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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AS
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 15 1980

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Variant: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.
Sardinia.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Decimomannu; Command or Air Force 12th AF
Group 320th (M); Squadron 1142nd; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Decimomannu, Sardinia; Course: 12° T to Gavoi
Target or Intended Destination Graziana, Italy; Type of Mission Bombing
Road Bridge. Sheet 98, WL-765246
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear sky, visibility 8 - 10 miles in haze.
- GIVE: (a) Day 21 Month Aug Year 1944; Time 1900B; and Location Crew bailed out at
43°47'N-12°38'E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to Crash (xx); or information not available ().
Crashed at approximately 43°40'N-12°40'E.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (xx); Other Circumstances as follows: _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-26B45; Battle No. 29; AAF Serial Number 42-95752
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any "Wine, Women and Song"
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800-43; AAF Serial Number
(a) 42-53631; (b) 42-63008; (c) _____; (d) _____
- INSTALLED WEAPONS, (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number); 50 Cal.
(a) 269127; (b) 50432; (c) 60628; (d) 401950
(e) 63250; (f) 94403; (g) 94380; (h) 29340
(i) 94703; (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Battle Casualty
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 7; Passengers 0; Total 7
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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	Current Status
1. Pilot	<u>Armstrong, Joseph R.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-672013</u>	<u>MIA RTD</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Roper, Donald G.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-699633</u>	<u>MIA RTIA</u>
3. Bombardier	<u>McCray, Joseph C.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>16045500</u>	<u>MIA RTIA</u>
4. Engineer G.	<u>Huston, David F.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>33152557</u>	<u>MIA</u>
5. Radio G.	<u>Salet, Adrian V.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>19190372</u>	<u>MIA RTD</u>

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	<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
6.	Armorer G.	Hughes, Phil (NMT)	S/Sgt.	31156814	MTA <u>RTU</u>
7.	Photo G.	King, Earl K.	Cpl	11073194	MTA
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					

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

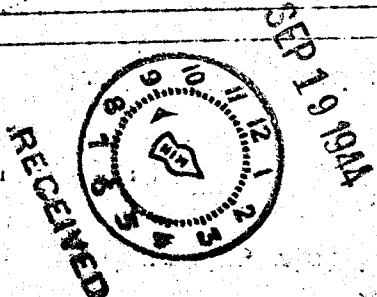
<u>Name in Full</u> (Last Name First)	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Contacted by</u>	<u>Check Only One Column</u>		
				<u>Last Sighted</u>	<u>Saw Crash</u>	<u>Saw Forces Land</u>
1. Harte, Forrest D.	1st Lt.	0-672091	Radio			x
2. Monney, Ralph N.	2nd Lt.	0-684378	Radio			x
3. Gemmill, John G.	1st Lt.	0-568270	Consolidated S-2 interrogations.			

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used xx; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Seven (7) parachutes seen to clear aircraft.

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.

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

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT



Date of Report 22 August 1944.

George A. Jackson
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 GEORGE A. JACKSON,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Statistical Officer.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:
 Photo Gummer, Cpl. Earl K. King, 11073194,
 was assigned to the 444th Bomb Squadron,
 320th Bomb Group (M).

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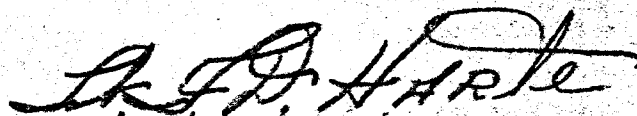
412nd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 650 U. S. Army

22 August 1944

SUBJECT: ON LOST AIRCRAFT (42-95752)

TO : GROUP

Just after I broke left from the target, the pilot of Plane No. 29 gave me a call, saying he was having engine trouble. He did not state the nature of the trouble nor which engine, but only asked to abandon the mission. I told him I would lead him back out of enemy territory and slowed down so he could stay with me. I was turning to the heading given by my navigator when we started drawing flak again. While in the flak, Plane No. 29 dropped out of position and passed under me to the left and took up a heading paralleling the mountain range. As he went under, I could see that he had a large hole in his left main fuel tank and was losing fuel fast. It was impossible for me to establish radio contact with him after he dropped out of position. He was hit at about 10,000 feet and immediately salvoed his bombs but he still lost altitude fast and the crew all bailed out (seven (7) chutes) at about 3,000 feet sea level setting as 1,000 feet above the ground, I would guess. (Bailing out position approximately at Lat. 43°47' Long. 12°35').



