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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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location Pantanello Air Base, Italy, Command or AF 15th Air Force.  
Group 454th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 777th Bomb Sq (H)  
To Base to Brez to Wartburg
  - SPECIFY: Point of Departure Pantanello Air Base, Italy Course to 45 degrees 12' N  
Target Vienna-Florisdorf Type of Mission Bombing 15 degrees 36' E, to Vienna  
Florisdorf Marshalling yards, Austria. to Papa to Abrey to Base.
  - WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Scattered clouds, less than 1/10. Visibility 25 miles.
  - GIVE: (a) Date 8 July 1944 Time 1042 Location 48 degrees 00' N  
16 degrees 50' E.  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether: ( ) Last Sighted ( ) Last Contacted by Radio  
( ) Forced down (X) Seen to Crash; or  
( ) Information not available.
  - 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: \_\_\_\_\_
  - AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H AAF Serial No 42-95371
  - ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) CP-306175  
(b) CP-306134 (c) CP-309821 (d) CP-309669
  - INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)  
(a) LN 1188043 (b) LB 1184636 IT 1181739  
(c) BN 1187864 (d) RB 1181301 RT 1194538  
(e) LM 1194665 (f) LV 1185049  
(g) RM 1184154 (h) RN 1184619
  - PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty ( ) Non-Battle Cas.
  - 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<br>(Last Name First) | RANK       | SERIAL NO | WENT OF KIN, RELATION-<br>SHIP, AND ADDRESS                                  |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------|--|
| 371. Pilot         | KIBLER, JOHN D.                   | Capt.      | O-355302  | Mrs. Janette J. Kibler (W)<br>Arcola, Illinois.                              |
| 2. Co-Pilot        | WELSH, JAMES L. JR.               | 2nd Lt.    | O-700585  | Mrs. Helen Walsh (W)<br>426 Fairacres Rd, Omaha, Nebr.                       |
| 3. Navigator       | WESTERHOUSE, PAUL A.              | 2nd Lt.    | O-700131  | Mrs. Caroline M. Westerhouse (W)<br>126 So. Lincoln St., Westmont, Illinois. |
| 4. Bombardier      | CHAPMAN, CARL H.                  | 2nd Lt.    | O-699509  | Mrs. Eleanor F. Chapman (W) (RTD)<br>Augerondack Farm, Keeseville, N.Y.      |
| 5. Eng. Gunner     | DAVIS, RICHMOND T.                | T/Sgt.     | 3841117   | Mrs. Mary Davis (W) (RTD)<br>104 King St., Houston, Texas.                   |
| 6. ROG             | SMITH, FREDERIC P.                | JR. T/Sgt. | 12147800  | Mr. Frederic P. Smith, Sr., (F)<br>351 Terminus Ave., Passaic, N.J.          |
| 7. Eng. Gunner     | SHULTS, GEORGE A.                 | S/Sgt.     | 38400333  | Mrs. Clara H. Shults (W) (RTD)<br>Rt. #3, Chichaska, Oklahoma.               |
| 371 8. Eng. Gunner | ARIGONI, FERDINANDO J.            | S/Sgt.     | 11106251  | Mrs. Margaret Arigoni (W)<br>145 Daniels Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.             |

9. Arm. Gunner 4 HENDRICKS, LEWIS R. S/Sgt. 36816139 Mrs. Cecil Hendricks (M)  
 ✓ RT #1, Wauwac, Wisconsin.
10. Arm. Gunner 8 TYGART, LEONARD D. S/Sgt. 37668152 Mrs. Jeanne Tygart (W) RTD  
 Delta, Iowa. Mrs. Lulu B. Tygart (M), Delta, Iowa.

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

Martin, Sherman F.              1st Lt.      0-681156                      X

2. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 (6) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash  
 ( ) Any other reason (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
3. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. (X)
4. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. (X)
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) No search as plane crashed in enemy territory.

Date of this Report: 10 July 1944

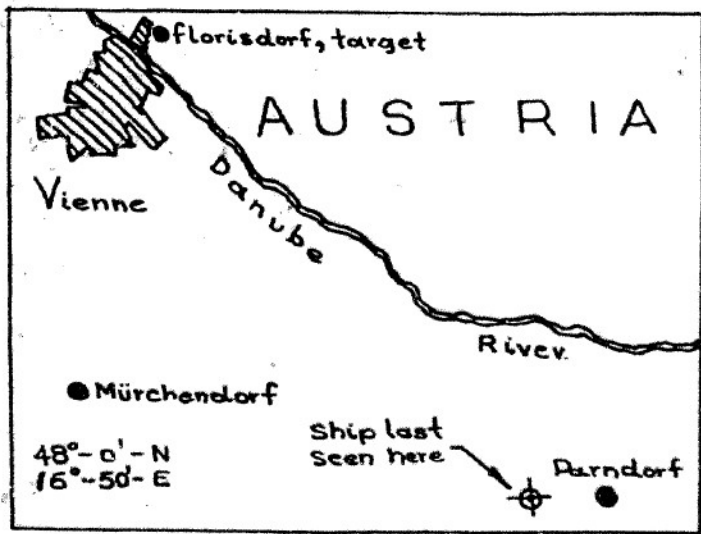
Signature of Officer *E. D. Trett*

- 2 Incls:  
 Incl 1- Statement of Lt. Martin (Unsigned)  
 Incl 2- Location Sketch.

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