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AG 201-P-Jefferds, Alfred B. (Enl)-P (PRC&C) 1st Ind JKR/Jb
(10 July 1945)
HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. ARMY, 18 July 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, War Department, Washington, 25, D. C.

1. Attached as Inclosure #1 is true copy of MACR listing the name of S/Sgt ALFRED B. JEFFERDS, 32551793, former member of the 455th Bomb Group, initially reported MIA 28 April 44. Records of this headquarters indicate that the original of the attached MACR was forwarded the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C. (ATTENTION: Statistical Control Division), under date of 22 May 44.

2. Casualty status was changed to KIA 28 April 44 as a result of an investigation conducted by the Graves Registration Service. The remains of the ten crew members were discovered buried near Porto S. Stefano, Italy, where they had initially been buried by Italian civilians. Identification was accomplished by various identification tags of deceased crew members. A complete report of this investigation was forwarded the War Department by eighteenth indorsement, this headquarters, file AG 704/308-C, dated 1 Jan 45, to letter, Headquarters Fifth Army, file AG 293 Q., subject: "Identification of Plane Crew", dated 20 July 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

Jack K. Roberts

JACK K. ROBERTS
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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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)	Rank	Serial 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) 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 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 Aircraft ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft, (X) Other circumstances as follows: Crashed in Mid-Air by another plane which had been hit by enemy Anti-Aircraft.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24 H: AAF Serial Number 41-29290
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series: R-1830-65, AAF Serial Number (a)BP-425353 (b) BP-425387 (c) BP-425321 (d) 42-92749
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: Browning 50 Cal. Machine Gun M2s (a) 974239 (b) 973999 (c) 965784 (d) 974026 (e) 705295 (f) 465631 (g) ~~9450527~~ 940527 (h) 942169 (i) 705325 (j) 368987 .
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 similiar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	(Ranks)	Serial Number
1.	Pilot	CALLAN, RICHARD A.	1st Lt.	0-672325
2.	Co-pilot	EMMONS, ALEXANDER S.C.	2nd Lt.	0-686234
3.	Navigator	SLOCUM, WALTER L.	2nd Lt.	0-690495
4.	Bombardier	MASSEY, KARL R.	1st Lt.	0-678540
5.	Radio-Op Gunner	Matthews, William F.	T/Sgt.	13153384
6.	Engineer Gunner	Jesset, Leonard E.	T/Sgt.	35524348
7.	Engineer Gunner	Heiskell, James F.	Sgt.	34190875
8.	Armorer Gunner	Hale, Lucian H.	S/Sgt.	33409905
9.	Armorer Gunner	Jefferds, Alfred B.	S/Sgt.	32551793
10.	Armorer Gunner	Connell, Daniel B.	S/Sgt.	31312826
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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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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 Apr 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; (XX) 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 Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (XX) Other Circumstances as Follows Crashed in Mid-Air by another plane which had been hit by enemy Anti-Aircraft.
6. AIRCARFT: Type, Model and Series B-24 H ; AAF Serial Number 41-29290
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8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
   (a) 974239 ; (b) 973999 ; (c) 965784
   (d) 974026 ; (e) 705395 ; (f) 465631
   (g) 940527 ; (h) 942169 . (i) 705325 (j) 368987
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty XX 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 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

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15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND AS OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE NO SEARCH MADE.

