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by K. A. BRADUHAS, Lt. Col., AC
by W. M. MARSH, Capt., AC
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to: AIR EVAC Lt. Col., AC
by E. A. BRADOMAS
by T. M. MUENCH, Lt., AC
1 MAR 1946

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure San Giovanni Air Field, Italy. Course Direct
Target Florisdorf Oil Refineries, Austria Type of mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
10/10 altostratus with tops at 12,000 feet

4. GIVE: (a) Date 12 Mar 45 Time 1335 Last known position 47°25'N - 15°55'E
(b) Specify whether: (x) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,
( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.

5. AIRCRAFT (LOST) (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
( ) Enemy aircraft, ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft, (x) Other Mechanical trouble

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 L AAF Serial Number 44-49366

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT EVELYN E

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-43 AAF Serial Number (a) BP-430654
(b) CP-318120 (c) CP-317936 (d) CP-318233

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
(a) 1548926 Browning Cal 50 (e) 554540 (i)
(b) 1548715 (f) 1549023 ✓ (j)
(c) 1548704 (g) 1316662 (k)
(d) 1549637 (h) 1316543 ✓ (l)

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (x) Battle Casualty, ( ) Non-Battle Casualty.

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 12 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 12 .
(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	1 Von Schrilta, Richard J. Capt 0705892	MIA	Mrs. Donna J. Von Schrilta, Wife 707 Ave B, Dodge City, Kansas
(2) Co-Pilot	2 Winter, Andrew R. 1st Lt 0668373	MIA	Mrs. Virginia Winter, Wife 905 So. 5th, Ponca City, Okla.
(3) Navigator	3 Braselton, Charles M. Jr. 1st Lt 02058404	MIA	Mrs. Alice R. Braselton, Wife 2900 Gorman Ave., Waco, Texas
(4) Navigator	4 Coats, John A. 1st Lt 02057869	MIA	Mrs. Amy Coats, Mother 3046 Midland Rd, Bay City, Mich.
(5) Bombardier	5 Drabik, Edward H. 2d Lt 0716808	MIA	Mrs. Sophie Drabik, Mother 839 W. Dale Ave., Muskegon, Mich.
(6) Radar Navigator	1*Adams, Charles S. 1st Lt C2062621	MIA	Mrs. Janet E. Adams, Mother 2211 E. Kenwood Blvd, Milwaukee, Wisc.
(7) Radio Opr Gunner	9 Lipps, Walter W. T Sgt 14119813	MIA	Mrs. Alice W. Lipps, Wife XMrs. Rose Emmett, Fort Payne, Ala.
(8) Engineer Gunner	10 Taylor, William H. T Sgt 14161828	MIA	Mrs. Maggie D. Taylor, Mother Gen. Del., Ducktown, Tenn.
(9) Asst Engr Gunner	7 King, Craig F. S Sgt 33413360	MIA	Mrs. Kathryn G. King, Mother 1908 Constitutional Blvd, NewKensington, Pa.
(10) Armorer Gunner	8 Lashinsky, Francis J. S Sgt 42048283	MIA	Mrs. Anna Lashinsky, Mother 370 So. 2nd St, Brooklyn, New York
(11) Armorer Gunner	2 Beauchemin, Albert E. S Sgt 11106402	MIA	Mrs. Albertine M Beauchemin, Mother 109 Commercial St, Adams, Mass.
(12) Gunner	6 Colton, Arthur S. Jr. S Sgt 36641501	MIA	Mrs. Mary J. Colton, Mother 1708 N. Lorel Ave., Chicago, Illinois

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	SAW LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	FORCED LANDING
(1) Roy E. Kirkland	1st Lt	0706203		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.
(x) Other reasons (specify) Plane was under control when last seen

