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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Pantanello AAB, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
 Group 464th Bombardment Group(H) Squadron 778th Bombardment ~~Group~~ Sq(H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Pantanello AAB, Italy Course 170
 Target Munich West, M/Y Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 9/10 to 10/10 altocumulus, tops 18,000', visability 20 miles
4. GIVE: (a) Date 16 Nov 44 Time 1244A Last known position Ammergau, Germany
 (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 Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24-J AAF Serial Number 44-41084
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT ---
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-65-A AAF Serial Number (a) BP 440318
 (b) CP 329196 (c) BP 440340 (d) BP 440315
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number) All Browning Cal .50
 (a) Left Nose 1538147 (e) Left Ball 1549093 (i) Left Tail 120364
 (b) Right Nose 1537964 (f) Right Ball 1549175 (j) Right Tail 1538259
 (c) Left Upper 1261559 (g) Left Waist 1261111 (k) ---
 (d) Right Upper 1546072 (h) Right Waist 1540380 (l) ---
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.)

RESTRICTED
 by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
 by F. M. WRENCH, Capt., AC
 Date: Mar 15 1948

CREW POSITION	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial)	RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN AND ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP
✓ (1) Pilot	ROUTON, RALPH	B 2d Lt 0-824238	MIA	Mrs Susilee Routon (mother)	409 Jackson St, Paris, Tenn
✓ (2) CP	FUHRMAN, JOHN E JR.	2d Lt 0-770629	MIA	Mr John E. Fuhrman, father,	Mound City, Mo
✓ (3) N	FULLER, MARLIN S	S 2d Lt 0-723049	MIA	Mrs Clara I. Fuller, wife,	25 Nathaniel Blvd, Delmar, N. Del
✓ (4) B	MC LAURINE, LUKE L JR	2d Lt 0-776758	MIA	Mr Luke L. McLaurine, father,	685 Watson Street, Memphis, Tenn
✓ (5) EO	ROBERTSON, RALPH M S T	SGT 34056696	MIA	Mrs Dollie E Robertson, mother	218 W Indiana Ave, Tampa, Fla
✓ (6) AEG	BRUNO, ROBERT D S	SGT 31261910	MIA	Mrs Carmela Bruno, mother	142 River St, Hudson, Mass
✓ (7) ROG	HIGGINS, ROBERT T S	SGT 35753298	MIA	Mrs Jessie M. Higgins, mother,	1124 Garfield St, McMechen, W. Va
✓ (8) AG	JONES, LURED W	D S SGT 35699640	MIA	Mrs Janie S. Jones, mother,	314 N 4th St, Scottsville, Ky
✓ (9) G	HOYDA, JOHN J S	SGT 35551752	MIA	Mr Joseph Hoyda, father,	114 Benner St, Tiffin, Ohio
✓ (10) G	LANDMAN, RAYMOND	S SGT 37461965	MIA	Mrs Rosemary F. Landman, wife,	White Lake, S Dak
(11)					
(12)					

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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:

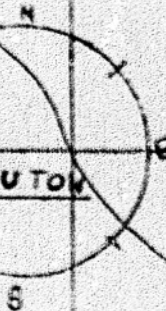
NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	SAW	FORCED LANDING
(1) Peter A. Zantillo	Cpl	14201953		X	
(2) Walter W. Hardy	Sgt	33550028		X	
(3)					
13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - () Parachutes were used. () Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
 - (X) Other reasons (specify) Last seen under full control, gradually dropping out of formation.
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

3 Inclosures. Incl 1-sketch Date 18 November 1944
 Incl 2-statement (Cantillo)
 Signature of reporting officer: Carl V. Hardy
 CARL V. HARDY, Capt., AC

11-16-44

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ROUTON



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S T A T E M E N T

18 November 1944

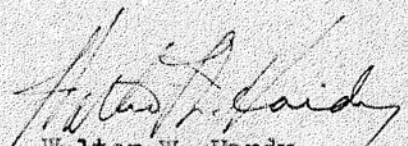
I was Tail Gunner on Lt. Lincoln's plane 16 October 1944, flying Able Box 31. Our target was Munich, Germany. We had left the I P, flak was heavy and accurate on the Bomb run before the target. I saw Lt Routon's plane White Love, low to my left and behind me, that is on the right side of the formation. Lt Routon's plane was losing altitude slowly. It veered off to the right of the formation, the flak at that point was pretty heavy. The plane appeared to be in full control, there was no smoke, and it did not appear to be hit. The plane kept losing altitude at a moderate pace, and seemed to veer off from the heading. In my opinion, it appeared to be trying to make it home. When last sighted Lt Routon's plane was above the overcast and seemed to be in full control.

Peter A. Cantillo
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ASN 14201953

S T A T E M E N T

18 November 1944

On 16 November 1944 our target was Munich, Germany. I was left waist gunner on Lt Klimpels' plane. Lt Routon's plane (White Love) was flying on my left on the way to the target. Before the I. P. I saw Lt Routon's plane peel off to my left on about the same level as our plane. The plane was losing altitude but apparently under full control. There was no smoke coming from it and I saw no chutes come out. No flak had been encountered as of this point. The last I saw of Lt Routon's plane was when it disappeared into the overcast, still under control but losing altitude.


