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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW 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; Squadron 444th Bomb; Detachment _____
SPECIFY: Point of Departure Decimomannu, Sardinia; Course See back of report
Intended Destination Italy; Type of Mission Combat
WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST LOCATED: _____
- Clear and heavy
- GIVE: (a) Date 17-2-44; Time 11:13; and Location 41 deg. 40N, 12 deg. 43E
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 WAS ICS, OR IS TO HAVE BEEN BELIEVED LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
() Enemy Aircraft; (x) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows _____
- One wing was torn off, and aircraft was aflame.
AIRCRAFT Type, Model and Series B-26016; AAF Serial Number 41-34920
ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800-43; AAF Serial Number (a) R-42-51002 (c) _____
(b) L-42-16522 (c) _____
- UNSTALLED WHEELS (Furnished below make, Type and Serial Number 9 MG Cal. 50
(a) 142534 MG Cal. 50 (b) 357964 MG Cal. 50 (c) 357560 MG Cal. 50 145577 MG Cal. 50
(d) 363620 MG Cal. 50 (e) 354219 MG Cal. 50 (f) 361023 MG Cal. 50 (g) 360552 MG Cal. 50
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Battle Casualty
(b) Non-Battle Casualty _____; Passengers 0

HUMAN NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 7; Passengers 0

TOTAL 7

(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	Full Name (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	<u>MAA BROOME, GEORGE H.</u>	<u>2nd. Lt.</u>	<u>0-671873</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>MAA BURG, WILLIAM T.</u>	<u>2nd. Lt.</u>	<u>0-671876</u>
3. Bombardier	<u>MAA MCCUTCHEEN, VIRGIL E.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>17052266</u>
4. Radio Gunner	<u>MAA FRIEDMAN, EDWARD H.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>11086959</u>

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5. Engineer Gunner GUNTER, WILLIAM E. S/Sgt. 38996177 None
 6. Tail Gunner NOE, EDWARD D. S/Sgt. 6563887 None
 7. Aerial Photographer X FEIGE, ELMER E. Sgt. 32064566 None

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	Record
			by radio	by sight		
1. <u>BERGE, RALPH I.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-399653</u>		<u>Saw crash</u>		
2.						
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used No.; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash No.; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Aircraft crashed to ground - No parachutes were seen.

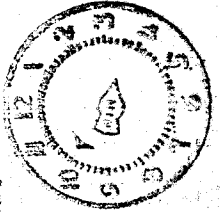
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH, OR OTHER MATERIAL SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE LAST AIRCRAFT WAS SEEN.

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

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None.

2. Course: From base at 2500', 53 deg. T Date of Report 19 February 1944
 for 242 statute miles to Nettuno, climbing gradually to 11,000'; bomb run 15 deg. M for 15 statute miles to the target at 10,500', breakaway right, 207 deg. T for 15 statute miles to Nettuno; 233 deg. T for 242 statute miles descending gradually to 2500' at this base.

(Signature of preparing officer) James R. Edwards MAD 22 10AA
 JAMES R. EDWARDS, Captain, Air Corps.



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Aircraft No. 41-34920, piloted by Lt. Browne, was hit by flak, while on the bomb run. The airplane turned away from the formation, with one wing torn off, afire from nose to tail, and crashed downward, hitting the ground at 41 deg. 40' N, 12 deg. 43' E, at 1113 hours. No parachutes were seen.

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

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41°
50'

41°
40'

41°
30'