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

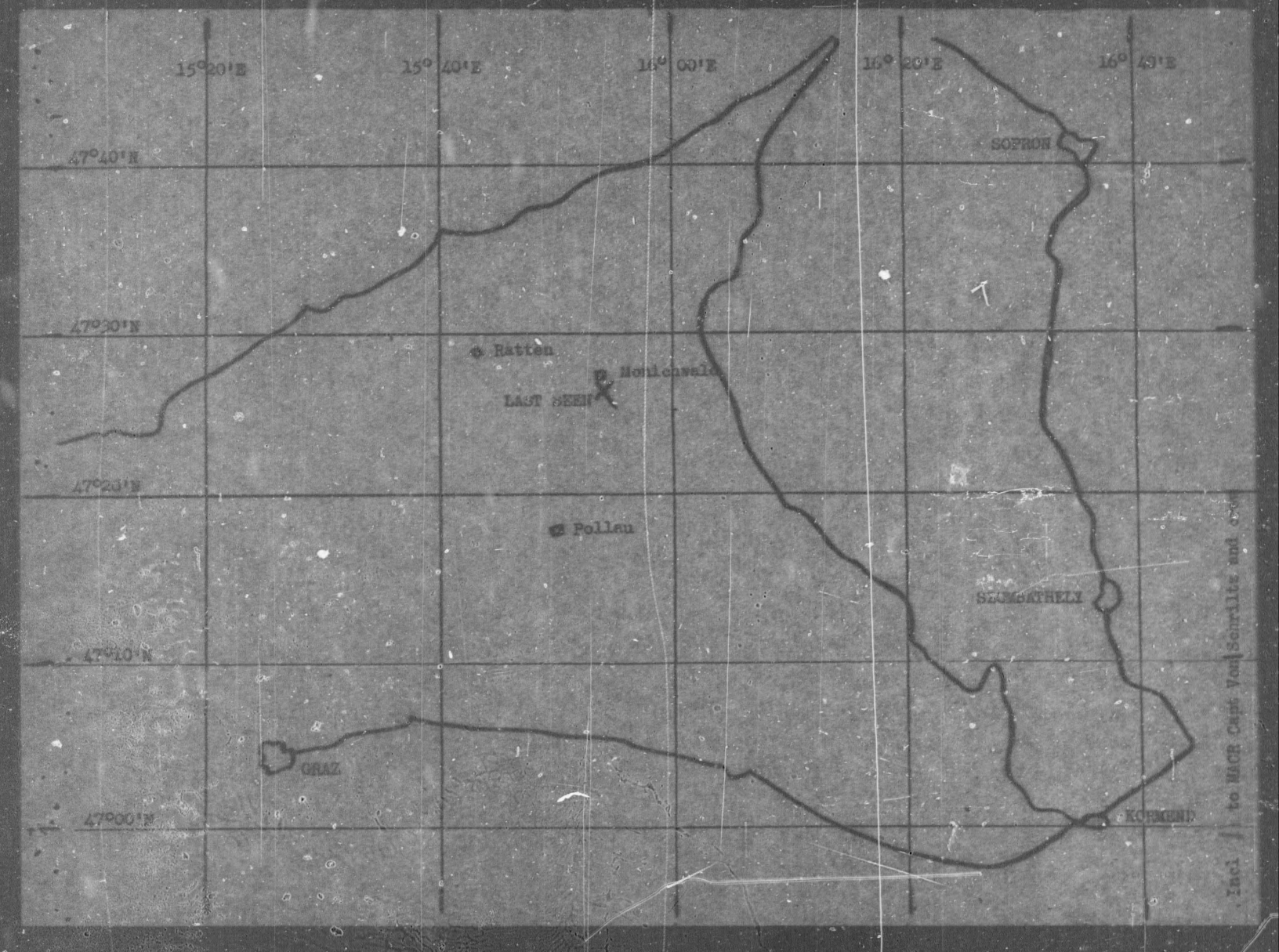
16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE. no search

2 Inclosures.
Incl 1-Sketch of area Date 15 March 1945
Incl 2-Statement of Lt Kirkland

Charles E. Ziegler
Signature of preparing officer
CHARLES E. ZIEGLER, 1st Lt, AC
Personnel Officer.

