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 Date 15 MAR 1946

WAR DEPARTMENT
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON, D. C.
 MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time and aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. Organization: Location Villacidro, Sardinia. ; Command of Air Force 12th AF ;
 Group 17th Bomb ; Squadron 34th Bomb ; Detachment XXXXXXXXXX
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Naples, Italy. ; Course 260 Degrees Mag.
 Intended Destination Villacidro, Sardinia. ; Type of Mission Routine
3. WEATHER CONDITION AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Ceiling and visibility unlimited.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 6-14-44; Time 1609 hours ; and Location 39° 39' N 11° 12' E.
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; (X) Last Contacted by Radio;
 () Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available.
5. AIR CRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS TO HAVE BEEN BELIEVED LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (X) Other Circumstances as follows Unknown
6. Aircraft: Type, Model and Series B-26B50 ; AAF Serial Number 42-95954
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800-43's; AAF Serial Number (a) FT-060763 Left
 (b) FT-061390 Right (c) XXXXXXXXXX (d) XXXXXXXXXX
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnished below make, Type and Serial Number) 1 flex. gun, Mach. M-2
 (a) _____ ; (b) _____ ; (c) _____ ; (d) Browning AC; 8 ea. guns
 (e) _____ ; (f) _____ ; (g) _____ ; (h) Mach. Cal. 50 M-2
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty No Yes fired.
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty Yes
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 3 ; Passengers 9
 Total 12

(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
<i>KNB 1.</i> Pilot	<u>Lee, John E.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-679081</u>
<i>MNB 2.</i> Co-Pilot	<u>Zimmerly, Charles W.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-688893</u>
<i>MNB.</i> Navigator	<u>Fitzgerald, Edmund J.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-732824</u>
<i>MNB.</i> Passenger	<u>Past, Robert D.</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>0-559775</u>
<i>MNB.</i> Passenger	<u>Edgar, Thomas P., Jr.</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>0-560955</u>
<i>MNB.</i> Passenger	<u>Mr. Burt Harris</u>	<u>Red Cross</u>	
<i>MNB.</i> Passenger	<u>Sara Rauman</u>	<u>Red Cross</u>	
<i>MNB.</i> Passenger	<u>Jean Thomas</u>	<u>Red Cross</u>	
<i>MNB.</i> Passenger	<u>Mary Helen Hilch</u>	<u>Red Cross</u>	
<i>MNB.</i> Passenger	<u>Tera Soula</u>	<u>Red Cross</u>	

* Not to any personnel

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

Check only one column

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
				By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1.	Carlson, Harold L.	Captain	0-792607	X			
2.							
3.							
4.							
4.							
5.							
6.							
7.							
8.							
9.							
10.							

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, OR SKETCH, OR CHART SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE LAST AIRCRAFT WAS SEEN. **Yes**

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. **None**

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE ROY F. BERGENGREN, JR., Capt., 0-560627.

Date of Report June 19, 1944.



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O. K. Earl
(Signature of preparing Officer)

O. K. EARL,
Captain, Air Corps,
- 2 - Executive Officer.

HEADQUARTERS 17TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
ARMY AIR FORCES
APO 650

20 June 44

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, 42nd Wing (US) APO # 650, U.S. Army.

1. In compliance with letter, WD, Subject, same as above, dated 23 May 1943, & letter NAAF, Subject, same as above, dated 8 July 1943, transmitted with is Missing Air Crew Report.

2. Personnel concerned are Missing in Aircraft Crash, at Sea, 14 June 44.

For the Commanding Officer:

J. H. Witherspoon
J. H. WITHERSPOON,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

4 Incls:

- Incl #1 - Missing Air Crew Report (7 Copies)
- Incl #2 - Air-Sea Rescue Mission Report (7 Copies)
- Incl #3 - Statement (Captain Carlson) (7 Copies)
- Incl #4 - Sketch (7 Copies).

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HEADQUARTERS, 42ND WING (US), APO 650, US ARMY, 20 June 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Twelfth Air Force, APO 650, US Army.

F. J. G. Jr.
F. J. G. Jr.

4 Incls: n/c

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HQ, TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 23 June 44.

TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534, US Army. Att: Battle Cas Section

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1. Attention is invited to basic communication.
2. Inasmuch as personnel are non-battle casualties, no BCR is required.

