did not see the ship again.

/s/ CLIFFORD L. WINHAM
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
765th Bomb Sq (H)

765TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

STATEMENT

At about 1212 on the 24th of April, I was flying at 22,000 feet in the second attack unit, position No. 2 in C flight. At this time I saw ship No. 30 leave the formation, peel off rapidly to the left, making a 180° turn and descending to about 10 thousand feet. I could not determine the cause of the trouble, as there was no indication of fire. The last glimpse I had of the ship it was headed home at about 10,000 feet.

/s/ EVERETT C. KAMPS
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
765th Bomb Sq (H)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Lindgren, Robert N.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-755371**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Over the coast near Kavaji, Albania.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **He helped me with my chest chute, we shook hands, said, "Good Luck" & he jumped.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **He was seen to leave the ship & all parachutes were known to open.**

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Shots were heard by some members of the crew as they descended by parachute.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **10.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **I don't remember but the records of the 765th Bomb Sqdn 461st Bomb Gp (H) 15 AF should have them month of April 1944.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Spangler, Clarence D.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-692087**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Navigator**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Over the coast near Kavaji, Albania.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **He told me that we were "an hour from Italy."**

Was he injured? **Yes, the bombardier said he had flak splinters in his leg.**

Where was he when last seen? **He was seen to leave the ship & all parachutes were known to open.**

Any hearsay information: **Nothing was heard.**

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Shots were heard by some members of the crew as they descended by parachute.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **10.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **I don't remember but the records of the 765th Bomb Sqdn 461st Bomb Gp (H) 15 AF should have them month of April 1944 should show that information.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Wick, John W.**
Rank: **S/Sgt.**
Serial number: **32381598**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Top Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Over the coast near Kavaja, Albania.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Shook hands ans said "Good Luck" & he followed the co-pilot.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **I saw him leave the planr & all parachutes were known to open.**

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Shots were heard by some members of the crew as they descended by parachute.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **10.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **I don't remember but the records of the 765th Bomb Sqdn 461st Bomb Gp (H) 15 AF should have them month of April 1944 should show that information.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Brlansky, Joseph C.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **13157945**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Radio Operator**

Did he bail out?;

Where?;

If not, why not?;

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane?;

Was he injured?;

Where was he when last seen?;

Any hearsay information?;

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **To the best of my knowledge this man has been returned to the United States and has been discharged.**

Total number of missions of above crew member?;

Dates and destinations if possible?;

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Householder, John H.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **35380587**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Nose Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out?;

Where?;

If not, why not?;

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane?;

Was he injured?;

Where was he when last seen?;

Any hearsay information?;

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **To the best of my knowledge this man has been returned to the United States and has been discharged.**

Total number of missions of above crew member?;

Dates and destinations if possible?;

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name **Nixon, Forrest D., Jr.** Rank **Capt.** Serial No. **0-440989**
2. Organization **461th** Gp Commander **Glantzberg** Rank **Col** Sqn CO **Applegate** Rank **Major**
3. What year **1944** month **April** day **44** did you go down?
4. What was the mission, **10th**, target, **Bucharest, Rumania**, target time, **1200**, altitude, **21,500 ft** route scheduled, **?**
?, route flown **?**
5. Where were you when you left formation? **About 10 min from target.**
6. Did you bail out? **Yes.**
7. Did other members of crew bail out? **Yes all.**
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". **The entire crew bailed out on the coast near Kavaji, Albania. All the chutes opened. I counted them on the way down.**
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? **I don't know but inland a short distance.**
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) **None.**
11. Where were they in aircraft?.
12. What was their condition?.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? **All but the three listed as missing were POW in Germany and have, I believe, been returned to the U.S. as of May 1945.**
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.;

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Lindgren, Robert N.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-755371**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Coastline of Albania (Kavaji) possibly into Adriatic Sea.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Just prior to bailing out. Wished all "Good Luck" over interphone.**

Was he injured? **Not to my knowledge.**

Where was he when last seen? **Bailing out.**

Any hearsay information: **No one saw or heard from him after he bailed out.**

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **None.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Approximately 10.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Don't know. Last mission April 24, 1944 target Bucharest.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Spangler, Clarence D.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-692087**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Navigator**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Coastline of Albania (Kavaji) into the Adriatic Sea.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Before bailing out he said he was injured by flak.**