* Assigned 741st Bomb Sq (H)

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15°20'E
15° 40'E
16° 00'E
16° 20'E
16° 49'E
47°40'N
47°30'N
47°20'N
47°10'N
47°00'N
SOPRON
Ratten
Mönichwald
LAST SEEN
Pollau
SEMMERING
GRAZ
KÖRMEND
Incl to MACR Capt Von Sorrills and

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Sgt. Richard A. Van Antwerp — Mrs. Doris A. Van Antwerp (Wife)
707 Adams S.
Battle Creek, Nebraska

2nd Lt. Charles L. Adams — Mrs. Jessie Mc Bride (Mother)
2021 E Fremont Boulevard
Glendale, California

2nd Lt. John A. Cooke — Mrs. Ida Cooke (Mother)
2120 Elliott Road
Bay City, Michigan

2nd Lt. Gordon M. Hamilton, Jr. — Mrs. Alice B. Hamilton (Wife)
2200 Lyman Avenue
Waco, Texas

2nd Lt. Andrew L. Vickers — Mrs. Virginia M. Vickers (Wife)
202 S Tulsa Street
Pryor City, Oklahoma

2nd Lt. Edward H. Smith — Mrs. Anita L. Smith (Wife)
420 Merrimac Street
Holyoke, Massachusetts

T/Sgt. William M. Taylor — Mr. William M. Taylor (Father)
Salisbury, Tennessee

T/Sgt. Walter L. Biggs — Mrs. Alice L. Biggs (Wife)
c/o Home Bank
Pryor, Oklahoma

T/Sgt. Arthur L. [illegible] Jr. — Mr. Arthur L. Dalton, Sr. (Father)
2200 North Long Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

S/Sgt. Albert L. Hasselbeck — Mr. Albert L. Hasselbeck (Father)
39 Greenwich Street
Albany, Massachusetts

S/Sgt. Francis J. Anthony — Mrs. Anna L. Anthony (Mother)
218 South 2nd Street
Brooklyn, New York

S/Sgt. Emil L. King — Mrs. Catherine King (Mother)
1308 Constitution Avenue
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

FORMER CREW MEMBER CASUALTY INFORMATION

12 Aug 43

Name rank and ASN of Casualty 1st Lt. C. Adams

Name rank and ASN of POW F. J. Sadowsky T/Sgt. 430 48283

Crew position of Casualty Navigator

Unit 740 Bomb. Sqdn. 455 Bomb Grp (H)

Date last seen 24 March 1945

Place last seen On aircraft

Circumstances surrounding loss of aircraft Tried to make it to Russia after loss of engine. Shot down by flak near Ruhr-Giessen area.

KNOWN INFORMATION:
(Eyewitness)

HEARSAY INFORMATION WITH ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY:

Notification from War Department sent to next of kin of his death.

(Signed) F. J. Sadowsky T/Sgt 430 48283
Name Rank ASN

FORMER CREW MEMBER CASUALTY INFORMATION

Name rank and ASN of Casualty 2nd Lt. C. H. Brazelton

Name rank and ASN of POW T/Sgt. J. J. Lubinsky 13044983

Crew position of Casualty Navigator

Unit 741st Bomb Sq 455th BG 8th AF(H)

Date last seen 12 March 1945

Place last seen On Aircraft

Circumstances surrounding loss of aircraft Lost one engine in mission over Czech Protectorate. Lagging all go to Ted to with Ger to Russia. Plak shot by bomber Seen eight other Russ-bound B-17s

KNOWN INFORMATION:
(Eyewitness)

HEARSAY INFORMATION WITH ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY:
Wife had not heard anything from him ever after all other men of his had received definite information.

(Signed) J. J. Lubinsky T/Sgt. 13044983
Name Rank ASN

740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

14 March 1945

STATEMENT

Returning from the combat mission of 12 March 1945, plane #366, piloted by Capt Von Schriltz, radioed that #4 engine could not be feathered. The plane was last seen 1335 hours at 47°25'N/15°55'E taking a heading of 140°. The plane was under control but losing altitude at about 300 feet per minute.

Roy E. Kirkland

ROY E. KIRKLAND,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Pilot.

Incl 2 to MACR Capt Von Schriltz and crew.