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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:

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rand	Ser. No.	Check only one column: Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	Roadman, Paul C.	T/Sgt	33404118			X	
2.	Andrews, Norman C.	S/Sgt.	38115243			X	
3.							

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachute was used X (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ____ or (c) Any other reason (Specify) One chute was seen to open and land.

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: NO SEARCH MADE.

Date of Report 3 May 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOHN F. DAVIS,
Capt., 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 quintuplicate 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 Bomb Gp (H), Squadron 741st Bomb Sq (H), Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure: San Giovanni Air Fld Course Indirect ___ Intended Destination 42°26' N --11° 07' E. Type of mission Combat.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Low Clouds scattered 6,000' tops 8,000' Clear Directly overhead scattered low and middle clouds surrounding area.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 28 April 1944 Time 1521 and Location 42°26'N--11°07' E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
   (b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted: ( ) Last Contacted by Radio: ( ) Forced Down: (X) Seen to Crash, or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF:(Check only One) ( ) Enemy Aircarft, (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft (x) Other Circumstances as follows: Crashed into another plane, after being hit by enamy Anti-Aircraft.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type model and Series: B-24 H; AAF Serial Number:42-64456
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-65, AAF Serial Number (a)BP-425260 (b) BP-425755 (c) BP-425768 (d) CP-303502.
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: Browning 50 Cal. Machine Gun M2s (a)965556 (b)965429 (c) 461292 (d) 965631 (e) 905394 (f) 704752 (g) 965169 (h) 217890 (i) 9[illegible]6 (j) 965177.

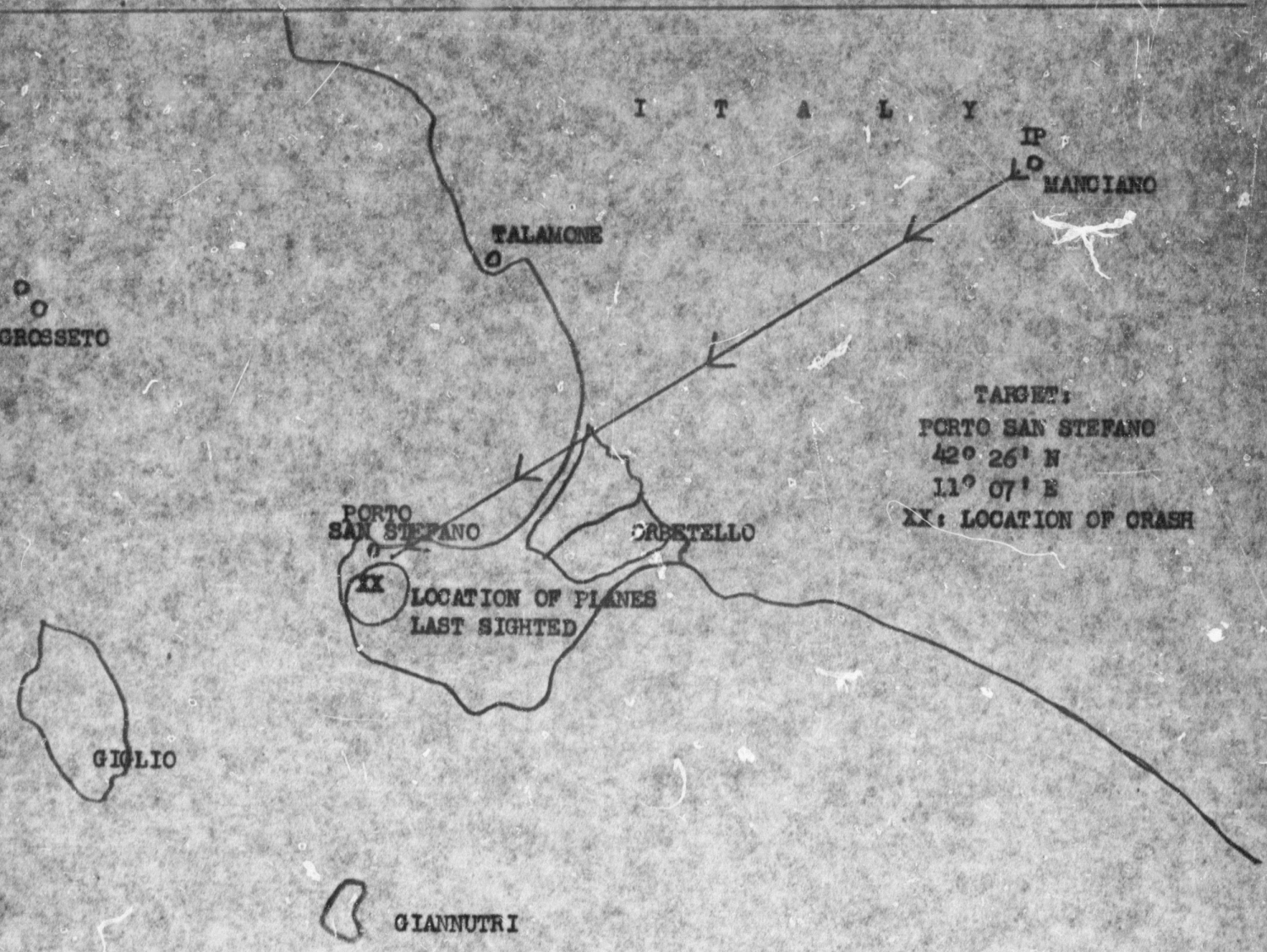
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS : (a) Battle Casualty __X__ or (b) Non- Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT;; Crew 10 Passengers None Total 10

