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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT **2378**

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Pantanello Air Base, Italy Command or Air Force 15th Air Force
Group 464th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 777th Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Pantanello Air Base, Italy Course North West
Target Munich West A/Y, Germany Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Over Alps
8/10 to 9/10 Cirrostratus tops 20,000 ft. with unknown amount of Cumulus.
4. TIME: (a) Date 16 NOV 44 Time 2230 Last known position (Crashed in Switzerland) Below.
(b) Specify whether: (X) 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, (X) Other Turned back due to being low on gas.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 H AAF Serial Number 42-95340
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT Chick
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R 1830-43A A.F. Serial Number (a) CP-312298
(b) R1830-43A-BP450121 (c) CR1830-43-CP300944 (d) R1830-43-4219383
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number)
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| (a) <u>IN 1185487</u> | (c) <u>LM 1184583</u> | (i) <u>IB 1185020</u> |
| (b) <u>BN 1186113</u> | (f) <u>XW 1187839</u> | (j) <u>RB 1184977</u> |
| (g) <u>LN 1185571</u> | (h) <u>RT 1186146</u> | (k) _____ |
| (d) <u>TR 1185271</u> | (l) <u>LT 1185593</u> | (m) _____ |
10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) 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 NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP STATUS AND ADDRESS
(1) Pilot	<u>LIVEMORE, John W.</u> 2nd Lt. 0-705978	RTD Floyd G. Livemore (Father) 6504 Jonathan Ave, Dearborn, Mich.
(2) CP	<u>CARUSO, Andrew J.</u> 2nd Lt. 0-721960	RTD Salvadore Caruso (Father) 4 Forsing St, Ridgefield Park, N.J.
(3) N	<u>THOMPSON, William L.</u> 2nd Lt. 0-1322383	RTD Willie Lee Thompson (Mother) 102 S. Broadway, Corpus Christi, Texas
(4) E	<u>MALCOLM, Frank J.</u> 2nd Lt. 0-773421	RTD Anna R. Malcolm (Mother) Tullytown, Pa.
(5) ANG	<u>MASSEY, Glenn L.</u> S/1st 16041959	RTD Eita Massey (Mother) Box 32 Boyne Falls, Mich.
(6) AG	<u>O'SHIELDS, William P.</u> Sgt 38627475	RTD Verna Mae O'Shields (Mother) RT #2, Ranger, Texas
(7) ROG	<u>BROOKS, Raymond T.</u> T/1st 15115192	RTD Eita Brooks, (Mother), RT #1, Box 151, N. Kenova, Ohio
(8) AG	<u>DREHER, Russell L. Jr.</u> Sgt 33834345	RTD Mildred A. Dreher (Mother), 148 Linden St. Allentown, Pa.
(9) AG	<u>HARSHBARGER, William G.</u> Sgt 33758325	RTD Effie Harshbarger (Mother), 1519 Penn St., Huntington, Pa.
(10) ARAG	<u>KELLY, William J.</u> Sgt 15095815	RTD Katherine Kelly (Mother) Holt St., Andover, Mass.
(11)		
(12)		

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWN OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (one only) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME: SAW CONTACTED LAST SAW FORCED NAME IN FULL NAME OF PERSON BY RADIO SIGHTED CRASH LANDING
- (1) MOORE, WILLIAM G. JR. Statement as to location of aircraft.
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
() Parachutes were used. () Persons were seen to get away from the scene of the crash.
(X) Other reasons (specify): Creep had not reached to Zone of Interior.
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.

1 Enclosures.

Incl 1. Statement,

Date 2 March 1945

Lt. Col. Moore.

CONFIDENTIAL E. P. Brown, Captain, 17716

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777TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO 520 U.S. ARMY

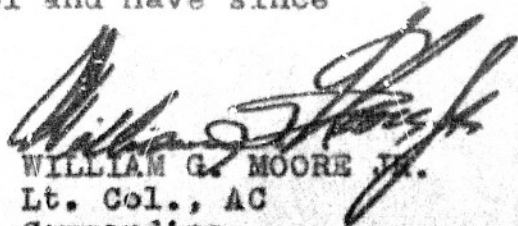
2 March 1945

SUBJECT: Statement of Disappearance of Missing Aircraft

TO : Whom it may Concern.

