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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 742d Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure San Giovanni Air Field, Italy Course Direct
   Target Bombing Range #4 Type of mission Practice
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Broken layer of clouds-tops 4,000, scattered at 8,500 ft. Visibility 15 miles
4. GIVE: (a) Date 27 Apr 1945 Time 1045 Last known position 39°43'N - 16°32'E
   (b) Specify whether: ( ) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,
   (X) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.
5. AIRCRAFT ~~(KXXX)~~ (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
   ( ) Enemy aircraft, ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft, (X) Other Reason unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B 24 J AAF Serial Number 42-51645
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT Slim Chance
8. ENGINES: Type, mode. & series R-1830-65 AAF Serial Number (a) 42-64802
   (b) BP-453915 (c) CP-301585 (d) 41-15225.
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
   (a) 1537109 Browning Cal 50 (e) 1033715 (i) 1033349
   (b) 1537267 (f) 1034010 (j) 1033358
   (c) 1296768 (g) 1033946 (k)
   (d) 1033908 (h) 1034426 (l)
10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: ( ) Battle Casualty, (X) Non-Battle Casualty.
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 6 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 6.
    (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
KNB	(1) Pilot	Scramlin, James D. 1st Lt 02062312	MIS ✓	Mrs. Dorothy I. Scramlin, Wife 218 R St, NE, Washington, D. C.
KNB	(2) Co-Pilot	Buchanan, Harry H. 2d Lt 02063908	MIS ✓	Mrs. Sarah M. Buchanan, Wife 117 E. 68th St, Shreveport, La.
KNB	(3) Bombardier	Slominski, Frederick A. 2d Lt 02022920	MIS ✓	Mrs. Anna Baranski, Mother 1930 So. Homan, Chicago, Illinois
KNB	(4) Bombardier	Boyle, Frederick J. 1st Lt 02064396	MIS ✓	Mrs. Gertrude Boyle, Wife 1049 Fairview Place, Hillside, N. J.
KNB	(5) Radio Opr Gunner	Lyon, Kenneth L. Sgt 11111702	MIS ✓	Mrs. Ann E. Lyon, Mother Lord's Point, Stonington, Conn.
KNB	(6) Engineer Gunner	Haffner, John C. Sgt 36687310	MIS ✓	Mrs. Dorothy M. Haffner, Wife 4165 Ruckle St, Indianapolis, Ind.
	(7)			
	(8)			
	(9)			
	(10)			
	(11)			
	(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	SAW LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	FORCED LANDING
(1) Andrew D. Graham	Capt	0796377	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)
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. See letter of transmittal

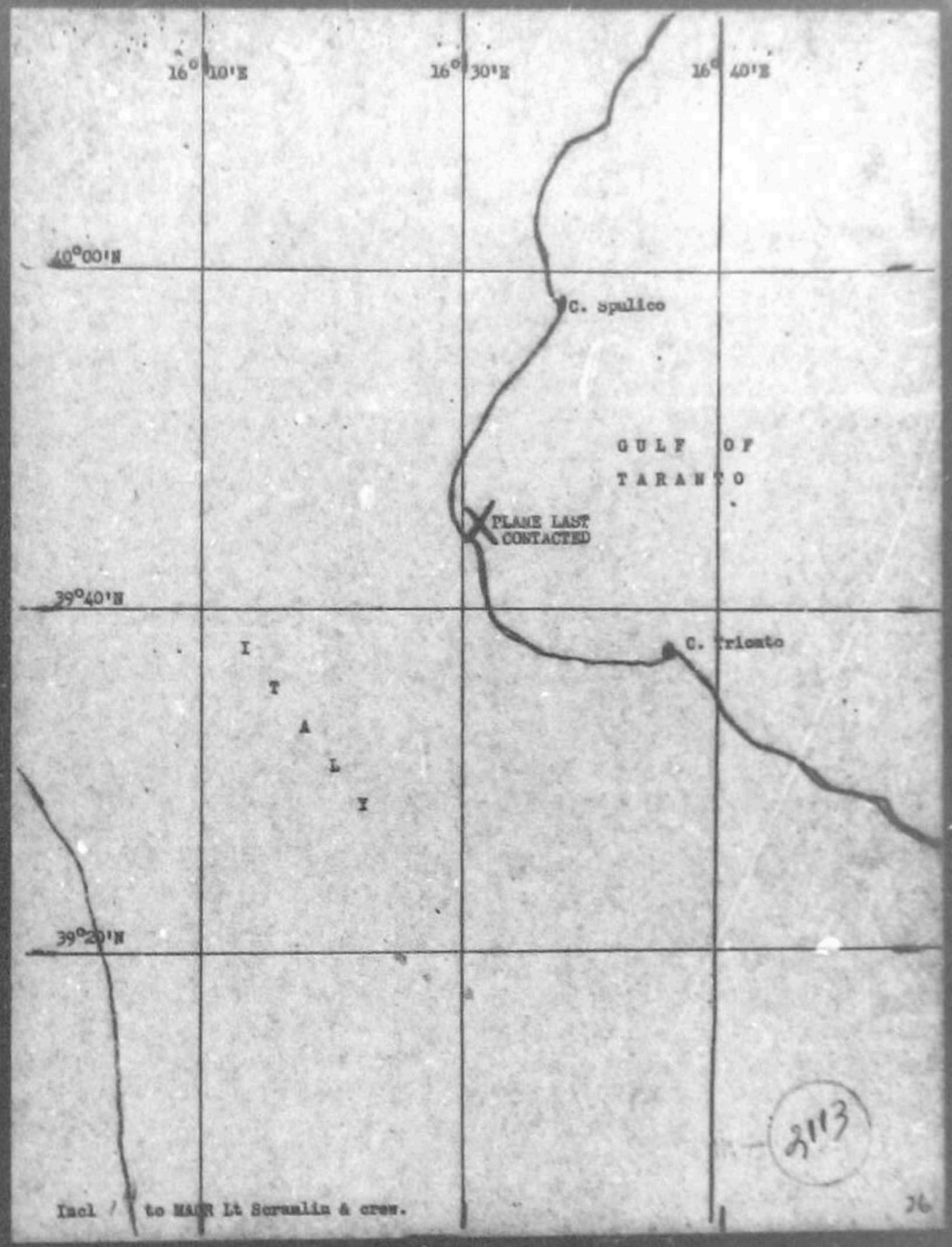
2 Inclosures.
Incl 1-Sketch of area
Incl 2-Statement Capt Graham

