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 Date MAR 15 1946

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
 WASHINGTON

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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 46th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 777th Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Ciolo Air Base Course 244 degrees  
 Target Immes Type of Mission Bombing  
France
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
C A V U
4. GIVE: (a) Date 27 May 1944 Time Not Available Location Coast of Corsica  
 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)  
 ( ) Enemy Aircraft ( ) Enemy Anti-aircraft (X) Other circumstances as follows: Cause unknown.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H AAF Serial No 41-29444
7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-183 -65 AAF Serial No (a) 42-7909  
 (b) 42-8066 (c) 42-7702 (d) 42-9219
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)  
 (a) LW 989682 (b) LB 941255 LE 942581  
 (c) RW 989732 (d) RB 940875 RE 942206  
 (e) RT 989687 (f) RM 990094  
 (g) RT 940853 (h) LM 941835
9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty ( ) Non-Battle Cas.
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10  
 (Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
1. Pilot	RAPHAEL, LESTER R.	2nd Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mr. & Mrs. Phil Raphael (M & F) 29 E. Chandler Ave., Evansville, Indiana. <b>RTD</b>
2. Co-Pilot	SEARS, KENNETH C.	2nd Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Francis M. Sears (W) Lyons, Nebraska. <b>RTD</b>
3. Navigator	NOEL, HAROLD C.	2nd Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Alice Z. Noel (W) 29 Essex St., Revere, Mass. <b>RTD</b>
4. Bombardier	KINSKY, JOHN G.	F/O	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Katherine Kinsky (W) 154 Werner Park, Rochester, New York. <b>RTD</b>
5. Eng. Gunner	TAPLEY, WALLACE N.	T/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Betty J. Tapley (W) 105 1/2 E. Main St., Independence, Kansas. <b>RTD</b> Mrs. Clara Tapley (M), 3312 W. Commerce, San Antonio, Texas
6. Eng. Gunner	BUTTOLPH, MERLAND E.	S/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt E. Buttolph (M & F) Main St., Bennett, Iowa. <b>RTD</b>
7. ROG	E AUSCHER, HARRY C.	T/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Mildred Rauscher (W) Sagamore Rd., Brookline, Penn. Mrs. Peba Rauscher (W) <b>RTD</b> 129 W. Main St., New Holland, Penn.

[REDACTED]

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- 8. Eng. Gunner ✓ GUNN, GLENN A. S/Sgt. [REDACTED] Mr. James A. Gunn (F) RTD  
8433 E. Brush St., McLoughlin Hghts, Van Couver, Wm. British Columbia.
- 9. Armorer Gunner LOVE, DAYTON (NMI) S/Sgt. [REDACTED] Mrs. Elizabeth Dove (W)  
728 E. 89th St., South Gate, California.
- 10. Armorer Gunner RUSH, EARNEST B. JR. S/Sgt. [REDACTED] Mr. & Mrs. Earnest B. Rush (W)  
(M & F) Box #652, Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

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	by Radio	Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing
Ira C. Casey	2nd Lt.	[REDACTED]				X

IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 ( ) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash  
 (X) Any other reason (specify) Plane under control when last sighted.  
Contacted formation by radio that he was low on gas and would land for refueling in Corsica.

- 3. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- 4. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 5. 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) Report of search attached.

Date of this Report: 7 June 44

Signature of Officer Clyde Crabtree  
 CLYDE CRABTREE,  
 Capt., Air Corps,  
 Executive Officer.

- 3 Incls:  
 Incl 1- Statement of Lt. Casey.  
 Incl 2- Report of search.  
 Incl 3- Location sketch.



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Staff Sergeant Glenn A. Gunn

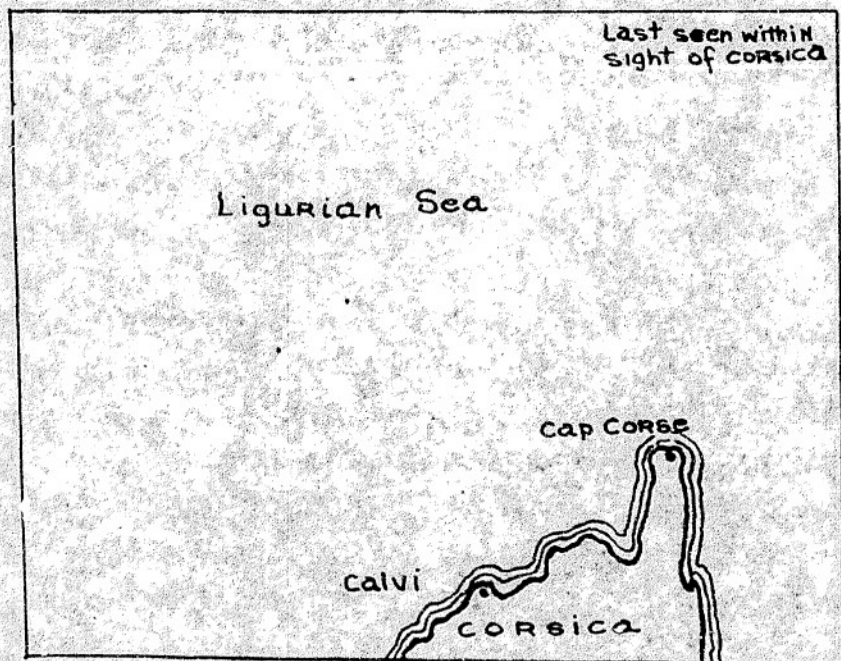
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