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

Check only one column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Banks, Gordon H.	2nd Lt	0-747617		X		
2. Campbell, Jack K.	2nd Lt	0-688914		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____ (b) Persone were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Airplane under control when last seen.

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

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

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

Date of Report 26 April 1944

Joe B Goodrich
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOE B. GOODRICH
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

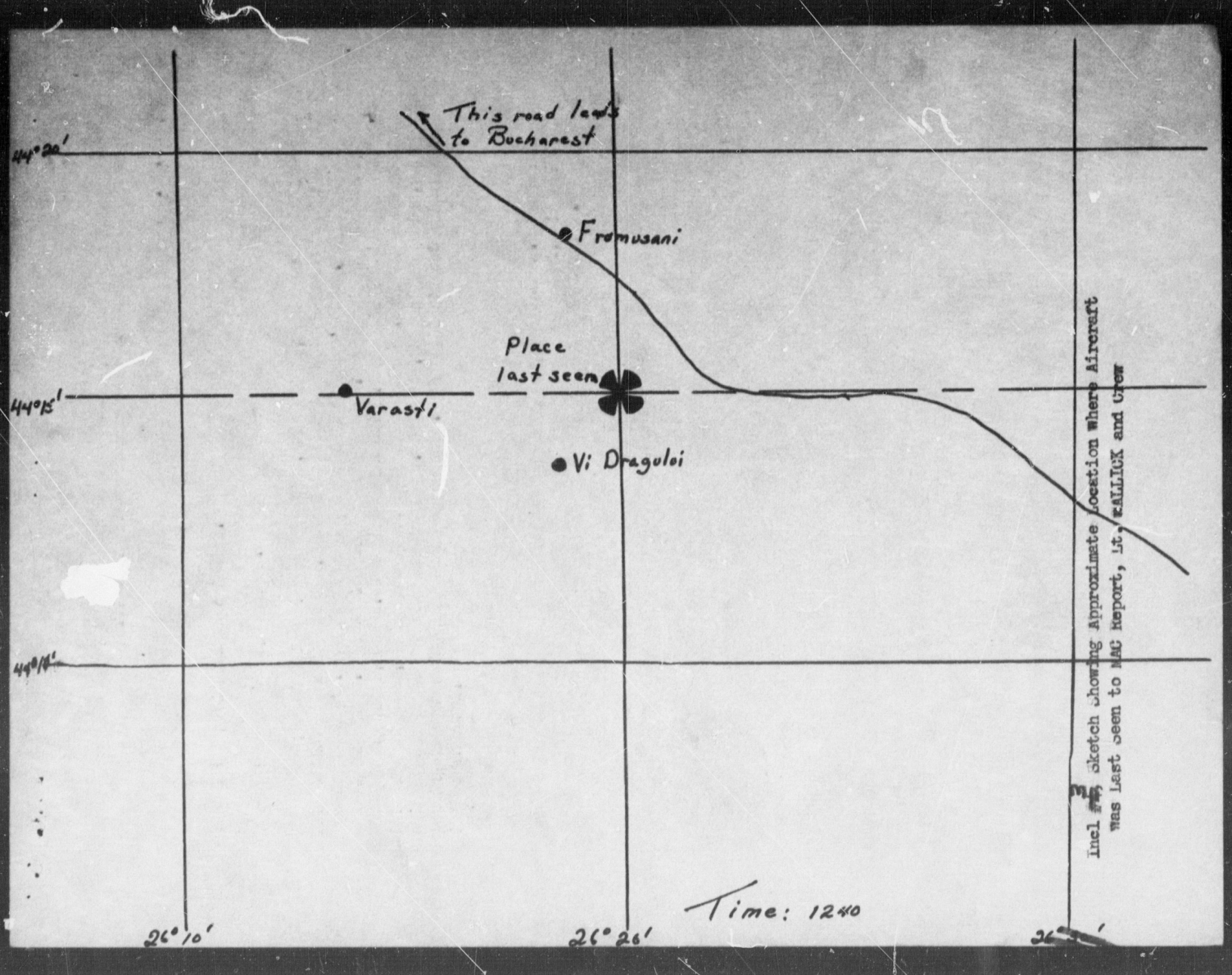
IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Air Fld ; Command or Air Force 15th Group 455th ; Squadron 740th Bomb Sq (H) ; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Fld. ; Course Direct Intended Destination 44° 25'N/ 26° 10'E ; Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Cloudy
4. GIVE: (a) Date 4/21/44 ; Time 1240 ; and Location 44 15'N/ 26 20'E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
   (b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; ( ) Last Contacted by Radio; ( ) Forced Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELEIVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) (X) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24 H; AAF Serial Number 42-52219
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R1830-43 ; AAF Serieal Number (a) 301890 (b) 300665 ; (c) 301574 ; (d) 301573 .
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number) Browning Cal.50, M2, Aircraft Machine Gun: (a) R.N.1152501 : (b) L.N.1152330 (c) R.M. 1151609 ; (d) L.M. 1151521 ; (e) R.S.1152545 ; (f) 1152489 L.S.; (g) R.W. 1152461 ; (h) L.W. 1151303 ; (i) R.C.1151984 ; (j) L.C.1151195.
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty; or ( ) Non-Battle Casualty.
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers None Total 10 .
    (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 12 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	Wallick, Wilmer Scott	1st Lt	0-684088 RTD
2. Co-Pilot	McInturff, Ben B.	2nd Lt	0-689317 RTD
3. Navigator	Costantino, Michael Sal	2nd Lt	0-690628 RTD
4. Bombardier	Hager, Jack Leeondius	2nd Lt	0-685118 RTD
5. Engineer	Loge, Merlin Andreas	S/Sgt	35497647 RTD
6. Asst Engineer	Abbink, Joseph Ernest	S/Sgt	32557890 RTD
7. Radio	Moore, John Jackson Jr	S/Sgt	33225043 RTD
8. Asst Radio	Cronin, James Patrick	S/Sgt	32279285 RTD
9. Gunner	Franco, John Francis	S/Sgt	15070191 RTD
10. Gunner	Gaynor, Harry James	S/Sgt	12136576 RTD

