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

ATTENTION: AFPPA-8

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

23 April 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, MTOUSA, A.P.O. 512
U. S. Army, Attention: N.A.A.G.C.

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July 1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)OB-S-AAF-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of Second Lieutenant William Ehrenkranz 0925973
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)
740th Bomb Squadron, 455th Bomb Group,
(Organization)
first **reported ~~missing~~, missing in action,** 20 December 1944, **which report** (Date)
has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

JOHN D. MARSH
Lt Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

N°. 2118

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AG 201-Ehrenkranz, William (Off)-C JKR/rh
(23 Apr 45)

HQ., MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 29 April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520, U. S. Army.

1. There is no record of the MACR having been received listing the name of 2d Lt. WILLIAM EHRENKRANZ, 0925973, reported MIA 20 Dec 4 on BCR L-304 and subsequently KIA 20 Dec 4 on BCR L-307.

2. Request this report be forwarded this headquarters in triplicate.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MC NARNEY:

JACK K. ROBERTS
Captain, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

201 - Ehrenkranz, William (Off) 2nd Ind. GP:WDR/eh
HQ FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 3 May 1945.

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

Forwarded herewith.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

WINDLE D. REEL
Major, Air Corps
Actg Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl: MACR (trip) No. 2604.

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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 Pilsen Skoda Works, Czech Type of mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 7/10 stratus & stratocumulus at 500 ft, tops at 3,000 ft. Visibility 4 mi. in light fog

4. GIVE: (a) Date 20 Dec 1944 Time 1518 Last known position 41°50'N - 15°39'E
( ) Specify whether: ( ) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,
( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information. (x) Crashed

5. AIRCRAFT (LOST) ~~(DAMAGED)~~ AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
( ) Enemy aircraft, ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft, (x) Other Weather conditions

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series _____ AAF Serial Number _____

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT _____

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series _____ AAF Serial Number (a) _____
(b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
(a) _____ (e) _____ (i) _____
(b) _____ (f) _____ (j) _____
(c) _____ (g) _____ (k) _____
(d) _____ (h) _____ (l) _____

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

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10 .
(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	Stewart, William J. Jr. Capt 0446574	KIA	Mrs. Beatrice M. Stewart, Wife 14 Exeter St, Pittsburgh, Pa.
(2) Co-Pilot	Ehrenkranz, William 2d Lt 0925973	KIA	Mrs. Dora Ehrenkranz, Mother 16 Edwin Place, Newark, N. J.
(3) Navigator	Thompson, Harold A. Flt O T-127508	KIA	Mrs. Annetta C. Bauer, Mother 19435 Strathmoor St, Detroit 21, Mich.
(4) Bombardier	Kerker, Barton G. Flt O T-5656	KIA	Mr. Fay Herbert Kerker, Father Nemaha, Nebraska
(5) Engineer Gunner	Schulte, Joseph P. S Sgt 18192580	KIA	Mrs. Mildred J. Schulte, Wife 610 West 12th St, Okmulgee, Okla.
(6) Radio Opr Gunner	Rausch, Robert L. T Sgt 36359088	KIA	Mr. William Rausch, Father 409 No. Union St, Aurora, Ill.
(7) Armorer Gunner	Nila, Pete S Sgt 39280753	KIA	Mrs. Ramona Nila, Wife PO Box #311, Palm Springs, Calif.
(8) Gunner	Wrigglesworth, Harry N. K.I.A. T Sgt 18026161	KIA	Mrs. Benita G. Wrigglesworth, Wife 416 Monticello Ct, San Antonio, Tex.
(9) Gunner	Field, Joseph E S Sgt 13012048	KIA	Mrs. Dorothy M. Field, Wife 411 Jefferson St, Montgomery, Ala.
(10) Gunner	Krugh, Walter M. Sgt 15080453	KIA	Mrs. Dicia M. Krugh, Mother RR #2, Box 83, Van Wert, Ohio
(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	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) James H. Gosman	Capt	0369076	Was at scene of crash			
(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. _____

