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MACR 11545
B-24
11 men

DATE: 8/22/44 -
PLACE: near Klausenburg, Hungary.
TYPE: Liberator.

740 (H.B.) Sqd.
455 Gp.
BASE: Cerignola.
TARGET: Evaluation Point Southeast.

Rank	Name	U.S.A. 403	No: FE 1984 ASN:	
1st/Lt.	Kiernan, James J.		0-817228	ø
1st/Lt.	Giles, Cary S.		0-822940	missing
1st/Lt.	Furbish, Howard M.		0-709330	
1st/Lt.	Hastings, Willis		0-706859	
T/Sgt.	Ball, Robert M.		13092676	
T/Sgt.	Ball, Norman A.		31316432	
S/Sgt.	Bosek, Frank K.		36867911	
S/Sgt.	Kaplanek, Donald A.		36604493	
S/Sgt.	Brasil, John J.		36607869	
S/Sgt.	Fitch, Earl F.		37565278	
S/Sgt.	Denke, Rudolf		32565771	
Cameramen				

Meldung über den Abschuß eines US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuß-Nr. Nr. 1984

Abschußtag und Zeit: 22.8.44

Abschußort: b. Wien

Flugzeugtyp: Liberator

Meldende Dienststelle: A.W. Mideast

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienstgrad	Erk.-Marke:	Verbleib: gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
KIERNAN J.James	2.Lt.	0-817228	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
HASTINGS Willis	1.Lt.	0-706359	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
BALL Robert H. 10.6.21 Nanty, Glo., Pa.	T/Sgt.	13092676	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4
BALL Norman A. 31.3.17 Winsted, Conn.	T/Sgt.	31316432	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4
BOZEK Frank 9.12.17 Detroit, Mich.	S/Sgt.	36867911	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4
KAPLANEK A. Donald 16.12.21 USA	S/Sgt.	36604493	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4
BRAZIL John 22.6.25 Scranton, Pa.	S/Sgt.	33609869	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4
PITCH Earl F. 30.1.25 Minneapolis, Mich.	S/Sgt.	37565278	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4
DENKS Rudolf 16.12.20 Germany	S/Sgt.	32565771	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 11545

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Field, Italy Command or Air Force 15th
Group 455th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 740th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure San Giovanni Field Course Direct
Target 50° 21' N, 18° 18' E Type of mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
4/10 Cumulus

4. GIVE: [a] Date 8-22-44 Time 1240 Last known position 48° 00'N, 17° 30' E
[b] Specify whether: [ ] Last sighted, [ ] Forced down, [ ] Seen to crash,
[X] Last contacted by radio, [ ] No information.

5. AIRCRAFT [LOST] [BELIEVED LOST] AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]
[ ] Enemy aircraft, [X] Enemy anti-aircraft, [ ] Other

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24J AAF Serial Number 42-50892

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R 1830-43A AAF Serial Number [a] CP 312912
[b] CP 313289 [c] CP 313100 [d] CP 313024

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number]
[a] 1534496 Browning Cal.50M2 [e] 1527428 [i] 1030917
[b] 1528419 [f] 1534[illegible]689 [j] 1535753
[c] 1527625 [g] 1527726 [k]
[d] 1534526 [h] 1532705 [l]

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: [X] Battle Casualty, [ ] Non Battle Casualty.

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 11
[If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet]

	CREW POSITION	FULL NAME [Last, first, initial] RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
[1]	Pilot	Kiernan, James Joseph 1st Lt 0-817226		Mrs. Eugenia Kiernan, Wife Box 216, Florida, New York
[2]	Co-Pilot	Giles, Cary Stuart 1st Lt 0-822940		Edwin S. Giles, Father Rte 29 Crescent Rd, Longmeadow, Mass. RTD.
[3]	Nav	Furbish, Howard M. 1st Lt 0-709330		Mrs. Olive Furbish, Wife 16 Highland Ave., Rochester, New Hampshire RTD.
[4]	Bomb	Hastings, Willis NMI 1st Lt 0-706859		Mrs. Myrtle Hastings, Mother 127 Henry St., Chester, South Carolina RTD.
[5]	Eng	Ball, Robert M. T/Sgt 13092676		Mary Grace Ball, Wife 704 W. Fourth St., Lewistown, Pennsylvania RTD.
[6]	Radio	Ball, Norman A. T/Sgt 31316432	D	Anne Ball, Wife 6 Burwell Ave., Woodmont, Connecticut RTD
[7]	Gunner	Kaplanek, Donald A. S/Sgt 36604493		Ethel Kaplanek, Mother 857 Belden Ave., Chicago, Illinois RTD
[8]	Gunner	Bozek, Frank K. S/SGT 36867911	D	Anna Bozek, Mother 3242 Junction Ave., Detroit, Michigan
[9]	Gunner	Fitch, Earl F. S/Sgt 37565278		Jeanette Fitch, Mother 2805 Harriet St., Minneapolis, Minnesota RTD
[10]	Gunner	Brazil, John J. S/Sgt 33609869	D	Margaret Brazil, Mother 605 Herbert St., Scranton, Pennsylvania RTD
[11]	Gunner	Denke, Rudolf C. S/Sgt 32565771	D	Rudolf Denke, Father 147 Oakwood Ave., North Haledon, New J RTD
[12]				

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	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
[1] Perkowski, Wallace	2d Lt	0-702329	X			
[2]						
[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.
[ ] Other reasons [specify] Aircraft under control and maintaining high altitude.

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, aircraft disappeared over enemy-held territory.