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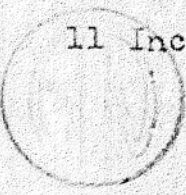
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For the THEATER COMMANDER:

William C. Hallow
WILLIAM C. HALLOW,
Major, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

11 Incls: (as above)



MACR 9853

B-24

HAF 44-41084

10 men

		U S A	MS 2438
DATE:	16 Nov. 1944 at 1300 ⁹⁶⁵³ End Lt.	✓ ROYTON, Ralph Benjamin	0-924238
PLACE:	Schwalbenwand "	✓ FULLER, Marlin Sponable	0-723049
	7 km South of Saalfelden "	✓ FUHRMAN JR., John Elzer	0-770629
TYPE:	Liberator "	✓ McLAURINE, Luke Layton	0-776758
	778th(H.B.)Sqd. T/Sgt.	✓ ROBERTSON, Ralph Sydney	34056696
	464th Grp. S/Sgt.	✓ LANDMAN, Raymond	37461965
TARGET:	HQ of airfield Aibling "	✓ HIGGINS, Robert Thomas	35753298
	"	✓ BRUNO, Robert Domenic	31261910
	"	✓ JONES, lured Denton	35899640
	"	✓ HOYDA, John Joseph	35551752

File with MACR 9853

17 Oct 49 - MFB

Date and Time Aircraft
was shot down

16 Nov 44 - 1300

Casualty No: ME 2429

Place of Crash

Schwalbenwand

Type of Plane

Liberator

Reporting Office

Airbase HQ Aibling

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO	CAPTURED WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT	
ROUTEN 1923	Ralph Benjamin Tenn.	2nd Lt	0-824238	captured	Dulag-luft West
FULLER 24 July 19	Maria Sponable	2nd Lt	0-723049	"	"
FURMAN 1922	John Elmer Mo.	2nd Lt	0-770629	"	"
McLAURINE	Luke Layton	2nd Lt	0-776758	"	"
ROBERTSON 1916	Ralph Sydney Fla.	T/Sgt	34056696	"	"
LANDMAN	Raymond	S/Sgt	37461965	"	"
HIGGINS 25 Dec 23	Robert Thomas Midland, Penna.	S/Sgt	35753298	"	"
BRUNO 4 Jan 18	Robert Domenic Marlboro, Mass.	S/Sgt	31261910	"	"
JONES 19 May 23	Lured Denton	S/Sgt	35699640	"	"
HOYDA 1925	John Joseph Ohio	S/Sgt	35551752	"	"

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 16 Nov 44 at 13:00

PLACE OF CRASH: Schwalben wand, 7 km S. of Saalfelden

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command A(0)1/VII Aibling
16 Nov 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Routon,
Ralph R.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: O-824 238 T43-44 A

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED:
at Saalfelden 16 Nov 44

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS: 1 tag with record

MACR NO.
7853

Date and Time Aircraft
was shot down 16 Nov 44 - 1300

Place of Crash Schwalbenwand

Type of Plane Liberator

Reporting Office Airbase HQ Aibling

Casualty No: ME 2428

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO	CAPTURED WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
ROUTEN 1923	Ralph Benjamin Tenn.	2nd Lt	0-824238	captured Dalag-Luft West
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Dalag-Luft, 1 Dec 44 v.S.

KSU 2428

Air Base Command A(0)1/VII Aibling 20 Nov 1944

Transport List

Leader- Off. Friedrich-March Train

Accompanying- Flyer Huetwohl
Sgt. Sieber
Corp. Oulkers

Prisoners

1. 2nd Lt. McLaurine, Luke L.
2. T/Sgt. Robertson-Ralph S.
3. S/Sgt. Landman-Raymond
4. S/Sgt. Higgins-Robert T.
5. 2nd Lt. Fuhrman-John Jr.
6. S/Sgt. Bruno-Robert
7. S/Sgt. Lured, D. Jones
8. S/Sgt. Hoyda, John J.
9. 2nd Lt. Fuller, Marlin S.
10. 2nd Lt. Routon, Ralph R.

16-11-44 13.00 Liberator
Schwalbenwand-7 km from Saalfelden-south

KSU 2428
Aibling-16 Nov-1944

Personal effects

S/Sgt. Landman Raymond
37461965 T-42-44

Liberator

shot down near Saalfelden

1 ident. tag
1 compass
1 Roll Sticking plaster
2 Balls of pills
1 pocket knife
3160 Lire
1 brief case-varied contents

KSU 2428
Aibling 20 Nov 44

Personal effects of

S/Sgt. Higgins, Robert T.
35753298 T-43-44 B

Plane Liberator

shot down near Saalfelden

1 Identification tag
1 Lighter
6 Coins

KSU 2428

Aibling 16 Nov 1944

Personal effects
of
S/Sgt. Lured D. Jones
35699640 T-43-44 A

Liberator

shot down near Saalfelden

1 ident. tag
2 lighters

KSU 2428

Aibling 20 Nov 44

Personal effects
of
2nd Lt. Fuller, Marlin S.
0-723049 T-43-44 O

Liberator

shot down near Schwalbenwand

1 ident. tag
1 pass or ident. card
1 automatic pencil

KSU 2428

Aibling 20 Nov 44

Personal effects of
2d Lt Fuhrman Jr. John
0-770629 T-43-44 A

Liberator

shot down near Saalfelden

1 Personal Pass	1 ident. tag
1 Fountain pen	1 silver dollar
2 automatic pencils	1 penny
1 pocket knife	1 half penny
1 nail file	

KSU 2428

Aibling-16 Nov 44

Personal effects of

S/Sgt. Hoyda, John J.
35551752 T43-44 0

Liberator shot down near Saalfelden

1 ident. tag
1 lighter
1 brief case-varied contents
1 cig lighter
5200 lire
66 francs-Morocco