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Date of Report 3 May 1944

John F. Davis, Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

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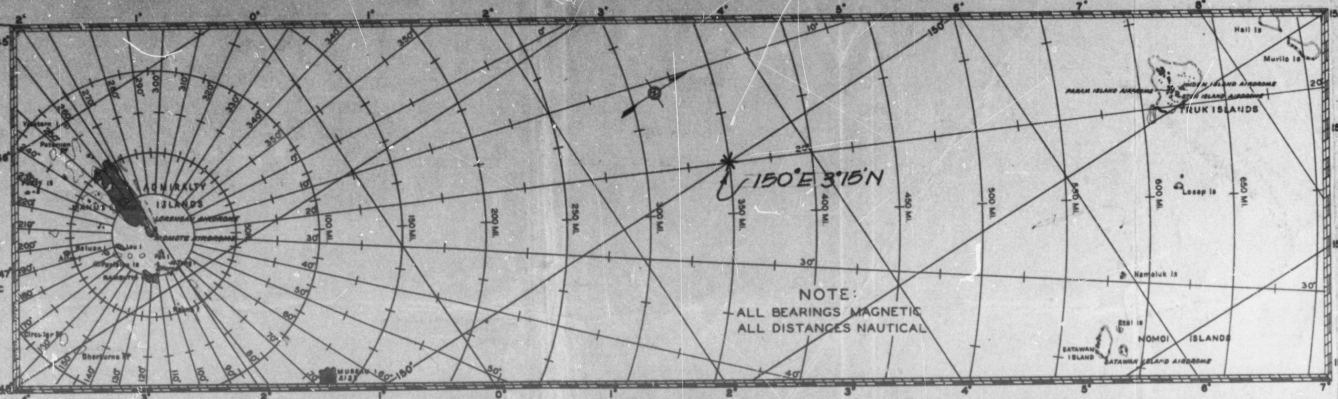
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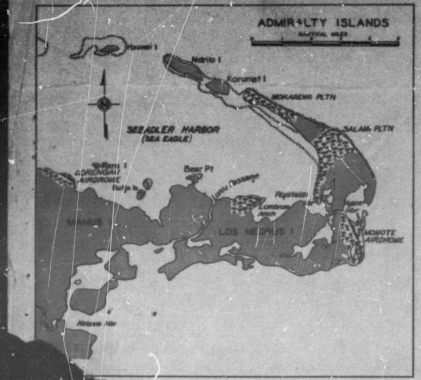
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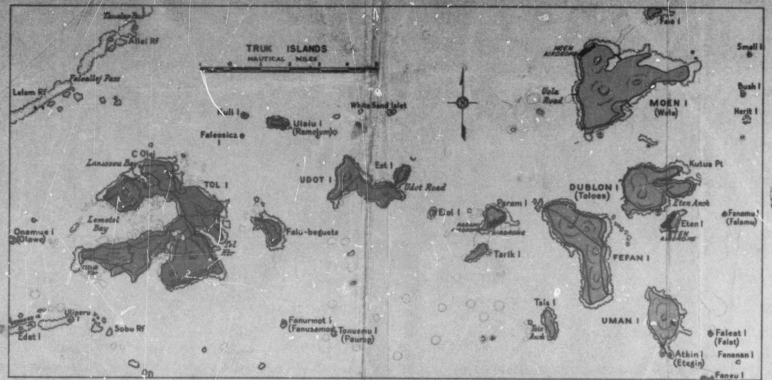
