741st Bombardment Squadron (H)
455th Bombardment Group (H)
APO # 520 U. S. ARMY

27 April 1944

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding Officer, 455th Bomb GP (H) AAF APO # 520, U. S. ARMY.

1. Transmitted herewith is Missing Air Crew Report of Captain CLIFFORD D. NORGARD, O-424125, and Crew, MIA over Rumania 21st April 1944.

For the Squadron Commander:

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

5 Incls:
Incl 1 - MAC Rpt of Capt. NARGARD and Crew (quin)
Incl 2 - Statement by 2nd Lt. SMITH 9quin)
Incl 3 - Statement by 1st Lt. TANNER (quin)
Incl 4 - Sketch of Area(quin)
Incl 5 - Certificate of Maj. Welsh (quin)

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455th Bombardment Group (H) HEADQUARTERS, APO # 520, U. S. ARMY 27 April 1944.

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, 304th Wing (H) APO # 520, U. S. ARMY

Forwarded.

For the Group Commander:

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

Incls: n/c

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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:

	(Last Name First)	Rank	Serial No	Check only one column: Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	SMITH, WYLIE A.	2nd Lt.	0-752972		X		
2.	TANNER, GEORGE A.	1st Lt.	0-804423		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used ____ (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ____: or (c) Any other reason (Specify) No information available

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 24 APR 44

John F. Davis
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOHN F. DAVIS
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant. kk

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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by F. M. MOENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 1 D 1946

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled 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 Direct . Intended Destination 44° 26' N--26° 6' Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 8/10 to 10/10 Layer of Alto-Stratus, tops 18,000'
4. GIVE: (a) Date 21 April 1944: Time 1445 ; and location 44° 20' N -25°33' 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 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 42-94804
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-43: AAF Serial Number (a) CP-135487 (b) CP-136312 (c) CP-135456 (d) CP-136315
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: Browning 50 Cal. Machine Gun M2s: (a) 1186463 (b) 1187200 (c) 1187112 (d) 1186891 (e) 1186450 (f) 1186039 (g) 1186290 (h) 1186560 (i) 1186778 (j) 998226.
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 separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

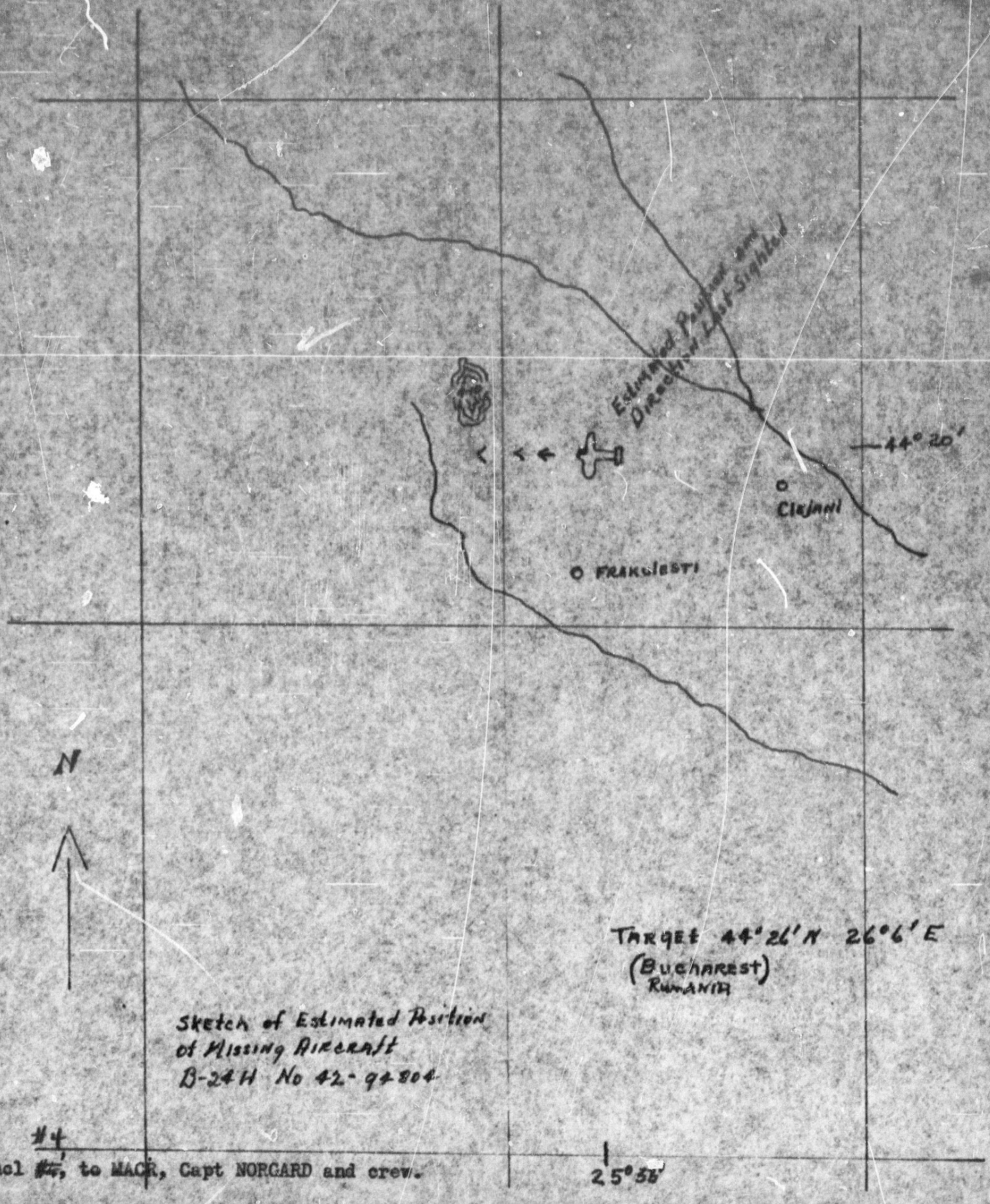
	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	(Rank)	Serial Number	
1.	Pilot	Norgard, Clifford D.	Capt.	0-424125	RTD
2.	Co-Pilot	Stiner, Theodore J.	2nd Lt.	0-751770	RTD
3.	Navigator	Evenson, Melvin (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-755176	RTD
4.	Bombardier	Demas, William (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-688933	RTD
5.	Radio Operator Gunner	Bantz, Clinton D.	T/Sgt.	17129455	RTD
6.	Engineer Gunner	Hartman, John T.	T/Sgt.	19101496	RTD
7.	Engineer Gunner	Jenkins, Harold V.	S/Sgt.	11045451	RTD.
8.	Engineer Gunner	Myrick, Troy E.	S/Sgt.	18033663	RTD
9.	Armorer Gunner	Cratch, Albert E.	S/Sgt.	33522388	RTD
10.	Armorer Gunner	Bergmann, Arthur E.	S/Sgt.	32716260	RTD
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12.					