Date 29 April 1945

Charles E. Ziegler
Signature of preparing officer

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CHARLES E. ZIEGLER, 1st Lt, AC,
Personnel Officer.



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Incl / to MACR Lt Scramlin & crew.

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1st Lt. James D. Screamlin	Mrs. Dorothy I. Screamlin (wife) 218 "R" Street NE Washington, D. C.
2nd Lt. Harry H. Buchanan	Mrs. Sarah M. Buchanan (wife) 117 East 68th Street Shreveport, Louisiana
2nd Lt. Frederick A. Slominski	Mrs. Loretta Jaworek (sister) 1930 S Homan Chicago, Illinois
1st Lt. Frederick J. Boyle	Mrs. Gertrude M. Boyle (wife) 183 Duke Street Kearny, New Jersey
Sgt. Kenneth L. Lyon	Mr. Earl B. Lyon (father) Lords Point Stonington, Connecticut
Sgt. John C. McMyer	Mrs. Dorothy M. McMyer (wife) 4165 Franklin Street Indianapolis, Indiana

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455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 526 U. S. ARMY

5 May 1945

STATEMENT

When plane #645, piloted by 1st Lt JAMES D SCRANLIN, failed to return from the practice mission of 27 April 1945, Hq 304th Bomb Wing (Hv) and Hq Fifteenth Air Force were notified. The British Air Sea Rescue and the Italian Navy went out to search for the plane the evening of 27 April 1945 and again the following morning but no trace could be found. A plane was dispatched from this headquarters the morning of 28 April 1945 to aid in the search but poor weather hindered the efforts and no trace of the plane or its personnel could be found.

Irving Berke
IRVING BERKE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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741ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

29 April 1945

STATEMENT

At approximately 1045 hours, 27 April 1945, while flying a practice mission, I was unable to contact "Crackling" tower on practice range #4 for instructions. Plane #645, piloted by Lt Seramlin, relayed the instructions from the tower to me, and in addition said that he was at 5700 feet, and that there was an overcast to 1500 feet. At that time he was in no apparent trouble.

Andrew D. Graham
ANDREW D. GRAHAM,
Captain, Air Corps,
Pilot.

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360.33 2nd Ind. GP:WDR/eh
HQ FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 2 May 1945.

TO: CG, MTOUSA, APO 512. Attn: Casualty Branch, AGD.

W. D. R.

1 Incl: n/c

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455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Unit Personnel Section
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

5 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Supplement to Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, 304th Bomb Wing (H), APO 520.

1. Transmitted herewith as a supplement to Missing Air Crew Report of 1st Lt JAMES D. SCRAMLIN, 02062312, AC, 742d Bomb Sq (H), and crew, is statement by Capt IRVING BETKE, 0710418, AC, Hq 455th Bomb Gp (H), on extent of search carried on.

2. Missing Air Crew Report was forwarded from this headquarters 29 April 1945.

For the Group Commander:

CHARLES E. ZIEGLER,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

1 Incl: Statement by Capt Betke.

360.33 C-ML-5 1st Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (H), APO 520, 7 May 45.
TO: CG, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520.

Attention is invited to basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL.

HAROLD G WILSON.
Major., AGD.
Adjutant.

1 Incl n/c

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360.33 2nd Ind. GP/B/eh
HQ FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 11 May 1945.

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TO: CG, MTOUSA, APO 512. Attn: Casualty Branch, AGD.

1 Incl: n/e

E. D. R.

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455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Unit Personnel Section
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

29 April 1945

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, 304th Bomb Wing (H), APO 520.

1. Transmitted herewith Missing Air Crew Report on 1st Lt JAMES D. SCRAMLIN, O2062312, AC, 742d Bomb Sq (H), and crew, who were Missing 27 April 1945 while on a training mission over Italy.

2. Description of extent of search, as required in item 16, Missing Air Crew Report, will be forwarded as a supplement to Missing Air Crew Report by 5 May 1945. Full information is not available at the present time.

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For the Group Commander:

Charles E. Ziegler
CHARLES E. ZIEGLER,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

1 Incls: MACR Lt Scramlin & crew w/ 2 Incls.

360.33 C-WM-5 1st Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (H), APO 520, 30 Apr 45.
TO: CG, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520.

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H.G.W.

1 Incl: n/c

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