For the Commanding General:

D. S. Jackson
D. S. JACKSON, ^{pa}
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

4 Incls: n/c

6
1st Lt. John E. Lee

8
Mrs. Frances M. Lee, (mother)
1518 F. Street,
Fairbury, Nebraska.

1st Lt. Charles W. Zimmerly

12
Mrs. Ella Zimmerly, (mother)
207 H. Street,
Cottage Grove, Oregon.

371 & letter to J. E. Fitzgerald
1st Lt. Edmund J. Fitzgerald

3
Mrs. E. J. Fitzgerald, (mother)
62 Quint Avenue,
Allston, Massachusetts.

371 & letter to J. E. Fast
Major Robert D. Fast

2
Dr. Harry D. Fast, (father)
Mackinaw, Illinois.

371 & letter to J. E. Edgar, Jr.
Capt. Thomas P. Edgar, Jr.

1
Mr. Thomas P. Edgar, (father)
Sparta, Illinois.

Mr. Durtt Harris

5
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Harris, (wife)
Greencrest Drive,
Brookline, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Miss Sara E. Ransom

6
Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Ransom, (parents)
1534 West Cumberland Street,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Miss Mary H. Hitch

7
Mrs. O. L. McGee, (sister)
505 Avenue H.,
Fort Madison, Iowa.

Miss Dorothy E. White

11
Mrs. Howard Whitehead, (mother)
2239 West Broad Street,
Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Margaret Gillum

4
Mrs. R. L. Drapeau, (sister)
1346 Bridge Street,
Dracut, Massachusetts.

Miss Thera M. Sealman

9
Mrs. S. S. Sealman, (mother)
417 Foise Street,
Alexandria, Louisiana.

Miss Jean A. Thomas

10
Mr. Phillip R. Thomas, (father)
Waterville, Kansas.

654TH HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON ACT-FRB/ASA
FIGHTER CONTROL AREA (P)

APO 650, U.S. ARMY,
15 JUNE 1944.

SUBJECT: AIR-SEA RESCUE MISSION REPORT.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, 42ND BOMB WING, APO 650, U.S.
ARMY. ATTN.: A-2.

1. FOLLOWING IS COPY OF NARRATIVE REPORT ON AIR SEA
RESCUE MISSION OF THIS SECTOR ON 13 TO 15 JUNE 1944.

ARMY 954 CALLED ON CHANNEL "C" HE WAS AT 250 FEET
ABOUT TO DITCH. INACCURATE FIX AT THREE ZERO FOUR TWO NORTH,
ONE ZERO FOUR TWO EAST. STARTED SEARCH IMMEDIATELY WITH A B-26
NUMBER 298 WHO WAS 70 MILES SOUTHWEST OF POSITION. SCRAMBLED
READINESS SECTION OF P-39'S. REQUESTED WARRICKS FROM ALGERO.
NOTIFIED 63RD FIGHTER WING AT ONE SIX FOUR FIVE BY TELEPHONE.
NINE B-26 AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE ONE EIGHT THREE ZERO TO ONE NINE
ZERO ZERO HOURS. TWELVE P-39'S AIRBORNE ONE SIX ONE ZERO TO
TWO ZERO ZERO FIVE. FIRST SIGHTINGS OF EMPTY DINGHY AND PER-
SONS IN THE WATER BY P-39 FLIGHT AT ONE NINE THREE THREE.
BOMBER'S DROPPED SEVERAL DINGHYS AND FLOAT POTS. VHF FIXES POOR.
POSITION FIXED BY RADAR AS THREE NINE THREE ZERO NORTH ONE ONE
ONE TWO EAST. CANT Z ORDERED OFF AT ONE NINE FOUR ZERO, AIR-
BORNE AT TWO ZERO ONE ZERO WITH BEAUFIGHTER ESCORT. FIFTEEN
MILES FROM POSITION BEAUFIGHTER LOST VISUAL ON CANT Z. ITALIAN
PILOT LATER REPORTED HE HAD RETURNED TO BASE BECAUSE HE WOULD
BE UNABLE TO LAND AFTER DARK. NO COMMUNICATION WITH CANT Z.
CATALINA REQUESTED AT TWO ZERO ONE ZERO REACHED POSITION AT
TWO ONE FIVE THREE, LANDED AND SEARCHED WITH AID OF BEAUFIGHTER
FLARES. NO SIGHTINGS. BOTH AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO BASE. ITALIAN
ESCORT VESSEL DISPATCHED AT TWO THREE FIVE EIGHT TO ARRIVE AT
DAWN. CATALINA TOOK OFF ONE FIVE SLANT ZERO FIVE ONE EIGHT.
TWO B-26'S AIRBORNE ZERO EIGHT ZERO ZERO. AT ZERO NINE THREE
EIGHT B-26 NO. EIGHT FOUR THREE SIGHTED RAFT. UNABLE TO DIRECT
CATALINA TO POSITION BEFORE HE HAD TO RETURN TO BASE TO REFUEL.
WARRICK K SIGHTED EMPTY DINGHY AT ONE ONE FIVE ZERO. TWO CANT
Z 506 AIRCRAFT RETURNED ONE FOUR THREE ZERO WITH ONE UNINFLATED
DINGHY. SIGHTED TWO OTHERS FEW MILES APART BUT NO SIGN OF LIFE.
SEARCH CONTINUED WITH WARRICKS, B-26'S, AND TWO P-39'S UNTIL
ONE EIGHT THREE ZERO. NO FURTHER SIGHTINGS. PILOT REPORTS IN-
DICATE AIRCRAFT NINE FIVE FOUR MADE UNSUCCESSFUL DITCHING.
CHARLIE SEVEN EIGHT OCCUPANTS SIGHTED APPARENT PIECES OF FLESH
AND ONE PERSON OBVIOUSLY DEAD ANDNAKED EXCEPT FOR PARTIALLY
FASTENED LIFEBELT. WARRICK PILOTS REPORTED BODIES APPEARED TO

