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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CRAFT REPORT

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

- Organization: Location Decimomannu, Sardinia; Command or Air Force 12th Air Force
Group 320th Bomb Gp; Squadron 41st Bomb; Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of departure Decimomannu, Sardinia; Course See page 2
Intended Destination Decimo, Orvieto - Decimo; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAUSE
- GIVE: (a) Date 1-21-44; Time 1226; and Location 7 Miles SE of Orvieto, Italy
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 WAS LOST, OR IS TO HAVE BEEN BELIEVED LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one.)
() Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B26C21; AAF Serial Number 41-35070
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800-43; AAF Serial Number (a) R-42-51432
(b) (c)
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnished below make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) 9 M. Cal. .50; (b) Unknown; (c) Unknown; (d) Unknown
(e) Unknown; (f) Unknown; (g) Unknown; (h) Unknown
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty; (b) Battle Casualty
(c) Unknown; (d) Unknown; (e) Unknown; (f) Unknown; (g) Unknown; (h) Unknown
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 7; Passengers 0
TOTAL

(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		Serial Number
	(Last Name First)	Rank		
1. Pilot	<u>VALLES, LOUIS (MM)</u>	1st Lt.		<u>0-730992</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>CHENS, WOODRON V.</u>	2nd Lt.		<u>0-746415</u>
3. Bombardier	<u>WILLIAMS, JOHN B.</u>	2nd Lt.		<u>0-746917</u>
4. Navigator	<u>WILLIAMS, JOHN B.</u>	2nd Lt.		<u>0-741874</u>

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5. Engineer W. J. CHILTON, BLAKE (NMI) S/Sgt. 04 0100
 6. Radio Gunner A. CORONA, GILBERT S. S/Sgt. 1800723
 7. Aerial Gunner HERBERT, WALTER F. S/Sgt. 39878130
 8. ✓ S/Sgt. ✓ 32626599
 9. _____
 10. _____

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by radio	Just Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>COOK, WILLIAM (NMI)</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>0-560824</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) 1 - Parachute was seen to open

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

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. Atchd

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE No Search

2. Course. 350 T for 246 miles, 144 Date of Report. 23 January 1944
 550 T for 26 miles, 700 M for 17 1/2 miles, Orvieto - 2950 T for 20 miles, 2110 T for 42 miles, 2150 T for 246 miles-Decimo.

James R. Edwards
 (Signature of preparing officer)
 JAMES R. EDWARDS,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Statistical Officer.



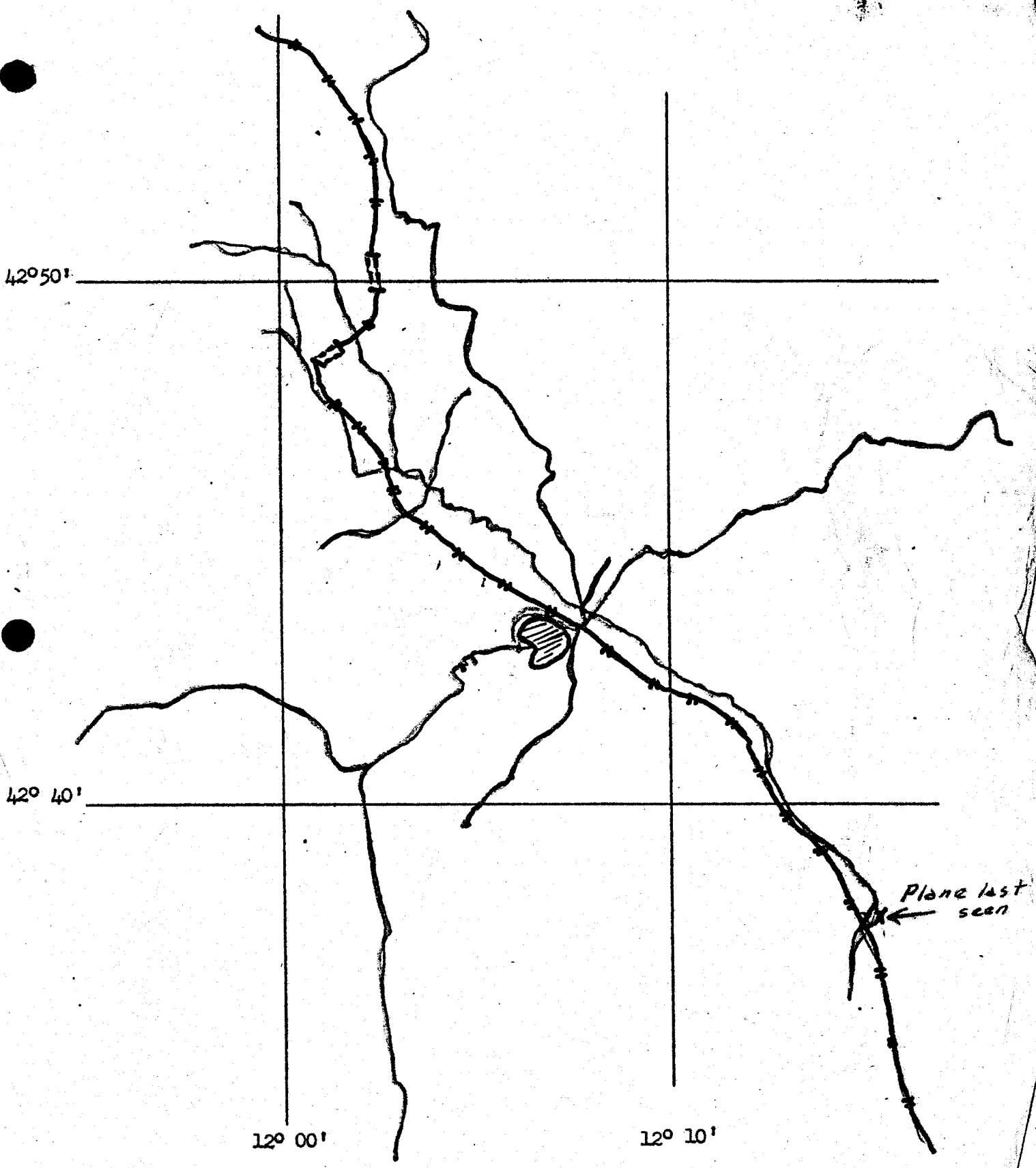
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C E R T I F I C A T E

1st. Lt. Louis Valls, Pilot, was flying fourth position in first flight, and while on the bomb run, his airplane was apparently hit by flak. The airplane peeled off and started down in a steep bank to the left. One landing wheel was seen to come down and one parachute was seen to emerge. When last seen this aircraft was approximately seven (7) miles SE of Orvieto at 42° 38' N, 12° 14' E. //

William Cook
WILLIAM (NMI) COOK
Captain, Air Corps
Group Intelligence Officer



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FORM III

KIA on 21 JAN 44

KSU 695

WILLIAMS	John B.	-	P 0741574	dead	KIA
OWENS	W.W. Woodrow = W.	-	0746415	"	KIA
HERBERT	Walter F.	-	32626599	"	KIA