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DATE: 4/20/44 1300 U.S.A. 464 ME 1117

PLACE: near Trieste

TYPE: Liberator
742 (HB) Sqd. 455 Group

BASE: Cerignola

TARGET: Hq. 2nd Air Force

2nd.Lt.	HORSTMAN, Edward K.	0-661928	dead KIA
1st.Lt.	[illegible], William H.		
	Cemetery Grade		
2nd.Lt.	NEIL, Warren	0690963	missing KIA
2nd.Lt.	ADAMS, P. S. Paul S	0751790	missing
T/Sgt.	CARROLL, John a	11102770	missing
T/Sgt.	HAMILTON, Ross a	39399605	missing
S/Sgt.	CHARLES, William S	15329877	missing all PW
S/Sgt.	GARDNER, James W	38369526	missing POW
S/Sgt.	FANRICIO, Felice J.	32718196	missing
S/Sgt.	STRAUTMANN, Raymond	16034427	missing

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See M.R. 1917 (Italy)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 4202

Name of crew member: ADAMS, Paul S.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0751790
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Bombardier

Did he bail out? I BELIEVE HE DID - HE WAS RIGHT BEHIND ME

Where? AS I BAILED OUT. AT THE TIME WE WERE OVER THE

~~If not, why not?~~ WATER ABOUT TWO MILES FROM MONTFALCONE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SEE ABOVE.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? I SAW ONE PARACHUTE FAR ABOVE ME,

~~Any hearsay information:~~ I BELIEVE THIS WAS LT. ADAMS.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN INJURED BY FRAGMENTS OF THE PLANE; OR HE MIGHT HAVE DROWNED AS NO BOAT CAME OUT AFTER US FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16 OR 17.

Dates and destinations if possible: APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS LT. SAMPSON.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 4202

Name of crew member: CARROLL, John A.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 11102770
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~ Engineer Gun

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? —

If not, why not? PROBABLY DID NOT HAVE TIME

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? —

Where was he when last seen? IN THE TOP TURRET

Any hearsay information: —

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PROBABLY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO BAIL OUT BEFORE THE PLANE EXPLODED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16 OR 17

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS LT. SAMPSON

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4202

Name of crew member: CHARLES, William S.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 15339377
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxXXxxxxXXxxxxXXX~~ Asst Engineer Gun

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? —

If not, why not? SEE BELOW

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? —

Where was he when last seen? —

Any hearsay information: —

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PROBABLY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO BAIL OUT BEFORE THE PLANE EXPLODED

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 OR 7

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 4202

Name of crew member: FABRIZIO, Felice J.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32718196
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of Flight (Fighter)~~ Gunner

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? —

If not, why not? SEE BELOW

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? —

Where was he when last seen? —

Any hearsay information: —

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PROBABLY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO BAIL OUT BEFORE THE PLANE EXPLODED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS REST OF CREW WITH SOME OMISSIONS DURING APRIL

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4202

Name of crew member: GARDNER, James W.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 38369526
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? —

If not, why not? SEE BELOW

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: —

Was he injured? —

Where was he when last seen? —

Any hearsay information: —

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PROBABLY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO BAIL OUT BEFORE THE PLANE EXPLODED

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16 OR 17

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS LT. SAMPSON

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4202

Name of crew member: HAMILTON, Ross A.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 33399605
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Radio Operator Gun

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? —

If not, why not? PROBABLY DID NOT HAVE TIME.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: THE USUAL CONVERSATION CONCERNING OPENING THE BOMB BAY DOORS

Was he injured? —

Where was he when last seen? —

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PROBABLY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO GET OUT BEFORE THE PLANE EXPLODED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16 OR 17

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS LT. SAMPSON

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4202

Name of crew member: NEIL, Warren (NMI)
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0690965
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? —

If not, why not? PROBABLY DID NOT HAVE TIME.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? —

Where was he when last seen? IN HIS REGULAR POSITION

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I BELIEVE HE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO BAIL OUT BEFORE THE PLANE EXPLODED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16 OR 17

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS LT. SAMPSON

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4202

Name of crew member: SAMPSON, Willard H.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0679124
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? —

If not, why not? PROBABLY DID NOT HAVE TIME.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HEARD LT. SAMPSON SAY TO SALVO BOMBS AND GET OUT.

Was he injured? —

Where was he when last seen? AT HIS REGULAR POSITION

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I BELIEVE THE PLANE EXPLODED BEFORE HE HAD TIME TO BAIL OUT

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16 OR 17

Dates and destinations if possible: 2/12/44-ANZIO BEACHHEAD (GERMAN POSITIONS), 2/22-2ARR, YUGO.; 3/2-GRAZ; 4/2-STEYR; 4/4-BUCHAREST; ALSO MISSIONS TO BUDAPEST, BOLOGNA, UDINE, ETC.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4202

Name of crew member: WEBB, Charles E. Jr.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 17076406
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Asst.Radio Op. Gun

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? —

If not, why not? SEE BELOW

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? —

Where was he when last seen? —

Any hearsay information: —

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PROBABLY DID NOT HAVE TIME TO BAIL OUT BEFORE THE PLANE EXPLODED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: DO NOT KNOW.