Was he injured? **In the legs and back.**

Where was he when last seen? **Hitting the water.**

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Possibly drowned.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Approximately 10.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Don't know. Last mission April 24, 1944 target Bucharest.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Wick, John W.**
Rank: **S/Sgt.**
Serial number: **32381598**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Top Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Coastline of Albania (Kavaji) into Adriatic Sea.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **At bailing out, called me on interphone to wish me "Good Luck".**

Was he injured? **Not to my knowledge.**

Where was he when last seen? **Hitting the water.**

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Possibly drowned.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Approximately 10.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Don't know. Last mission April 24, 1944 target Bucharest.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Brlansky, Joseph C.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **13157945**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Radio Operator**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Coastline of Albania (Kavaji) landed on shore.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Was in waist of plane with me.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **I was in POW camp with him.**

Any hearsay information: **We were prisoners together. I last saw him in Le Havre after we were liberated. Approx date May 13, 1945.**

Source: **Myself**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **When I last saw him in Le Havre he was going into the hospital with a fever.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Approximately 10.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Don't know. Last mission April 24, 1944 target Bucharest, Rumania.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Householder, John H.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **35380587**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Nose Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Coastline of Albania (Kavaji) into Adriatic Sea.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **I landed about 50 yards from him in the sea.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **I was a prisoner with him.**

Any hearsay information: **We were prisoners together. I last saw him in Le Havre after our liberation.**

Source: **Myself.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **When I last saw him in Le Havre (approx date May 13, 1944) he looked well to me.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Approximately 10.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Don't know. Last mission April 24, 1944 target Bucharest, Rumania.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name **Edward P. Ward** Rank **Sgt.** Serial No. **32766091**
2. Organization **461th Gp Commander Applegate** Rank **Major** Sqn CO **Rainer** Rank **Major**
3. What year **1944** month **April** day **44** did you go down?
4. What was the mission, **Bucharest**, target, ?, target ?
time, ?, altitude, **21,000 ft** route scheduled, ?
?, route flown ?
5. Where were you when you left formation? **Just about at the I.P. We headed back because of a broken oil line.**
6. Did you bail out? **Yes.**
7. Did other members of crew bail out? **Yes.**
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". **Lt. Nixon, S/Sgt. Martin bailed out at Kavaji, Albania and landed on shore. Lt. West, Sgt. Slaton and myself landed in the sea. Date April 24, 1944.**
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? **Into a hill at Kavaji, Albania.**
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) **None.**
11. Where were they in aircraft?.
12. What was their condition?.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? **Lt. Lindgren, Lt. Spangler, Sgt. Wick were last seen bailing out and Sgt. Brlansky were captured with me.**
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. **No knowledge.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Lindgren, Robert N.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-755371**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **At sea. 4 miles (possibly less) at sea west of Kavaji, Albania.**

If not, why not?;

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **one minute before bail out.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **In the ship.**

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source:;

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **His chute opened. He was an excellent swimmer. Purely on supposition, he should have made shore with no difficulty. His death (if such occurred) was at the hands of the Albanians.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **9.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Not possible – from April 1 – April 24.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Spangler, Clarence D.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-692087**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Navigator**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **4 miles at sea west of Kavaja, Albania.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **I put him thru the nose wheel door (B-24).**

Was he injured? **Yes. Flak wounds in legs.**

Where was he when last seen? **I dropped him out. Not since then.**

Any hearsay information: **I received a slip of paper with his name, rank, serial number & squadron number (765th Bomb Sq, 461st Bomb Group) from the Germans after I had been captured. I took it to be a trap and denied knowing him.**

Source:.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **He was wounded. His physical stature was slight & his endurance would not have been the best. I believe that he drown or did shortly after he landed.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **9.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **from April 1 – April 24.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Wick, John W.**
Rank: **S/Sgt.**
Serial number: **32381598**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Top Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **About 3 miles at sea west of Kavaja, Albania.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Just before being hit about 5 minutes before Bucharest.**

Was he injured? **To my knowledge no.**

Where was he when last seen? **In the ship.**

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source:.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **He was exceptionally strong, very tough, a rugged individualist & a strong swimmer. He should have made shore. It is my opinion that he fought when capture was imminent & was killed.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **11.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **April 1 – April 24.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Brlansky, Joseph C.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **13157945**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Radio Operator**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Kavaja, Albania.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Yes, via interphone.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **In Nurenburg prison 4-4-45.**

Any hearsay information: **This man spent 11 months in POW camp with me. He was liberated & is now at his home in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. His address is 311 Woodvale Avenue, Johnstown, PA.**

Source: **Personal information.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **As stated above.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **9.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **April 1 – April 24.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Householder, John H.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **35380587**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Nose Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **3 miles at sea west of Kavaja, Albania.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:.