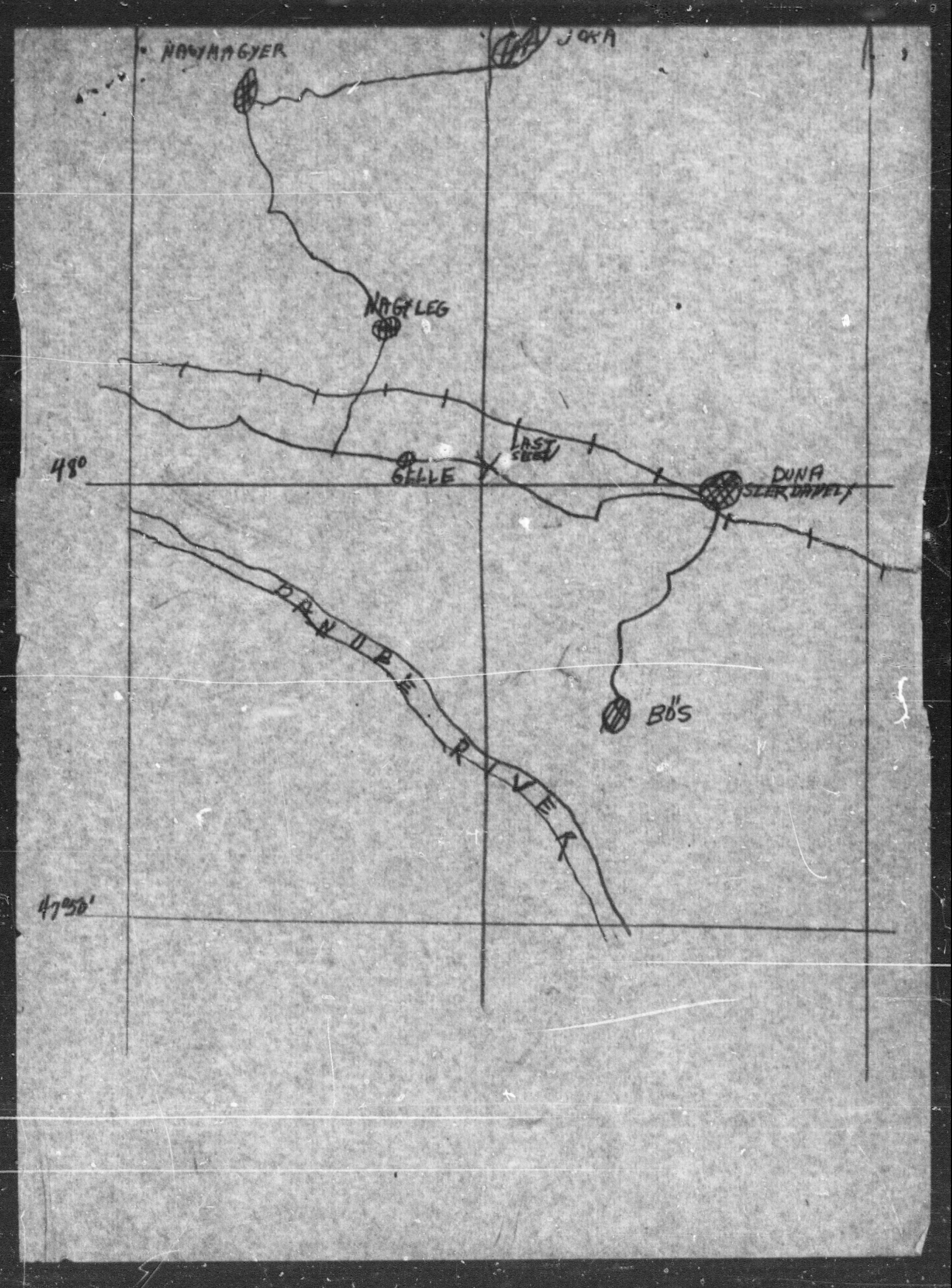
2 Inclosures. 1-4834

Date 25 August 1944 /s/Joe B. Goodrich
Signature of reporting officer

CONFIDENTIAL t/JOE B. GOODRICH
Capt, Air Corps
Adjutant

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ELLIS L. BURNS, JR.
CWO, USA


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ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ATTENTION:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON



4 January 1945

SUBJECT: Staff Sergeant John J. Brazil, 33609869,
740th Bomb Squadron, 455th Bomb Group,
Missing 22 August 1944

TO : Commanding General, NATOUSA, A.P.O. #534,
U.S. Army, Attention: N.A.A.G.C.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which the subject named was reported missing (in action) on the date shown.

2. A search of the records of this headquarters indicates that a Missing Air Crew Report, as required b A.G.O. letter, 7 July 44 (AG 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-AAF-M), has not been received to date in this case. It is requested that this report be forwarded with the least practicable delay.

For the Commanding General:

E. A. Bradunas

E. A. BRADUNAS,
Major, Air Corps,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.

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S T A T E M E N T

740th Bombardment Squadron (H) AAF
Office of The Operations Officer

22 August 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness description of missing aircraft.

TO : Whom it may concern.

1. While flying on the mission of August 22, 1944, I was flying in No. seven (7) position in the formation. Ship No. 892 was flying No. four (4) position when he called and said he had tow engines out. I last saw him about 1244 hours at 4800N/1750E. He was loosing altitude and said he would continue as far, and as long as he could.

/s/Wallace Perkowski
/t/WALLACE PERKOWSKI,
2d Lt, Air Corps
Pilot

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Ellis L. Burns Jr.
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