Dates and destinations if possible: DO NOT KNOW — SGT. WEBB WAS A SUBSTITUTE GUNNER FOR THE DAY.

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According to report of place@Commander GRADO , the body of an enemy flier was washed ashore near mole MUGGIA at GRADO, 11 May 1944. It was a man ca 1,80 m tall whose body was swollen up and whose head was crushed.

NAME: Presumably Bill S A M P S O N
RANK: unknown
IDENT.TAG: unknown Sampson, Willard H. 0679124 1st Lt.
DATE OF BIRTH: unknown KIA 20 april 1944. Hess. MTO states:
NEXT OF KIN: unknown Disinterred From Bravo Cemetery
DATE & PLACE OF DEATH: unknown 21Feb46 disinterred AV 1038 U.S. Cemetery
PLACE OF BURIAL: Cemetery of GRADO. Mirandola, Italy.

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 20 April 1944, 0100 p.m. CASUALTY NO. MS 1117

LAST OF CREW: at Priest

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Fleet Command 2

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
HORTMAN EDWARD L.	2nd Lt.	O-691928	captured	Dulag Luft

CASUALTY NO. MS 1117 1st Supplementary Report, dated 30 June 1944

SAMPSON WILLIAM H. 1st Lt. dead Cemetery Grade.

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 25 May 1944, No.

MACR-No-4292

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 20 April 1944, 0100 p.m. CASUALTY NO. MR 1117

PLACE OF CRASH: at Trieat

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

UNIT AND STATION: Air Fleet Command 2

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D. WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
HORSTMAN EDWARD L.	2nd Lt.	O-691928	captured	Dulag Luft
CASUALTY NO. MR 1117			1st Supplementary Report, dated 28 June 1944	
SAMPSON WILLIAM M.	1st Lt.		dead	Cemetery Grado.

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 25 May 1944, We.

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by R. M. MOENCH, Capt., AC
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11. INDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO OR BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

(Check only one column)

	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Schneider, Victor J. Jr	2nd Lt	0753114		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parchutes were used___(b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Ship was 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.

MAY 20 1944

Date of Report 25 April 1944.

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William W. Berg

WILLIAM W. BERG,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION : Location San Giovanni Fld, Italy. Command or Air Force 15th Air Force. Group 455th Bomb Group; Squadron 742nd Bomb Sqdn; Detachment ___
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Fld, Italy; Course from San Giovanni Fld, Italy 4130 N/1626 E/ to 4400 N/ 1400 E to 4510 N/1335 E to IP to target. Intended Destination Monfalcone, Italy; Type of Mission High Altitude Formation Bombing.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 8/10 under cast with visibility restricted.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 20 April 1944; Time 1245; and location lost at Target 45 deg 47 min North 13 deg 32 min East of last known wherebouts 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 BELIEVED 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 42-52289.
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-43; AAF Serial Number (a) CP-301934 (b) CP-302001 (c) CP-302032 (d) CP-300996
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, Type and Serial Number) all are Browning Air-Craft Machine Guns, Type M-2. (a) 1152651 (b) 1153071 (c) 1152839 (d) 1152978 (e) 680978 (f) 681380 (g) 1153116 (h) 1153077 (i) 1153004 (j) 1152962
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS (a) Battle Casualty yes .
   or (b) 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.)

KIA	1.	Pilot	9 - Sampson, Willard H	1st Lt	0679124	KIA
KIA	2.	Co-Pilot	8 - Neil, Warren (NMI)	2nd Lt	0690965	KIA
RTD	3.	Navigator	1 - Horstman, Edward L	2nd Lt	0691928	RTD (N.Aff.)
KIA	4.	Bombardier	7 - Adams, Paul S	2nd Lt	0751790	KIA
KIA	5.	Radio Operator Gun	3 - Hamilton, Ross A	T Sgt	33399605	KIA
KIA	6.	Engineer Gun	2 - Carroll, John A	T Sgt	11102770	KIA
KIA	7.	Asst Radio Op. Gun	6 - Webb, Charles R Jr	S Sgt	17076406	KIA
KIA	8.	Gunner	4 - Fabrizio, Felice J	S Sgt	32718196	KIA
DED	9.	Asst Engineer Gun	5 - Charles, William S	S Sgt	15339377	DED
KIA	10.	Armorer Gunner	10 - Gardiner, James W	S Sgt	38369526	KIA

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50' 50'

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MONFALCONE

AQUILEIA

Golfo di Panzano

40' 40'