F. D. HARTE,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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My position was No. 3 in the third flight (Plane No. 25). From the IP on the initial run we were in position. We did not open bomb bay doors, but, in stead, after several minutes, we made a slight turn to the right and then turned back to the left to what apparently was a reciprocal heading of our initial run. On the initial run we had encountered a small amount of flak. My observation of the amount is limited by the fact that I was busy flying formation. I saw only that which came into my cone of vision on the lead ship. We flew several minutes on the reciprocal heading when I noticed that the lead flight and the second flight were no longer in sight. At about this time Lt. Armstrong in Plane No. 29 called our flight leader and suggested that we abandon the mission, giving as his reason the fact that he was having engine trouble. He did not state the nature, whether from flak damage or not. Lt. Harte the flight leader, immediately agreed to turning away from the target, and in the right turn to do that, I picked up the first and second flights, which were about a mile ahead of us, approximately at 10,000 feet. Conversation with the leader of the fourth flight brought out that he had followed us up to this point when he had turned and joined the squadron leader. We had dodged and dived down to about 9,000 at that. The flak became more concentrated while we were making this turn, so we turned slightly back to the left. It was in these evasive maneuvers that fuel suddenly burst from Plane No. 29's left main tank. I would say that the hole was probably five or six inches in diameter, judging from the stream of gas that came out. He fell out of position, dropping back and to the left. While continuing violent evasive action we turned gradually to the southeast and in a few minutes we were able to get him in sight again. He was down to about 6,000 feet, heading about 160°. The flak stopped at about this time. After his first call, Lt. Armstrong did not call us again, although the flight leader tried to make contact with him. He salvoed his bombs soon after we picked him up again. We then salvoed ours. His aircraft seemed to be well controlled, flying steadily southeast at about 3,500 feet. We were at about 7,000 feet at the time. Upon looking back from checking my position with the flight leader, I saw Plane No. 29 just passing out of sight under my left wing. There were just two chutes behind it, evidently the last two because one of my crew in the tail counted them off over the interphone as they came out. The aircraft went steadily on its way in a slow glide and passed out of sight under my wing. The gunners reported that the ship crashed and burned in the foothills. After several of the gunners had confirmed each others report that seven chutes had been spotted we continued on toward Ancona. My bombardier was able to spot the general area on the map in which the bail out had been made. It was in the foothills near the mouth of the Foglia river, about thirty or forty miles from the Adriatic coast. Beyond Ancona several minutes the navigator in Plane No. 28, the flight lead, gave us a heading to Grossetti airdrome.

Ralph N. Mooney

RALPH N. MOONEY,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

by George A. Johnson
Capt. AC

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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO 650

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

1 B-26 was lost, to flak. Over Pratoveschio A/C Battle No. 29 sustained a first hit which damaged one engine. A second hit on the wing damaged the gas tank serving the other engine. A/C radioed that it was loosing gas and left the formation. A flight of 3 other A/C followed. A stream of gas was seen coming from the A/C, but there was no fire as long as the A/C continued in flight. At 1700 hours, 8 miles east of Sassocorvaro (43° 47' N. 12° 38' E), with A/C flying 175° at 5,000' the crew members bailed out. 7 chutes, accounting for the entire crew were seen to leave the A/C by all members observing. The A/C continued for 15 to 20 miles in a steep glide, one wing hit a mountain, and A/C exploded and burned at approximately 43° 40' N. 12° 40' E.