Was he injured? **Only slightly.**

Where was he when last seen? **In Nurenburg, Germany prison.**

Any hearsay information: **This man was in prison with me for 11 months. He was liberated at Moosburg, Germany. To the best of my knowledge he is at his home address of 313 Gerard Avenue, Canton, Ohio.**

Source:.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **None.**

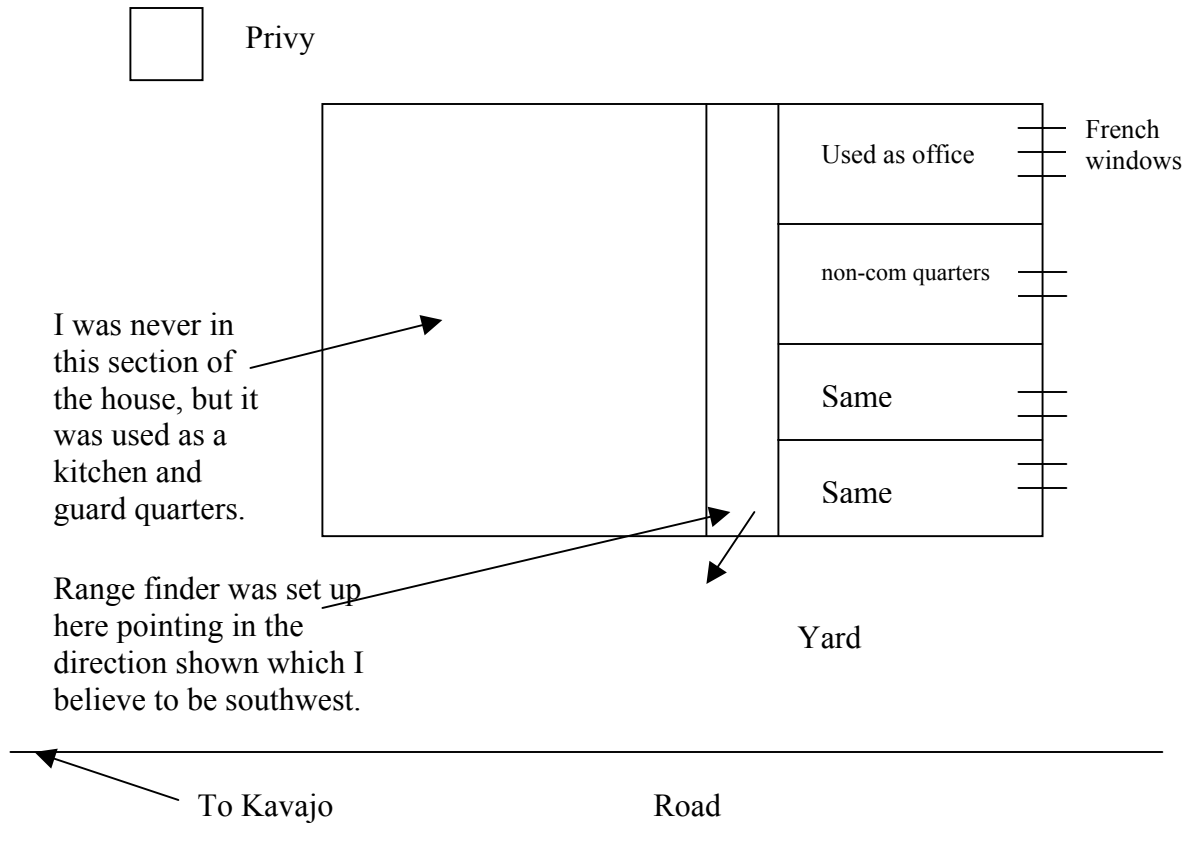
Total number of missions of above crew member: **9.**