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Sketch of Estimated Position of Missing Aircraft B-24H No 42-94804

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Incl #4, to MACR, Capt NORGARD and crew.

743rd Bombardment Squadron (H)
455th Bombardment Group (H)
APO 520 US Army

23 April 1944

STATEMENT

On 21 April 1944, at approximately ~~1433~~ 1233 hours, in the vicinity of Bucharest, Rumania, I saw a B-24 Airplane Serial Number 804.

It was to my left and in front of me. I noticed it start down, with P-38's covering its descent. One engine was feathered. It seemed to level off just above the overcast, then duck into the overcast. In my opinion, the plane was under control.

Wylie A. Smith

WYLIE A. SMITH,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Navigator.

Incl #2, to MACR Capt NORGARD and crew.

Incl 3

742nd Bombardment Squadron (H)
455th Bombardment Group (H) AAF
APO # 520 U. S. ARMY

26 April 1944

S T A T E M E N T

On 21 April 1944, at approximately ~~1430~~ 1238 qaq, shortly after passing Bucharest, Rumania, I saw a type B-24 Airplane, Serial Number 804.

It had a 8" to 10" hole in back of the Tokyo Tank--and its No. 4 Engine had apparently been hit. It stayed in formation for a moment, then dropped back, went into a glide into the overcast about 1000 feet below.

In my opinion, the plane was under control.

George A. Tanner

GEORGE A TANNER, O-804423
1st Lt. Air Corps,

#3
Incl ~~#3~~, to MACR, Capt NORGARD and crew.

Incl No 5.

741st Bombardment Squadron (H) AAF
APO 520 U.S. Army

27 April 1944

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that on 21 April 1944, a type B-24 plane, Serial Number 42-94804 participated in a mission over Bucharest, Rumania, and was piloted by Captain CLIFFORD D. NORGARD, O-424125

Russell J. Welsh
RUSSELL J. WELSH,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

Incl #1 to MACR Capt NORGARD AND crew

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360.33 C-DB-4 2nd Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 3 May 44.
TO: CO, 455th Bomb Gp (HV), APO 520.

1. Returned for the following corrections:

a. Inclosures will be identified in accordance with Sect V, AR 340-15.

b. Ltr of transmittal will indicate the date that the Battle Casualty Report was forwarded to this Headquarters.

c. Attention is directed to corrected listing of inclosures.

d. The remark "No information available" will be entered under Par 12 of MAC Rpt.

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

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

1 Incl: MAC Rpt Capt Norgard and Crew
w/4 incls (sext)

3rd Ind. G-CO-3
HQ 455TH BOMB GP (H), APO 520, 6 May 1944.

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

1. Battle Casualty Report was forwarded your headquarters 25 Apr 44.

2. Par 1 a, and d, 2nd Ind. have been complied with.

For the Group Commander:

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

1 Incl: n/c

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360.33 C-DB-4 4th Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (AV), APO 520, 7 May 44.
TO: CG, XVAF, APO 520.

1. Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

Harold G. Wilson

HAROLD G. WILSON,
Major, AGD,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: MAC Rpt Capt Norgard and Crew w/4 incls (quin)

AG 360.33 5th Ind. GP-hm/gcw
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 18 May 1944.

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

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR No L-66, dated 28 April 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU, 28 April 1944.

For the Commanding General:

Harold B. Neely

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

1 Incl:
Incl 1 (dup).

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