TRIESTE

Golfo di Trieste

45°30' 45°30'

13°20' 30' 40' 50'

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1st Lt. Willard H. Sampson	Mrs. Carol J. Sampson, Box F, Ray, Minnesota.	(Wife)
2nd Lt. Warren Neil	Mrs. Evelyn M. Neil, 242 South Eucalyptus Street, Bellflower, California.	(Wife)
2nd Lt. Edward L. Horstman	Mr. Edwin W. Horstman, 1601 Hill Drive, Los Angeles, California.	(Father)
2nd Lt. Paul S. Adams	Mrs. Elsie A. Adams, 6233 Lansdowne Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.	(Mother)
T/Sgt. Ross A. Hamilton	Mr. Don Betts, 411 Water Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.	(Friend)
T/Sgt. John A. Carroll	Mr. Daniel Carroll, 234 Byram Road, Greenwich, Connecticut.	(Father)
S/Sgt. Charles R. Webb, Jr.	Mr. Charles R. Webb, Sr., 3918 Gennett, Kansas City, Missouri.	(Father)
S/Sgt. Felice J. Fabrizio	Mrs. Josephine Fabrizio, 1366 Waterloo Street, Los Angeles, California.	(Mother)
S/Sgt. William S. Charles	Mrs. Juanita R. Charles, Edgarton, West Virginia.	(Mother)
S/Sgt. James W. Gardner	Mrs. May Gardner, Rural Free Delivery Number One, Hamilton, Texas.	(Mother)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name EDWARD L. HORSTMAN Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. O-691928

2. Organization 455th Gp Commander K. COOL (full name) Rank COL. Sqn CO F.C. AMBROSEN (full name) Rank MAJOR

3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 20 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, 19th, target, MONTEFALCONE, ITALY target time, 1200, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, UP THE ADRIATIC, route flown SAME

5. Where were you when you left formation? BETWEEN I.P. AND TARGET

6. Did you bail out? YES

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES - THE BOMBARDIER.

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". _____

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? IT BLEW UP OVER THE WATER.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) ~~IN THEIR POSITIONS~~

11. Where were they in aircraft? THEY WERE PROBABLY IN THEIR POSITIONS OR TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE AIRPLANE.

12. What was their condition? I DO NOT KNOW.

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. HAVE NOT SEEN ANY MEMBER OF THE CREW SINCE I LEFT THE PLANE. MEMBERS OF OUR GROUP WHO WERE IN OTHER PRISON CAMPS TELL ME THAT THEY DID NOT SEE THEM EITHER.

(Any additional information may be written on the back) a - 1

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STATEMENT

While on combat mission to Monfalcone Italy on 20 April 1944 at approximately 1240 o'clock I was notified by a crew member that fighters were commencing to approach our formation. At 1243 o'clock # 7 ship (Lt. Sampson Ship # 289) ~~low~~ flight, 1st Section was reported as being hit after agressive attack by enemy aircraft.

With two engines smoking but not afire at times of observation ship dropped back and down. Last seen at 4540 N 1332 E flying seemingly under control but losing altitude rapidly on a heading of 40-50 degrees.

Ship passed beneath formation and from view, our own ship then bearing the brunt of ~~every~~ enemy opposition and further observation of Ship # 289 not heeded.

Victor J. Schneider Jr.
VICTOR J. SCHNEIDER Jr
2nd Lt 0-753114

Incl #2.

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On back of brown sheet

KSU 1117 MARIZIO, Felice J. 32718196

and 3 identification tags

20 Apr 44

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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 #1-66, dated 28 April 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU, 28 April 1944.

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For the Commanding General:

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

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - (dup).

Incl 7

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455th Bombardment Group (H)
742nd Bombardment Squadron (H)

APO 520 U. S. Army
25 April 1944

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

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

Transmitted herewith Missing Air Crew Report of 1st Lt. Willard H. Sampson and crew missing since 20 April 1944, over Northern Italy.

For the Commanding Officer:

William W. Berg
WILLIAM W. BERG,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

3 Incls:
Incl No. 1 Missing Air Crew Report (Quin)
Incl No. 2 Sketch of where Ship was last seen (Quin)
Incl No. 3 Statement by Lt. Schneider of missing Aircraft (Quin)

1st Ind. WAO/

Headquarters, 455th Bombardment Group (H) APO 520, U. S. Army 25 April 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 304th Bombardment Wing, APO 520 U. S. Army.

Forwarded.

For the Group Commander:

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

3 Incls: n/c

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360.33 C-DB-4 2nd Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 27 Apr 44.
TO: CG, 15th AF, APO 520.

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.

2. Battle Casualty Report was forwarded your Headquarters, 24 April 1944.

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For the Commanding Officer:

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

1 Incl: MAC Rpt Lt Sampson and Crew
W/2 incls (quad)

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