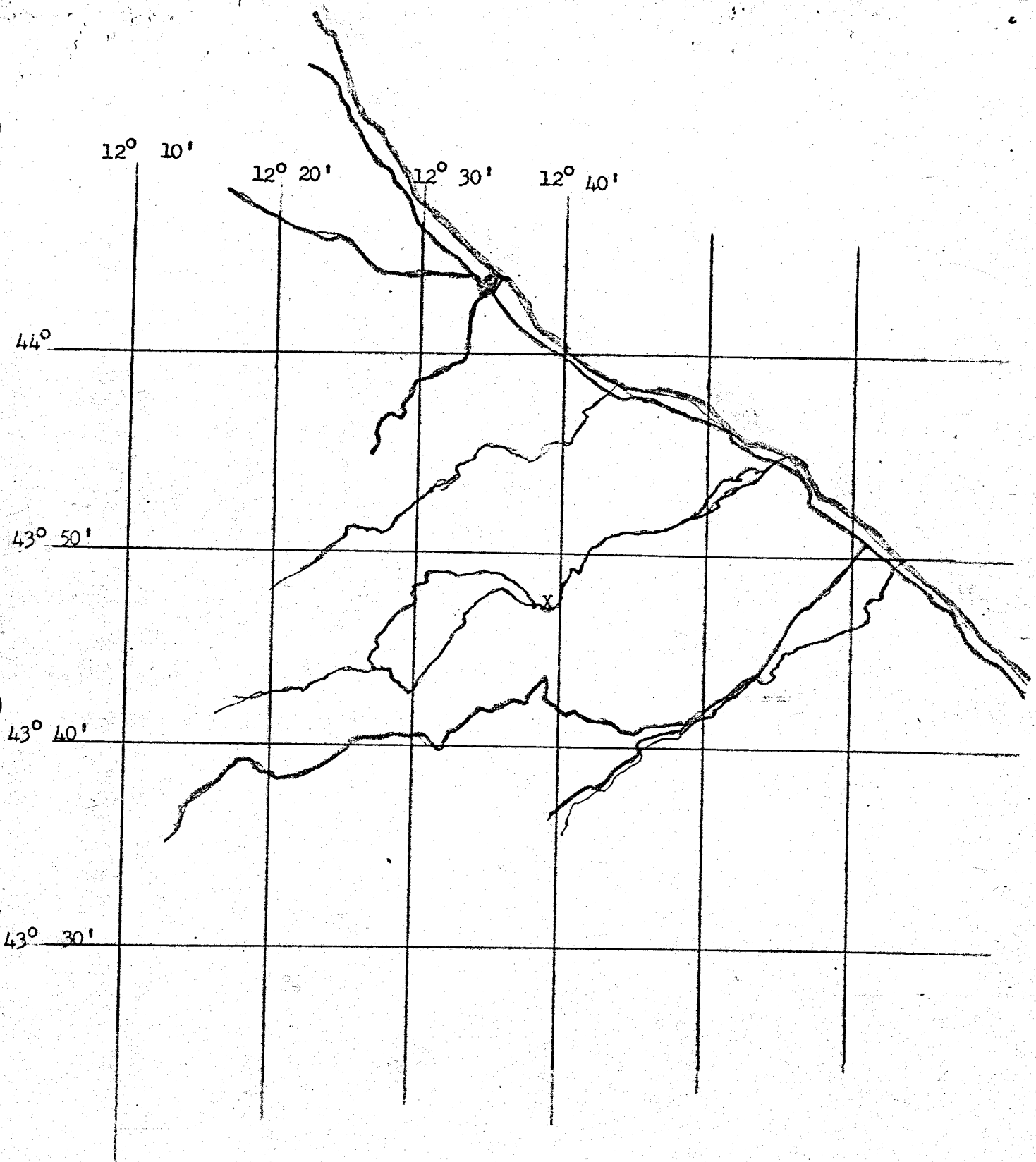
John G. Gemill
JOHN G. GEMILL,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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✓
1st Lt. Donald G. Roper

Mr. Herschell T. Roper (father)
West Edmeston, New York.