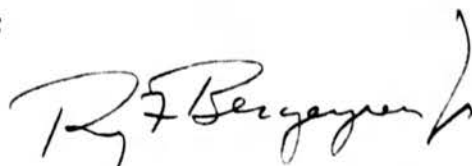
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A.S.R. MISSION REPORT,
15 JUN 44. CONT'D

BE BURNED, ALSO OIL SLICK WITH SHARP TURN WHERE AIRCRAFT STRUCK WATER. NO ATTEMPTS MADE TO ENTER DINGHYS DROPPED. ONE PILOT REPORT INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF ONE OR TWO PERSONS STILL LIVING WHEN SIGHTED. NO RESCUE ACCOMPLISHED. ALL TIMES BAKER.

2. SINCE THERE IS NO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SECTOR AND THE ITALIAN A.S.R. AIRCRAFT, IT HAS BEEN STANDARD PROCEDURE TO LOCATE ANY DITCHED AIRCRAFT OR CREW BEFORE DISPATCHING ASR AIRCRAFT. THIS HAS ALSO BEEN S.O.P. IN THE USE OF WALRUS A/C WITHIN THE 63RD FIGHTER WING. UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS, IT TAKES APPROXIMATELY TWO (2) HOURS TO OBTAIN A CATALINA FROM ALGERO FROM TIME OF REQUEST TO ARRIVAL AT EL AS. THIS TIME ASSUMES THAT THERE IS LAND LINE COMMUNICATION AND A CATALINA IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



ROY F. BERGENGREN, JR.,
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS,
OPERATIONS OFFICER.

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STATEMENT

18 June 1944.

On 14 June 1944, as pilot of a B-26 type aircraft, No. 298, I picked up a radio message transmitted by another B-26 aircraft, No. 954, to radio station "Bunting" in Sardinia stating that he was going down. At the time the message was sent, I was flying on a course of 345 degrees approximately 50 miles south of Cagliari. I immediately called "Bunting" and asked him to direct me to the spot that 954 went down. This was done in 30 minutes. I circled the area for approximately 2 hours and took a 265 degree heading for base. I saw no signs whatever of the missing plane and learned later that the correct location was 20 miles east of the position I circled.


HAROLD L. CARLSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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Maor 5824

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MACR - No 5824

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

17 May 1944, 0244 P.M.

CASUALTY NO. ME 1327

PLACE OF CRASH

at Cittanova

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Lighting

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Fleet Command 2

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D/ WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
LUBANOVICH EDWARD PETER	2nd Lt.	O-752821	captured	Dulag Luft

CASUALTY NO. ME 1327

1st Supplementary Report, dated 22 August 1944

PATE FRANKLIN E.

Officer O-760380 dead

Prisoner of War 2nd Lt. LUBANOVICH E.P., reported on 3 July 1944, should be red-
ded, for he was already reported on ME 1356.

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 3 July 1944, Wo.