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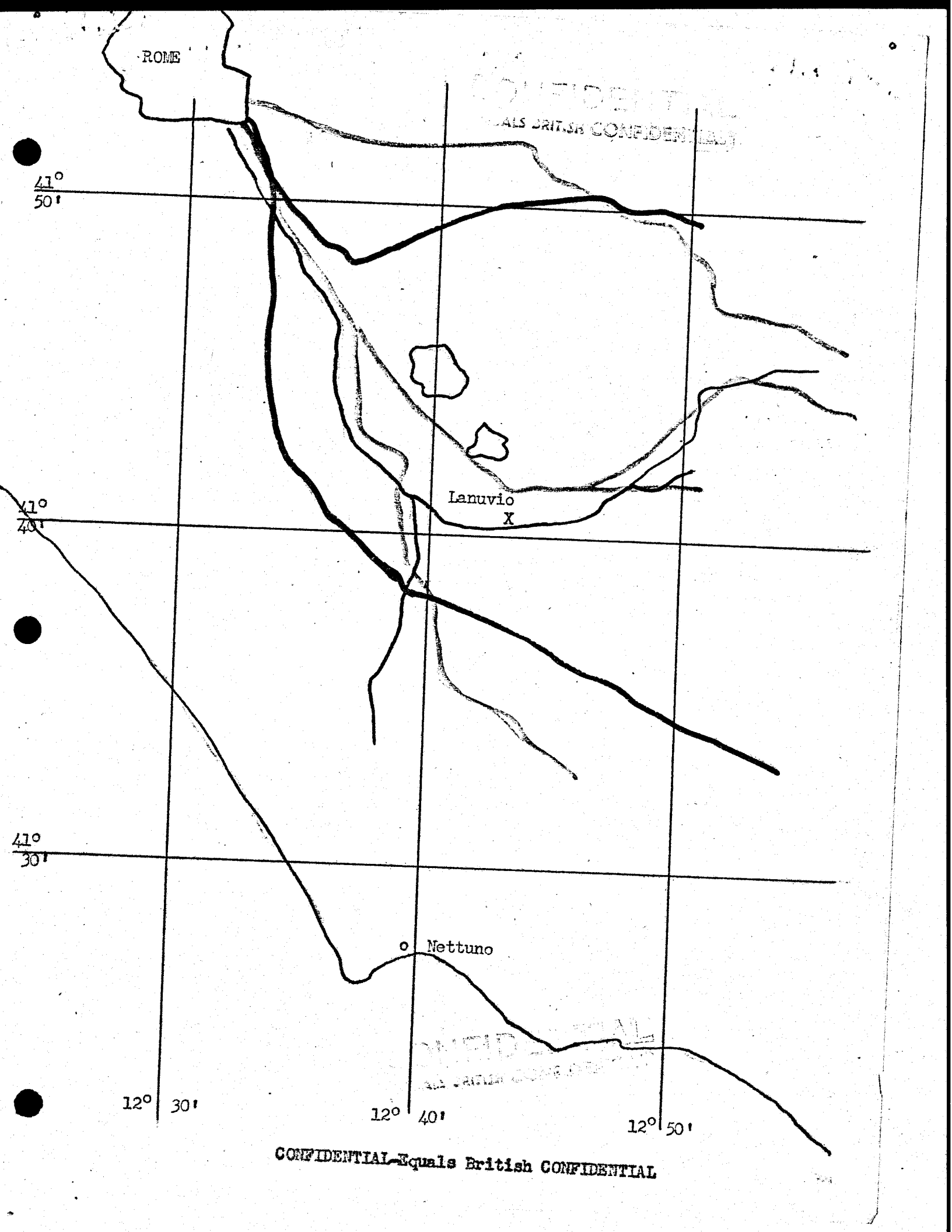
o Nettuno

12° 30'

12° 40'

12° 50'

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- ✓ Sgt. Virgil E. McCutchen K
- ✓ 2nd Lt. William T. Burg K
- ✓ S/Sgt. Edward D. Noe K
- ✓ T/Sgt. Edward H. Friedman K
- ✓ 2nd Lt. George H. Browne K
- ✓ Sgt. Elmer E. Feige K
- ✓ S/Sgt. William E. Gunther K,

Mrs. Grace McCutchen (Mother)
Forrest City, Arkansas.

Mr. Elmer C. Burg (Father)
405 Ross Avenue,
Hamilton, Ohio

Mrs. Nellie Noe (Mother)
Route Number One,
Wapato, Washington.

Mrs. Florence Pasquina (sister)
14 Jones Road,
Revere, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Virginia D. Browne (mother)
121 $\frac{1}{2}$ South Seventh,
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mrs. Eva Feige (mother)
169 Bergen Avenue,
Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.

Mrs. Minnie Gunther (mother)
Route Number One,
O'Neal, Arkansas.

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HEADQUARTERS, 42ND WING (US), APO 650, US ARMY, 22 February, 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 320th Bomb Group, APO 650, US Army.

1. Returned for the following corrections.

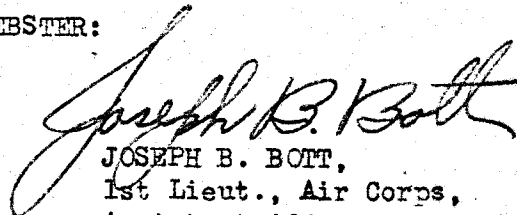
ITEM 2. Point of departure should read: Decimomannu, Sardinia.
Intended destination is believed to be in error.

ITEM 8. Make of weapons should be entered by each respective
weapon's serial number.

ITEM 10 - 3. The name of McCutcheon on Missing Air Crew Report
does not agree with that on Battle Casualty Report. Request
this discrepancy be clarified. If the Battle Casualty Report
is in error a corrected Battle Casualty Report will be promptly
submitted through this headquarters.

2. All pieces of correspondence and sketches will be classified as U. S.
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By Command of Brigadier General WEBSTER:


JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

J.B.B.

Corrected listing of incls as Rec'd:

3 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report.
- Incl 2 - Statement of Capt. Cook.
- Incl 3 - Sketch.

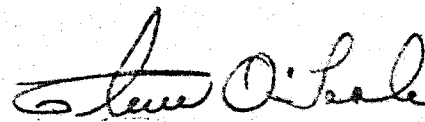
2nd Ind.

HQ, 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M), APO 650, US Army, 24 February 1944.

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

Preceding indorsement complied with.

For the Group Commander:


CLEVE O'TOOLE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

3-Incls.
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HEADQUARTERS, 42ND WING (US), APO 650, US ARMY, 26 February 1944.

