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]
   [X] 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] ________ [e] ________ [i] ________
   [b] ________ [f] ________ [j] ________
   [c] ________ [g] ________
   [d] ________ [h] ________

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: [X] Battle Casualty, [ ] Non Battle Casualty

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew _10_; Passengers _0_; Total _10_

   CREW POSITION | FULL NAME [Last, First, Initial] | RANK, SERIAL NUMBER | CURRENT STATUS | NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
   [1] Pilot | Ford, Eugene P., 1st Lt. 0-805804 | KIA |
   [2] | Ecklund, Vincent O., 1st Lt. 0-768489 | RTD |
   [3] | Landry, Russell C., 1st Lt. 0-719208 | KIA |
   [6] | Priest, Charles E., T/Sgt. 38189197 | KIA |
   [8] | Steelandt, Edward F., S/Sgt. 36482462 | RTD |
   [11] |
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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE [one only] COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

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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:

Prepared by OQMG
Washington, D.C., 27 Sept 1948