Dates and destinations if possible:.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name **Sammy A. West** Rank **1st Lt.** Serial No. **0-752729**
2. Organization **461th Gp Commander Glantzberg** Rank **Col.** Sqn CO **Applegate** Rank **Major**
3. What year **1944** month **April** day **44** did you go down?
4. What was the mission, **High Alt. Bomb**, target, **Bucharest, Roumania**, target ?
time, **1200**, altitude, **25,000 ft** route scheduled, **Cerignola to Bucharest**, route flown **Cerignola to Bucharest**
5. Where were you when you left formation? **At IP.**
6. Did you bail out? **Yes, in the sea just off Kavaia, Albania.**
7. Did other members of crew bail out? **Yes, all of them.**
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".
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? **Just inshore about ten miles south of Kavaia, Albania.**
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) **No one.**
11. Where were they in aircraft? **Not in aircraft.**
12. What was their condition? **Not in aircraft.**
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? **All are covered in #8 or are safe in the US after have been in German prison camps.**
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. **I have no information.**

There is a large farmhouse in the vicinity of our crash that was used as a CP. We were taken to this house. One of the guards in an attempt to be wise, set up a range finder and adjusted it so that he could see the wrecked airplane. He would not allow me to look through the glasses. I am drawing a sketch map of the farmhouse. From the sketch, you should have no difficulty in locating the house. This will give you a sighting point from which it should not be difficult to locate the crash. It is doubtful that the Germans moved the wreckage due to the fact that they were very short of transport in that area. Foot travel and horses were the only means of locomotion there in April 1944.



I realize that this is a very poor reproduction. Perhaps it will be of some assistance, however. (I could walk directly to the house, and from there to the crash.) If I can be of any further assistance please call on me. I have applied for further overseas service, and had planned, had I been sent to the ETO to conduct an investigation of my own.

1st Lt. Forrest D. Nixon	Unable to read
2nd Lt. Robert N. Lindgren	Unable to read
2nd Lt. Clarence D. Spangler	Unable to read
2st Lt. Sammy A. West	Unable to read
Sgt. Joseph C. Brlansky	Unable to read
Sgt. Edward P. Ward	Unable to read
S/Sgt. Charles M. Martin, Jr.	Unable to read
Sgt. John H. Householder	Unable to read
Sgt. Leonard E. Slaton	Unable to read
S/Sgt. John W. Wick	Unable to read

HQ FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 17 May 1944

TO: CG NATOUSA, APO 534 ATTN: Casualty Branch AGD

Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on Consolidated RCR #1-70, dated 4 May 1944, which was forwarded to the 38th MRV, 4 May 1944.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ HAROLD B. NEELY
Major, AGD
Assistant AG

765TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF

AG 360.33

APO #520, c/o PR,
New York, New York
29 April 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding Officer, 461st Bombardment Group
APO #520, c/o PR, New York, New York

1. In compliance with letter, 15th Air Force, File AG 300.33 dtd 5 January 1944, subject: Preparation of Missing Air Crew Reports, submitted herewith is Missing Air Crew Report for B-24 41-28717, 1st Lt. Forrest D. Nixon, Jr. and crew.

2. Subject crew personnel are battle casualties as defined by paragraph 2, Section II, Circular No. 10, Headquarters, NATOUSA.

3. Battle Casualty Report forwarded your headquarters, 28 April 1944.
For the Squadron Commander:

/s/ SAMUEL B. SINAI,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant

Headquarters, 461st Bomb Group, APO 520, U.S. Army, 30 April 1944.

TO: CO, 49th Bombardment Wing, APO 520, U.S. Army.

Forwarded for necessary action.

For the Group Commander:

/s/ LOUIS C. PFISTER
1st Lt., AC, Pers. O.

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMB WING (H), APO 520, 3 May 1944.

TO: Commanding Office, 461st Bombardment Group (H), APO 520, U.S. Army.

1. The last sentence of Paragraph 5, the attached MACR, indicates that #4 engine was smoking. The statements of eyewitnesses contradicts the entry, on the MACR.
2. Request that the above contradictions be reconciled or that an explanation be made on the records to cover the above-cited discrepancies.