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

J. B. B.
J. B. B.
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3 Incls: n/c

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HQ, TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 4 March 1944.

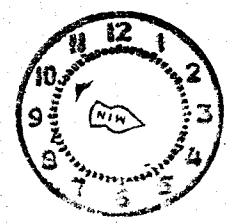
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TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534, US Army. Att: Battle Cas Section.

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.
2. Battle Casualty Report (BL24) forwarded 27 Feb 1944.

For the Commanding General:

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C. C. Parks
C. C. PARKS, Jr. SC
Major, AGD,
Asst Adj General.

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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (A) CONFIDENTIAL
APO 650 US ARMY

20 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

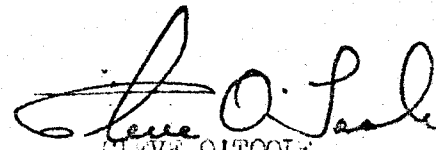
TO : Commanding General, 42nd Wing (US), APO 650.

1. Transmitted herewith Missing Air Crew Reports for the following named personnel:

2nd Lt. George H. Browne, O-671873 -
2nd Lt. William T. Burg, O-671876 -
Sgt. Virgil E. McCutchen, 17052266 -
T/Sgt. Edward H. Friedman, 11086959 -
S/Sgt. William E. Gunther, 38208147 -
S/Sgt. Edward D. Noe, 6563887 -
Sgt. Elmer E. Feige, 32064566 -

2. Battle Casualty Reports on the above named personnel were submitted 19 February 1944.

For the Group Commander:


CLEVE O'TOOLE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1-Incl.
Missing Air Crew Report (in quint)

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 13 17 February 1944, 1114 CASUALTY NO. ME 1029

(PLACE OF CRASH at Lanuvio

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Marauder

REPORTING OFFICE Air Fleet Command 2

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CA PT'D		PLACE OF INTERMENT
			WOUNDED	DEAD	
BURG WILLIAM T.	2nd Lt.	0-671876		dead	Grave Location: 3.5 km southwest of Lanuvio
5 unknown deads					same

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 13 July 1944, Wo.

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DATE: 2/17/44 1114
PLACE: ~~near~~ Lanuvio
30 km SE. Rome
TYPE: Marauder
TARGET: Hq. 2nd Air Force

U.S.A.

ME 1029

LT. BURG, William T.

0-671876 dead
dead
dead
dead
dead

5 written KIA

Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown

Place of Burial: 3.5 km SW. Lanuvio, 30 m from a red painted barn.

~~SP~~ 1567

Air-Fleet Command 2
Leading-staff
Ic/ PW.

AV 978/44

Subject: Dead enemy AF-members.

Reference: HIGH COMMAND OF THE WEHRMACHT File Class. 2f 24 63 e PW general (V).

To

Supreme Quartermaster
Supreme Commander South-West.

for Notice:

Air-Fleet Command 2 - Leading -Dpt. Ic - Evaluation Center
West OBERMUNSEL.

On 17 Feb 1944 11.14 one enemy craft, type Marauder,
was shot down near LANUVIO, (30 km south-east of ROME). All 6 crew-members
were killed. Only 1 crew-member could be identified; the others are scorched.
Identification Tags of these could not be found.

NAME: B U R G William T.
RANK: unknown (Officer)
IDENT. TAG: O-671876 T 42 43 C
DATE OF BIRTH: unknown
NEXT OF KIN: Elmer C. BURG, 405 ROSS AVE. HAMILTON, OHIO.
DATE & PLACE OF DOWNING: 3,5 km south-west of LANUVIO, 17 Feb 1944 11.14.
PLACE OF BURIAL: 3,5 km south-west of LANUVIO, 30 meter distance from
a red-painted peasant-barn.

Enclosure: 1 Sketch of Grave-Location.

In charge:

KEMPTT (?)
Major.

ESU 1029

April 14, 1944

Air Forces Command 2
Tactical group Ic/PW's
Concerns: Deceased enemy air corps personnel
Reference: Supreme Hdq file no. Z f 24 63 e PW's general (V)

To:

O. Cn. O.B. SW.

For information: Air Forces Command 2 - Tactical group Ic
Evaluation Station West, Oberursel

- On Feb 17, 1944 was shot down near the village
of Lanuvio (90 km South of Rome) an enemy plane of the
Type Maurauder. The 6 crew members found their death. One member
of the crew could be identified, the others are charred, identification
tags could not be found.

1) Name	BURG, William T
2) Rank	Unknown (Officer)
3) identification tag no.	O-671876 T42-43 C
4) birth date:	unknown
5) address of next of kin	Elmer C. Burg, 405 Ross Avenue Hamilton, Ohio
6) Day, place & time of downing	Feb 17, 44 3,5 km SW Lanuvio 1114 hrs
7) Place of burial:	3,5 km SW Lanuvio, 30 m distant from a farmers barn with red paint

Encl. 1 Identification Tag

By order of and acting for:

Kenneth
Major.

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