✓
1st Lt. Joseph R. Armstrong

Mrs. Edith M. Armstrong (wife)
2705 Jefferson Avenue,
Eaton Rouge, Louisiana.

✓
S/Sgt. Joseph C. McCray

Mrs. Cecil McCray (mother)
201 North Gainsboro,
Royal Oak, Michigan.

✓
S/Sgt. David F. Huston

Mrs. Dora E. Huston (mother)
68 Cleveland Avenue,
Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

✓
S/Sgt. Earl K. King

Mrs. Lille D. King (mother)
Hobgood, North Carolina.

✓
S/Sgt. Phil Hughes

Mrs. Leon Hughes (mother)
Box 212,
Tabor City, North Carolina.

✓
Sgt. Adrian V. Salet

Mrs. Ruth C. Salet (wife)
7100 Weld Street,
Oakland, California.

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
ARMY AIR FORCES
APO 650

22 August 1944.

319.11.

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

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

1. In compliance with Letter, War Department, File No. AG 360.33,
SUBJECT: "Missing Air Crew Report", dated 23 May 1944, the following
information is hereby submitted to your headquarters.

2. The battle casualty report was submitted direct to your headquarters
and Commanding General, Twelfth Air Force 21 August 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Cleve O'Toole
CLEVE (NMI) O'TOOLE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

5 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report.
- Incl 2 - Statement of 1st Lt. Harte.
- Incl 3 - " " 2nd Lt. Mooney.
- Incl 4 - " " 1st Lt. Gemmill.
- Incl 5 - Sketch.

AG 319.11

1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS 42ND BOMB WING (US), APO 650, US ARMY, 23 August 1944.

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

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

5 Incls: n/c

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By *LGI JB* NARS, Date *12/1/80*

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HQ, TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 28 August 1944.

TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534.

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.
2. Battle Casualty Report (B225) was forwarded your Hq on 21 August 44.

For the Commanding General:

D. S. Jackson
 D. S. JACKSON, *1100*
 Major, A.G.D.,
 Asst Adjutant General.

5 Incls: n/c (dup)

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 NARS, Date 12/11/90

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

31 August 1944 - 1900

CASUALTY NO. ME 1247

PLACE OF CRASH

north-west of Florence

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Marauder

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Fleet Hqs 3

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
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MC GRAY 26 Aug 44	Joseph Chester	S/SGT	16045800	captured	Dolg-luft
HEALEY	Adrian Victor	SGT	19190373	captured	Dolg-luft
AHNSHOFFS	Joseph Raymond	Sgt Lt	O-872113	wounded	hosp., Dolg-luft

Casualty No: ME 1247 first supplementary report, dated 11 October 1944

ROBERTS 29 Aug 44	Phillip Indor City, N.C.	S/SGT	34456644	captured	Dolg-luft
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REMARKS: Dolg-luft 12 September 1944 No.

Report of the Capture of Personnel of the Enemy Air Forces

Post: L 02230, Munich 2

O. U. Bologna

Date: 23 Aug. 1944

Names of Prisoners:	Rank No.	Serial No.	Home Address before the War:
1.) Joseph McCray	S/Sgt.	16 045 500	Detroit, Michigan
2.) Adrian V. Salet	Sergeant	19 190 312	Oakland, California
3.) Phil Hughes	Sergeant	34 458 844	Tabor City, N. C.

Place and date shot down: 21 Aug. 1944, between 18 and 19:00 o'clock, near
Rimini by 71 Inf. Div.

How captured: Forced Landing

Crew Members: Outside the three crew members who are still in hospital about
additional crew members, the prisoners refuse to make any
statement.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

American Prisoners of War

Sergeant Salet, A. V.

S/Sgt. Hughes, Phil

S/Sgt. McCray, J. Ch.

These prisoners are free from contagious diseases and vermin.