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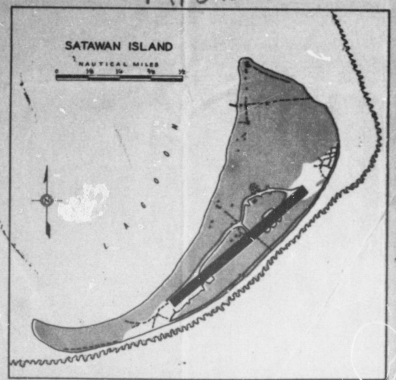
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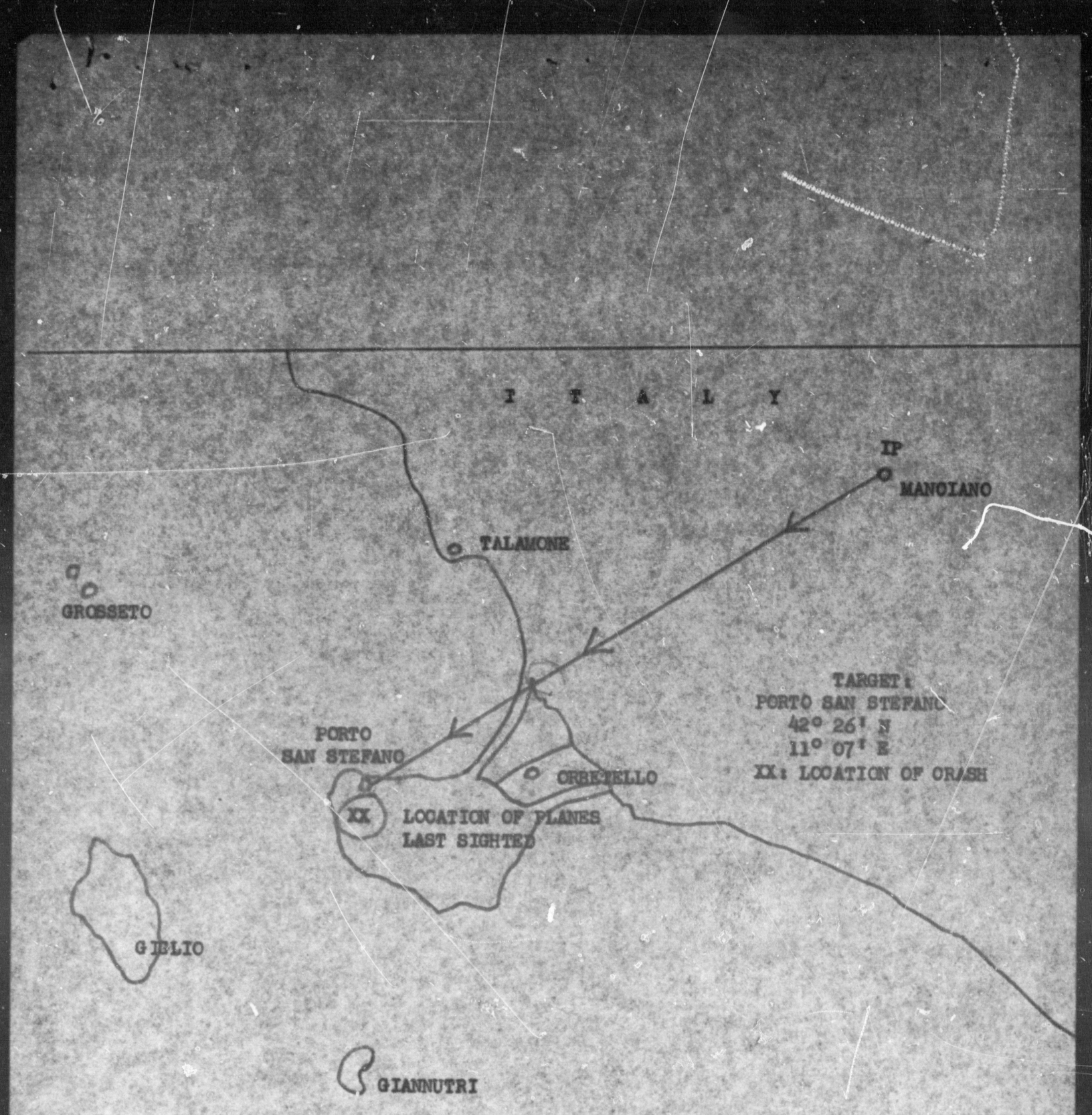
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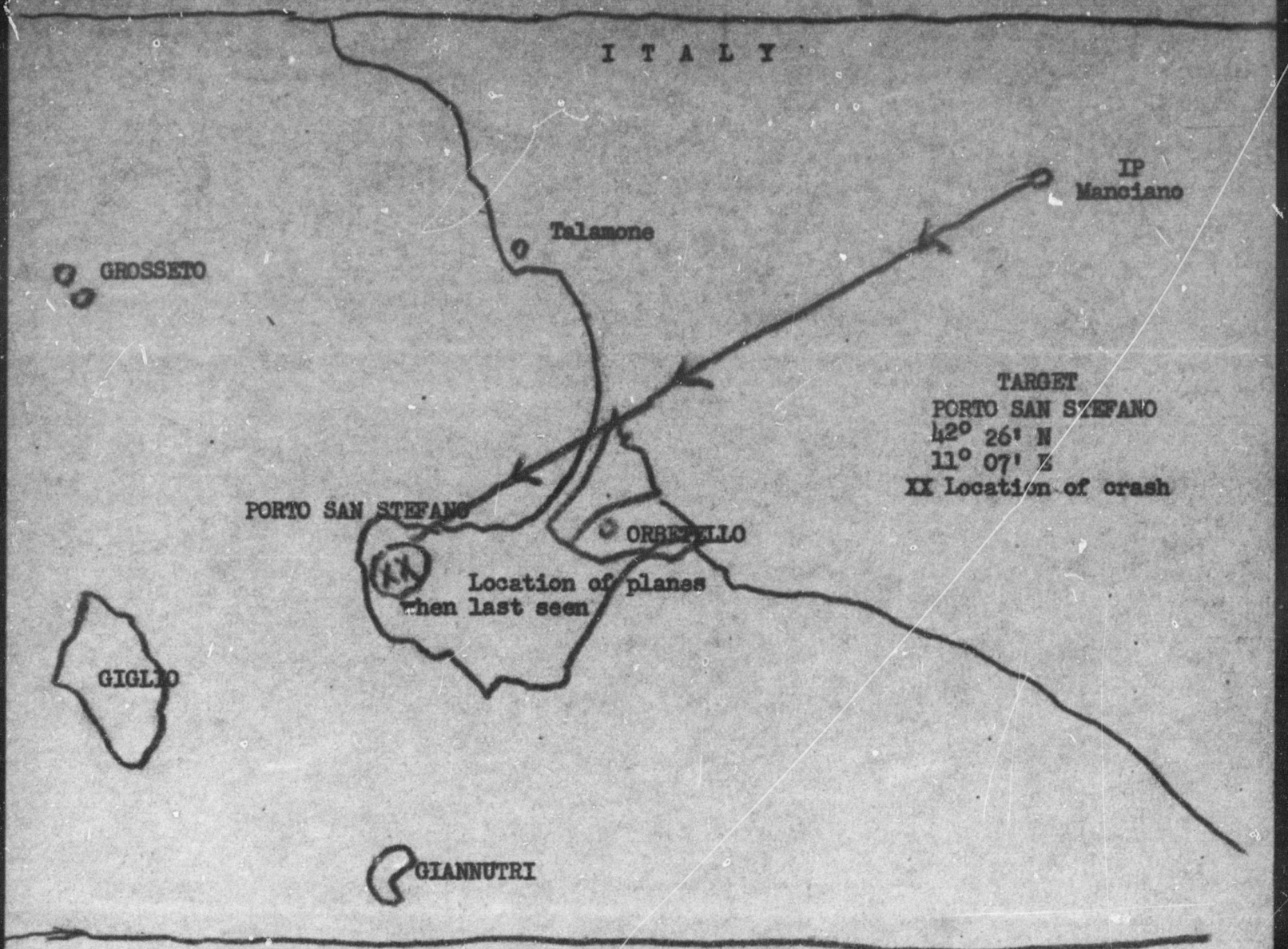
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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