(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars, if more than 12 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on seperate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	(Rank)	Serial Number
1.	Pilot	SLATER JR., JEROME E. ✓	1st Lt.	0-685266
2.	Co-pilot	REZIN, DOUGLAS S. ✓	2nd Lt.	0-690988
3.	Navigator	SOBYLAK, EMIL J. ✓	2nd Lt.	0-811779
4.	Bombardier	LAWS,KELS (NMI) ✓	2nd Lt.	0-1703136
5.	Radio Op. Gunner	Harber, John R. ✓	T/Sgt	38332620
6.	Engineer Gunner	Chrisawn, Olin O. ✓	T/Sgt.	14188056
7.	Engineer Gunner	Brathall, Selmer L. ✓	S/Sgt	16132131
8.	Armorer Gunner	Von Achen Jr. Louie B.	S/Sgt.	37203879
9.	Armorer Gunner	Heer, Warren G. ✓	S/Sgt.	33414341
10.	Armorer Gunner	Barron Jr., Grover C. ✓	S/Sgt.	39325649
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SKETCH OF LOCATION OF LT JEROME E. SLATER, JR. AND CREW WHEN CRASHED AND WAS LAST SIGHTED.

~~Incl 1~~ Incl 1 to MACR Lt. SLATER & CREW.

2nd Lt. Warren L. Parker, Jr.	Mrs. Edith L. Parker, (Wife) 203 E. L., 11th Street, Grand Rapids, Minn.
2nd Lt. Douglas A. Hanks	Mr. Lloyd H. Hanks, (Father) Route Number Three, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.
2nd Lt. Earl J. Sobylak	Mr. Earl Sobylak, (Father) 185 Lorne Street, Brooklyn, New York.
2nd Lt. [illegible] Lowe	Mr. Jewell Wilds, (Brother-in-law) Route Number One, Spencer, Tennessee.
T/Sgt John M. Parker	Mrs. Raymond Parker, (Wife) Mather, Arkansas.
T/Sgt Glen G. Christmon	Mrs. Maggie A. Christmon, (Mother) Hamlet, North Carolina.
S/Sgt Delmer L. Southall	Mrs. Annie Southall, (Mother) Roberta, Georgia.
S/Sgt Louis H. Van Antwerp, Jr.	Mrs. Blanche Van Antwerp, (Mother) 1301 N. Hamby, Wichita, Kansas.
S/Sgt Warren O. Lowe	Mr. Harry E. Lowe, (Father) 67 Ridgewood Avenue, Mount View, Pennsylvania.
S/Sgt Grover C. Herron, Jr.	Mr. Grover C. Herron, Sr.,(Father) 2930 S. E. Caruthers Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

741st Bombardment Squadron (H)
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NORMAN C. ANDREWS, 38115243,
Staff Sergeant, Air Corps,
741st Bombardment Sq (H)AAF.

Incl 3 to MACR Lt. SLATER & CREW

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3 May 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records

TO : Commanding Officer, 455th Bombardment Group APO # 520 U.S. ARMY

1. Transmitted herewith Missing Air Crew Report of 1st Lt. JEROME E. SLATER JR., O-685266, and Crew, MIA over Italy 28 April 1944.

For the Squadron Commander:

John F. Davis

JOHN F. DAVIS
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl:
Incl 1 MAC Rpt, 1st Lt. SLATER JR, and Crew (quin)
w/3 incls (quin)

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HQ, 455TH BOMB GP (H), APO 520, 7 May 1944.

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

1. Forwarded.

2. Battle Casualty Report was forwarded your headquarters 4 May 1944.

For the Group Commander:

C. A. Olson

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

1 Incl: n/c

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360.33 C-DB-4 2nd Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 8 May 44.
TO: CG, XVAF, APO 520.

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.

2. Battle Casualty Report was forwarded your Headquarter, 4 May 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

15.172
(60)

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

1 Incl: n/c

AG 360.33 3rd Ind. GP-hm/gow
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 18 May 1944.

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TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534. Attn: Casualty Branch, AGD.

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR No L-72, dated 7 May 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU, 7 May 1944.

For the Commanding General:

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

1 Incl:
Incl 1 (dup).

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