1. The B24H type aircraft piloted by Second Lieutenant John W. Livermore, O-705978, AC, 1092, crashed in Switzerland, exact location unknown. The crew parachuted safely and for a time were interned in that country.

2. The crew returned to Allied Control and have since transferred to the Zone of Interior.


WILLIAM G. MOORE JR.
Lt. Col., AC
Commanding.

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ESCAPE STATEMENT, Livermore, John W., 2nd Lt., (Ref: USA/SIT/2/2) Cont'd.

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APPENDIX F

By authority A. C. M. P., G-2

Date *8 Jan 45* *JG*

Co-pilot, Andrew J. Caruso, 2nd Lt., is hospital at Magaino.

- 1.) Frank J. Walcott, 2nd Lt., Bombardier.
 - 2.) Glenn L. Massey, S/Sgt., Engineer.
 - 3.) Raymond T. Brooks, T/Sgt., Radio Operator.
 - 4.) William J. Kelly, Sgt., Waist Gunner.
 - 5.) William C. Harshbarger, Sgt., Gunner.
 - 6.) Russell L. Dreher, Sgt., Gunner.
- The above six men are interned in Adelboden.

William P. O'Shielus, Sgt., left the day before Sources dia. Sources have heard that he was recaptured.

- 1.) Lt. Smith, (2nd Lt.), Pilot.
- 2.) Lt. Castilli (1st Lt.), Co-pilot.
- 3.) Sgt. Emmons Vaubourg.

The above three named personnel are members of a crew from either the 454th or 456th Bomb Group interned at Adelboden.

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Caruso, And ew J., 2nd Lt., O-771960, 464 Gp. 777 Sq.
Mittola, Frank J., 2nd Lt., O-773412, " "
Kelly, William J., Sgt., 15025815, " "

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APPENDIX F

Date 8 Jan 45 (JG)

Sgt. William P. O'Shields stayed in Warwell, returned to Adelboden before sources left. On parole which will end on 3 January 1945. Sources gave him name of Yugoslav; was on pass to Baden when sources left.

S/Sgt. Glynn Massey
Sgt. Russell L. Treher
T/Sgt. Raymond P. Brooks
Sgt. William P. Harsberger

(All above in Adelboden)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name THOMPSON, WILLIAM L. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-1322383
777th Bomb Sq,
2. Organization 464th Sq Commander Schroeder Rank Col Sqn CO A.B. Roberts; Major
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Munich, Germany, target
 time, 1300, altitude, 26,500 route scheduled, Via Adriatic
Sea & Germany, route flown As scheduled.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Approximately 90 miles South of Munich.
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No
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".
No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In Switzerland about 15 miles North
of the Italian border.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) All crew members were
aboard.
11. Where were they in aircraft? In their regular assigned crew member positions
12. What was their condition? No injuries.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Not applicable
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name ANDREW J. CARUSO Rank 1ST LT. Serial No. 0-721960
2. Organization 464th B.G. 771st Sq. Gp Commander Schroeder rank Col. Sqn CO MOORE rank LT. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Nov. day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, MUNICH, target time, 12:00 (APPROX), altitude, 25,000 (APPROX) route scheduled, USUAL ONE FROM ITALY, route flown AS SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER AUSTRIA OR SOUTHERN GER.
6. Did you bail out? NO
7. Did other members of crew bail out? NO
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". AS FAR AS I KNOW ALL MEN WERE AT THEIR ASSIGNED STATIONS PREPARING FOR A CRASH LANDING
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? SOUTHEAST BORDER OF SWITZ.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) ALL CREW MEMBERS
11. Where were they in aircraft? AT THEIR POSITIONS
12. What was their condition? OK
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW MY BOMBARDIER AND FRONT HALL TURRET GUNNER AT AFB RD. CENTER, ATLANTIC CITY, SAN 1945. HAVE HEARD FROM THE REST, AND ALL ARE IN THE U.S.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

NO KNOWLEDGE(OVER)

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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At last reports, all the crew is safe in
U.S. and most of them are discharged. I received
my discharge Sept. 8, 1945 and am now in
the O.R.C. of the AAF.

Frederic J. Canuso