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Incl #3, Sketch showing Approximate Location where Aircraft was Last Seen to MAC Report, Lt. KALLUK and Crew

74TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer

APO 520 U. S. Army
24 April 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness Description.

TO : Whom it may concern.

We were turning away from the target to the rally point under aggressive attacks by enemy fighters. My right waist gunners reported that Lt Wallick was going down. I saw smoke pouring out of No. 3 engine as he headed for the clouds, still under control. No. 3 engine burst into flames a moment before entering the clouds where I lost sight of him. I did not see any crew members bail out. His position when last seen was approximately 44 15'N/26 00'E as reported by the navigator.

Gordon H. Banks

GORDON H. BANKS,
2nd Lt. Air Corps,
Bombardier.

Incl 1, Statement of Lt. BANKS to
MAC Report, Lt. WALLICK and crew.

740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of The Operations Officer

APO 520, U. S. Army
24 April 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness Description.

TO : Whom it may concern.

Immediately after target time, our flight, which was t he low flight in the second section, met with determind attacks from ten or twelve ME 109's. These attacks were all from six O' clock. Lt Wallick was flying in No. 5 position off our right wing. His ship was evidently hit by enemy fire, as No. 1 engine was smoking. Lt Wallick dived his ship into the overcast, which was about 1000 feet below us. At no time did his ship appear to be out of control and No. 1 engine, although smoking, was turning over normally to outward appearance. Lt Wallick's ship disappeared in the overcast.

Jack K Campbell
JACK K. CAMPBELL,
2nd Lt, Air Corps,
Bombardier.

Incl #2, Statement of Lt. CAMPBELL to
MAC Report, Lt. WALLICK and Crew

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

26 April 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 455th Bombardment Group (H), APO 520.

Transmitted herewihh is Missing Air Crew Report of Lt. Wallick and Crew, Missing In Action over Rumania on 21 April 1944.

For the Squadron Commander:

for B Goodrich
JOE B. GOODRICH,
Capt. & Air Corps,
Adjutant.

4 Incls:
Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report, Lt. WALLICK and Crew (quint)
Incl 2 - Eyewitness Statement, LT. BANKS (quint)
Incl 3 - Eyewitness Statement, Lt. CAMPBELL (quint)
Incl 4 - Sketch of Crash (quint)

1st Ind.

Hq, 455th Bomb Gp (H), APO 520, U.S. Army. 26 April 1944.

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

Forwarded.

C. A. OLSON,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

4 Incls: n/c

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360.33 C-DB-4 2nd Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 29 Apr 44.
TO: CG, 15th AF, APO 520.

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.

2. Battle Casualty Report was forwarded your Headquarters, 26 April 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

Harold G. Wilson
HAROLD G. WILSON,
Captain, AGD,
Adjutant.

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(230)

1 Incl: MAC Rpt Lt Wallick and Crew
w/3 incls (quad)

(6019)

AG 360.33 3rd Ind. GP/m/dbs
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 6 May 1944.

TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534. Att'n: Casualty Branch, AGD.

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR #L-67, dated 30 April 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU, 30 April 1944.

For the Commanding General:

Harold B. Neely
HAROLD B. NEELY,
Major, AGD,
Assistant AG.

1 Incl:
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