2 Inclosures.
Incl 1-Sketch or area
Incl 2-Statement of Capt Gosman

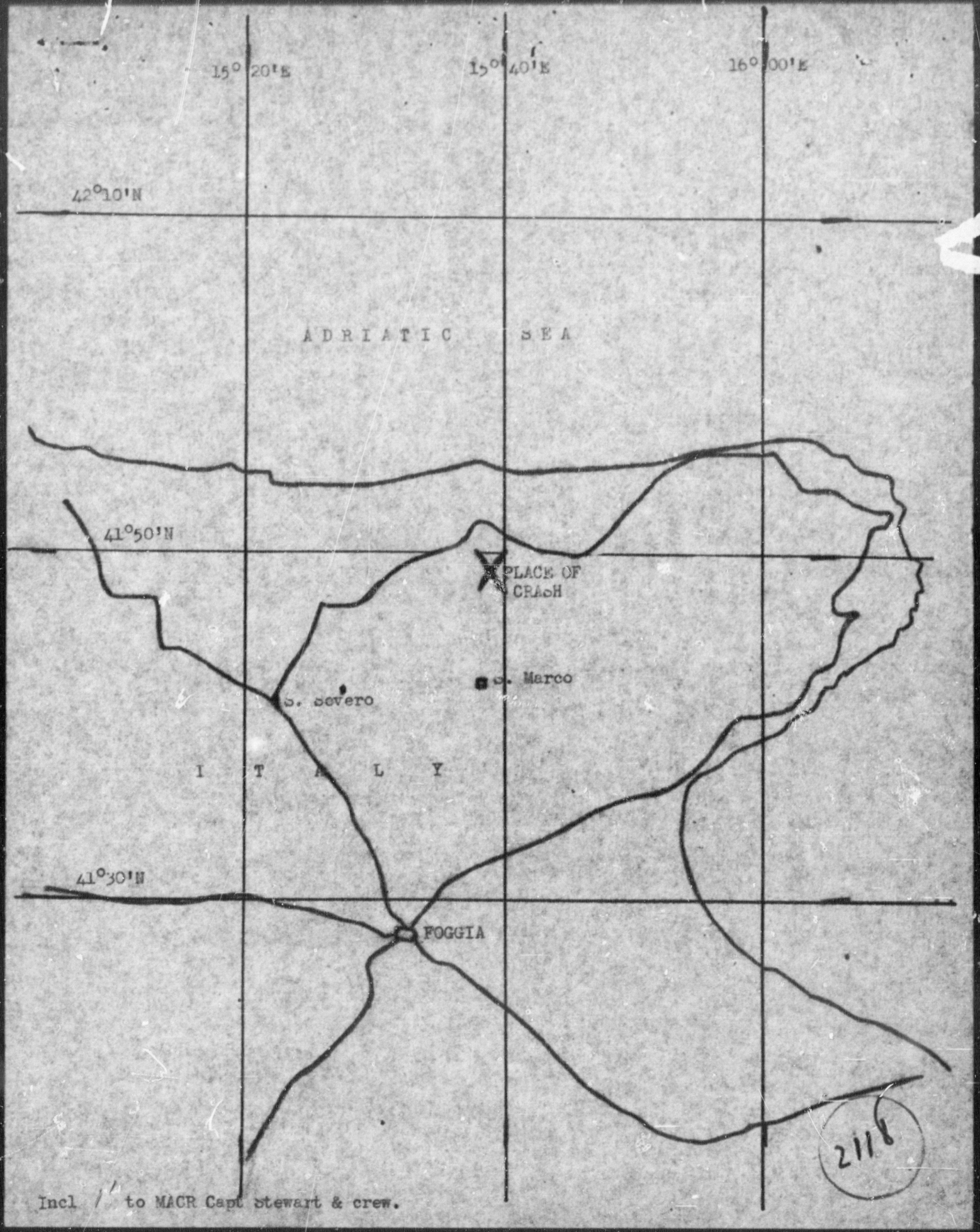
Date 2 May 1945

Charles E. Ziegler
Signature of preparing officer

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

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

1 May 1945

S T A T E M E N T

The plane piloted by Capt Stewart on the mission of 20 December 1944 was found to have crashed head-on into solid granite about 8 miles north of San Marco, Italy. The plane was completely burned and was not identifiable. Seven bodies were recovered, five of which were identified. Two were buried as unidentified. No trace of the other bodies was found. The crash occurred because of very poor visibility while the plane returned from the mission. The plane was heading toward the Adriatic Sea when it crashed. Following is a list of personnel identified:

Capt WILLIAM J. STEWART JR, 0446574, AC
S Sgt Pete Nila, 39280753
T Sgt Harry N. Wrigglesworth, 18026161
S Sgt Joseph E. Field, 13012048
Sgt Walter M. Krugh, 15080453

James H. Gosman
JAMES H. GOSMAN,
Capt, MC,
Flight Surgeon.

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