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to
by E. A. BRADURAS, Lt. Col., AO
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AO
Date MAR 1 5 1948

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Pantenella Air Base Command or AF 15th Air Force
Group 464th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 777th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Pantenella Air Base Course 174 degrees
Target Ploesti Type of Mission Bombing
Roumania

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
1/10 Cumulus, 15 miles visibility.

4. GIVE: (a) Date 6 June 1944 Time 0930 Location 45 degrees 16'
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: (X) Last Sighted () Last Contacted by Radio
() Forced Down () Seen to Crash; or
() Information not available.

5. AIRCRAFT AS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
(X) Enemy Aircraft () Enemy Anti-Aircraft () Other circumstances as follows:

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H AAF Serial No 41-29379

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) BP 430430
Engines (b) BP 430291 (c) BP 430428 (d) BP 430284

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Name, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) LW 940550 (b) LM 973442
(c) RW 973724 (d) RM 973472
(e) RT 974563 (f) LN 973875
(g) LT 973193 (h) RN 913894

9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty () Non-Battle Cas.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 Passengers 0 Total 11
(Starting with "1" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

	NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEAREST OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, ADDRESS
RMC	1. <u>PILOT</u> <u>STAPP, GRADY T.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Mrs. Irene G. Stepp (W)</u> c/o John Hooker, Atty., Nashville Trust Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.
RMC	2. <u>Co-Pilot</u> <u>ROMAN, JAMES C.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Mrs. Ruth A. Donan (M)</u> 117 Gates Ave., Montclair, New Jersey.
RMC	3. <u>Navigator</u> <u>LYGA, MICHAEL</u>	<u>(NMT) 2nd Lt.</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Mrs. Helen Lyga (M)</u> 213 Prospect St., Bayonne, New Jersey.
RMC	4. <u>Bombardier</u> <u>ANDERSON, PATRICK J.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u> 527 E. 123rd St.
RMC	5. <u>Eng. Gunner</u> <u>MCMAHON, RAYMOND H.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u> (F & M) 2708 N. 45th
RMC	6. <u>BOG</u> <u>VELEY, ROBERT A.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>
RMC	7. <u>Armorer Gunner</u> <u>WILEN, ARTHUR E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Mrs. Mildred Wilen (M)</u> 336 E. Church St., Marion, Ohio.
KIA	8. <u>Armorer Gunner</u> <u>CARPENTIER, ANTHONY P.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Mrs. & Mrs. Paul Carpentier</u> 118 Third St., Petaluma, California.
				<u>(F & M) 7 Beal St., Jeannette, Penn.</u>

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- RTD 9. Armorer Gunner SIMMONS, ALLEN F. Pfc. [REDACTED] Mrs. Edna Walsh (Aunt)
276 Warren St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
- RMC 10. Armorer Gunner ✓ BYER, ROBERT P. Sgt. [REDACTED] Mr. & Mrs. Philip Byer (F & M)
1028 Cedar Ave., Scranton, Penn.
- RTD 11. Observer ✓ DENNIS, RICHARD M. 2nd Lt. [REDACTED] Mr. James A. Dennis (F)
183 Ocean Ave., Lynbrook, L.I. N.Y.

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	Contacted Last Saw		
			by Radio	Sighted	Crash Forced Landing
Lucue, John (NMI)	2nd Lt.	[REDACTED]		X	
Kibler, John D.	Capt.	[REDACTED]		X	
Tudbury, John L.	2nd Lt.	[REDACTED]		X	
Moore, Edward D.	S/Sgt.	[REDACTED]		X	
Gac, Andrew C.	S/Sgt.	[REDACTED]		X	

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (7) Parachutes were used () Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
() Any other reason (specify) _____

13. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. (X)

14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. (X)

15. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) No search,
plane last seen over enemy territory.

Date of this report: 7 June 1944.

Signature of Officer _____

Clyde Crestre
CLYDE CRESTRE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

6. Incis:

- Incl 1- Statement of Lt. Lucue.
- Incl 2- Statement of Lt. Tudbury.
- Incl 3- Statement of Capt. Kibler.
- Incl 4- Statement of S/Sgt. Moore.
- Incl 5- Statement of S/Sgt. Gac.
- Incl 6- Location Sketch.



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2nd Lt. Grady T. Stapp

Mrs. Irene G. Stapp, (wife)
% John Hooker,
Nashville Trust Building,
Nashville, Tennessee.

2nd Lt. James C. Donan

Mrs. Ruth G. Donan, (mother)
117 Gates Avenue,
Montclair, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. Michael Lyga

Mrs. Helen Lyga, (mother)
213 Prospect Avenue,
Bayonne, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. Patrick J. Anderson

Mrs. Mildred D. Anderson, (wife)
527 East 123rd Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

2nd Lt. Richard M. Dennis

Mr. James A. Dennis, (father)
183 Ocean Avenue,
Lynbrook, New York.

T/Sgt. Raymond H. McMahon

Mr. Charles R. McMahon, (father)
2708 North 45th Avenue,
Omaha, Nebraska.

S/Sgt. Robert A. Valey

Mrs. Ruth Valey, (mother)
336 East Church Street,
Marion, Ohio.

S/Sgt. Arthur E. Wilen

Mrs. Mildred M. Wilen, (mother)
118 Third Street,
Petaluma, California.

Sgt. Anthony P. Carpentier

Mr. Paul Carpentier, (father)
7 Beal Street,
Jeannette, Pennsylvania.

Sgt. Robert P. Byer

Mrs. Ethel M. Byer, (mother)
1028 Cedar Avenue,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Pfc. Allen F. Simmons

Mrs. Edna Walsh, (aunt)
276 Warren Street,
Brooklyn, New York

We were leading Easy Box, on left wing I saw plane No 41-29379, leave the formation at 0930. At first the plane was out of control, but just before I lost sight of it the pilot had it under control. I saw four chutes one of which I saw open.

John Lucue
JOHN (NMI) LUCUE,
2nd Lt, AC, [REDACTED]

I saw ship # 41-29379 climb up and then fall off toward earth. Five men bailed out in delayed jumps. One chute opened immediately.

John L. Tudbury Jr.
JOHN L. TUDBURY, [REDACTED]
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

At 0920 at 45 degrees 1' E I saw plane No. 41-29379
go down smoking. It circled around and headed toward the earth. I
saw four (4) chutes.

John D. Kiebler
JOHN D. KIEBLER, [REDACTED]
Capt., Air Corps.

Lt. Stapp was flying our ship which I recognized. Seven ME-109's came into our box and three attacked Lt. Stapp's plane. No. 3 engine caught fire. The plane was out of control about a minute and peeled out of formation. It looked as if the fire was put out and then the pilot got control of his plane. I saw three (3) chutes come out of the nose.

Edward D. Moore

EDWARD D. MOORE, [REDACTED]
S/Sgt., Air Corps.

I saw Lt. Stapp's plane leave the formation shortly after we left the I.P. At first the plane was out of control as three (3) enemy fighters had attacked her and her No. 3 engine was smoking. I could see where the ship had been hit along one wing. But the pilot soon had the plane under control. Before I lost sight of her, I saw four (4) chutes come out of the waist.

Andrew C. Gac

ANDREW C. GAC, [REDACTED]
S/Sgt., Air Corps.

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• Ploesti

45° 16' -N
26° 1' -E

Handwritten note: 10/16/1941