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ME 117 A

On: Aug. - 31 - 44, at 1900

Rank:

Name:

A.S.N.:

Place: North - West of
F L O R E N C E

1st LT

A R M S T R O M G
captured

2nd LT

R O P E R
missed

21 Aug 44

Type: M A R A U D E R
442 nd (B) Sqd

S/Sgt

H O U S T O N
missed

320 th Group - photograph

S/Sgt

S A L E T
captured

Airbase: Decimomannu

S/Sgt

Mc C R A Y Joseph Chester 16 045 500

v

Air Corps Command 2

S/Sgt

H U G H E S Phillip 34 456 844

v

The names are crossed out by red ink lines with reference to

ME 1947

*listed similarly
on ME 1947*

USA

ME 117 A

A.S.P.1

On: Aug. - 31 - 44, at 1900	Ranks	Name		
Place: North - West of FLORENCE	1st LT	ARMSTRONG	captured	
Type: MARAUDER	2nd LT	ROPER	missed	
442 nd (B) Sqd	S/3gt	HOUSTON	missed	
130 th Group - photograph	S/3gt	SALET	captured	
Airbase: Decimomanni	S/3gt	Mr CRAY	Joseph Chester	16 045 500 v
Air Corps Command 2	S/3gt	HUGHES	Phillipp	34 456 844 v

The names are ~~crossed out~~ by red ink lines with reference to

ME 1947

**CASUALTY BRANCH, A.G.O.
FILE CHARGE-OUT AND TRANSFER FORM**

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SEARCHER'S NAME	GROUP NO.	DATE <i>7 March 47</i>		

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CASUALTY BRANCH FILE

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**Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschuß-Nr. ME 1947

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Abschußtag und Zeit: 21.8.44 - 11.00
 Abschußort: NW Florenz
 Flugzeugtyp: Marauder
 Meldende Dienststelle: Ltfl. Kdo. 2

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grabiage

MC GRAY
26.8.11

Joseph Chester S/Sgt. ⁴⁵⁵ 16045500 gef. Dulag-Luft

SALET

Adrian Victor Sgt. 19190372 gef. Dulag-Luft

ARMSTRONG

J. 2.Lt. verw. Laz.

Bemerkungen:

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CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

Auth: C.G. F.Y.P.E.

Initials: *mm*

Date: *SEP 20 1944*

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: *9-27-44*

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PILOT	: <i>DAVID F. HUSTON</i>	SQUADRON	: <i>497</i>
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: <i>33152557</i>	GROUP	: <i>320</i>
HOME ADDRESS	: <i>63 CLEVELAND AVE UNIONTOWN, Pa</i>	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: <i>B-26</i>
EX-REPORT NO.	:	DATE OF MISSION	: <i>9-21, 44</i>

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	<i>1st LT J.R. ARMSTRONG</i>	<i>M.I.B.</i>
Co PILOT	<i>1st LT ROPER</i>	<i>R.D. U.S.A.</i>
BOARDER	<i>3/5 LT J.P. McCRAY</i>	<i>M.I.B.</i>
ENGINEER	<i>7/5 LT D.F. HUSTON</i>	<i>R.D. U.S.A.</i>
COOK	<i>5/5 LT HUGHES</i>	<i>M.I.B.</i>
OWNER	<i>3 LT A.V. SPART</i>	<i>M.I.B.</i>
PHOTO.	<i>7/5 LT E KING</i>	<i>R.D. U.S.A.</i>

KNOWN INFORMATION:

ALL OF CREW (7 members) BAILED OUT SAFELY

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

Armstrong, McCray, Hughes and Spart were captured. Armstrong and Hughes or Spart were hit by small arms from the ground. One was hit in the arm and the other in the hand. Information was from Italian farmer.

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APPENDIX "D"

(For Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C.)

1. Source:

Name: (I). S/Sgt. DAVID F. HUSTON, 33152557.
 (II). Cpl. EARL K. KING, 14073194.
 Unit: 320th Bomb Group, 442nd Bomb Squadron.
 Aircraft: B-26, #42-95752.
 Date of Mission - 21 August 1944.
 Date of Interrogation - 30 August 1944.