By Order of Colonel LEE:

/s/ JOHN E. MITCHELL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

Headquarters, 461st Bombardment Group, APO 520, U.S. Army, 4 May 1944.

TO: CO, 765th Bombardment Squadron, APO 520, U.S. Army.

1. Attention is invited to 2nd Endorsement.
2. Request that necessary correction be made on MACR or accompanying statements be improved.

By order of Colonel GLANTZBERG:

/s/ LOUIS C. PFISTER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Personnel Officer.

Headquarters, 765th Bombardment Squadron, APO 520, U.S. Army, 5 May 1944.

TO: CO, 461st Bombardment Group, APO 520, U.S. Army.

1. Correction made on MACR as requested in previous endorsement.

For the Squadron COMMANDER:

/s/ SAMUEL B. SANAI,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

Headquarters, 461st Bomb Group, APO 520, U.S. Army. 6 May 1944.

TO: CO, 49th Bombardment Wing, APO 520, U.S. Army.

Forwarded for necessary action.

For the Group Commander:

/s/ LOUIS C. PFISTER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Personnel Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMB WING (H), APO 520, U.S. Army, 7 May 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520, U.S. Army.

/s/ J. E. M.

HEADQUARTERS

Chanute Field
Chanute Field, Illinois

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.

Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Building.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPRS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty **John Wick.**
- b. B. Rank **S/Sgt.**
- c. Crew position **Engineer.**
- d. Date last seen **24 April 1944.**
- e. Place last seen **Saw man bail out of plane over Kavaji, Albania.**
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft **Power knocked out of plane due to enemy flak.**
- g. Known information (eye witness only) **The power was knocked out of the plane right over the coast at Kavaji, Albania. I bailed out of the plane and saw Sgt. Wick bail out and his chute open. No other information available. None of my crew saw Sgt. Wick after he bailed out nor saw him on the ground.**
- h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving any information requested above.)

/s/ Forrest D. Nixon, Jr., Capt.

Rank and Name of reporter

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ASN Unit

HEADQUARTERS

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2. In compliance with your TWX AFPRS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty **Robert Lindgren.**
- b. B. Rank **2nd Lt.**
- c. Crew position **Co-Pilot.**
- d. Date last seen **24 April 1944.**
- e. Place last seen **Saw man bail out of plane over Kavaji, Albania.**
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft **Power knocked out of plane due to enemy flak.**
- g. Known information (eye witness only) **The power was knocked out of the plane right over the coast at Kavaji, Albania. I bailed out of the plane and saw Lt. Lindgren bail out and his chute open. No other information available. None of my crew saw Sgt. Wick after he bailed out nor saw him on the ground.**
- h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)

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3. In compliance with your TWX AFPRS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty **Clarence D. Spangler.**
- b. B. Rank **2nd Lt.**
- c. Crew position **Navigator.**
- d. Date last seen **24 April 1944.**
- e. Place last seen **Saw man bail out of plane over Kavaji, Albania.**
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft **Power knocked out of plane due to enemy flak.**
- g. Known information (eye witness only) **The power was knocked out of the plane right over the coast at Kavaji, Albania. I bailed out of the plane and saw Lt. Spangler bail out and his chute open.**
- h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability) **2nd Lt Sammy West, Bombardier said Lt. Spangler had flak splinters in his left leg of minor importance. None of the crew saw Lt. Spangler after he bailed out.**

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Rank and Name of reporter
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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN **24 April 1944, 1630** CASUALTY NO. **ME 1066**

PLACE OF CRASH **SW Kavaja**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT **Liberator**

REPORTING OFFICE **Fl. H. Edtr. Tiress**

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
NIXON, Forrest D.	1st Lt.	0-440989	Captured	Stalag Luft 3
WEST, Sammy A.	2nd Lt.	0-752729	Captured	dito
MARTIN, Charles	S/Sgt.		Captured	Stalag Luft 4
Householder, John H.	Sgt.	35380587	Captured	dito
BRLANSKY, Joseph C.	Sgt.	13157945	Captured	dito
WARD, Edward P.	Sgt.	32766091	Captured	dito
SLAYTON, Leonard	Sgt.	38260283	Captured	dito

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 25 November 1944. V.S.