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2. Members of Crew:

<u>Position</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
Pilot	O-672013	1st Lt	J. R. Armstrong	Bel'd P/W
Co-Pilot	O-699633	2nd Lt	D. G. Roper	RTD
Bombardier	16045500	S/Sgt	J. C. McCray	MIA
Engineer/Gunner	33152557	S/Sgt	D. F. Huston	RTD
Radio/Gunner	19190372	Sgt	A. V. Salet	MIA
Gunner	34456814	S/Sgt	P. Hughes	MIA
Photographer	14073194	Cpl	E. K. King	RTD

3. Substantiating Facts:

Informed by Italians that the Pilot had received a wound from machine-gun fire directed at the descending airmen, and was apprehended by Germans when he landed.

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Auth: C.G., N.Y.P.E.

Initials: POW

Date: SEP 28 44

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: 1944 SEP 28

NARRATOR	: <u>S/Sgt Paul [unclear]</u>	SQUADRON	: <u>444</u>
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: <u>1407919</u>	GROUP	: <u>310</u>
HOME ADDRESS	: <u>4516 20th St. N.C.</u>	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: <u>B-16</u>
EX-REPORT NO.	:	DATE OF MISSION	: <u>August 22</u>

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	LT. ARMSTRONG	MIA
CO-PILOT	LT. PROPER	R.D.
BOMBARDIER	-	MIA
BRID	-	MIA
A. BANNER	Sgt. DAVID E. HUSTON	MIA
ENGINEER	Sgt. E. B. KING	R.D.
PARA. 3		R.D.

KNOWN INFORMATION:

LT. PROPER, SGT HUSTON, CAME BACK WITH ME.
THE REST OF THE CREW ARE STILL MIA AS FAR AS I KNOW.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

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MARS, Date 12/11/80

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Auth: C.G., N.Y.P.E.
Initials: 100m
Date: SEP 27 1944

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: 27 Sept. 44

NARRATOR	: 1 st Lt. Donald B. Roper	SQUADRON	: 442 nd
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	0699633	GROUP	: 320 th
HOME ADDRESS	: 606 E 109 St. Cleveland Ohio	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: B-26
EX-REPORT NO.	:	DATE OF MISSION:	: 21 August. 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
Pilot.	1 st Lt. Joe. Armstrong	Probable P.O.W.
Co-pilot.	Myself	" "
Bombardier	S/sgt. Macray	Evaded Capture
Engineer	S/sgt. D. Huston	" "
Photographer	Cpl. King	Probable P.O.W.
Radio	Hughes	" "
Tail Gunner	Silet	

KNOWN INFORMATION:

All seven members parachuted safely from plane
Small arms fire from ground around pilot and myself as we were descending

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

Armstrong shot in hand and captured
King and Huston evaded capture
Others reported by Italians to be captured

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By LCL 93 NARS, Date 12/11/97

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(For Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C.)

1. Source

Name - 2nd Lt. DONALD G. ROPER, O-699633
Unit - 320th Bomb Group, 442nd Squadron.
Aircraft - B-26, #42-95752.
Date of Mission - 21 August 1944.
Date of Interrogation - 2 September 1944.

2. Members of Crew

<u>Position</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
Pilot	O-672013	1st Lt.	J. B. Armstrong	Bel'd P/W
Co-Pilot	O-699633	2nd Lt.	D. G. Roper	RED
Bombardier	16045599	S/Sgt.	J. C. McCray	MIA
Engineer/Gunner	33152557	S/Sgt.	D. F. Huston	RED
Radio/Gunner	19190372	Sgt.	A. V. Salet	MIA
Gunner	34456814	S/Sgt.	P. Hughes	MIA
Photographer	14073194	Cpl.	E. K. King	RED

3. Substantiating Facts:

Source states all members bailed from the disabled craft.

Italians told Source that the pilot had been shot in the hand and had been captured and that two others had been captured shortly after landing.

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