10 July 1945

SUBJECT: Staff Sergeant Alfred B. Jefferds, 32551793
741st Bomb Squadron
455th Bomb Group
MIA 28 April 1944, subsequently reported KIA
28 April 1944

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters MTOUSA, A.P.O. 520
U. S. Army, Attention: N.A.A.G.C.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances which the subject named was reported missing in action 28 April 1944, subsequently reported killed in action 28 April 1944.

2. A search of our records reveals the Missing Air Crew Report was not received.

3. Request Missing Air Crew Report be expedited this headquarters and all available details of death be furnished.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Wm. D. Sanders

WILLIAM D. SANDERS
Major, Air Corps
Actg Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Office of the Asst Chief of Air Staff
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ADDRESS REPLY TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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

1 May 1944

STATEMENT

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The tail of Lt. CALLAN'S plane was knocked off by the mid-air crash. The plane then went into a slow, spiral, flat spin, and exploded on impact with the earth.

/s/ Norman C. Andrews
/t/ NORMAN C. ANDREWS, 38115243,
Staff Sergeant, Air Corps,
741st Bomb Squadron,(H) AAF.

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JACK K. ROBERTS
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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INCL #3 TO MACR - LT CALLAN + CREW

741st Bombardment Squadron (H)
455th Bombardment Group (H)
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Staff Sergeant, Air Corps,
741st Bomb Squadron (H) AAF.

Incl 3 to MACR Lt. CALLAN, R. + CREW

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455th Bombardment Group (H)
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/s/ Paul C. Roadman
/t/ PAUL C. ROADMAN
T/Sgt. Air Corps,
741st Bomb Sq. (H) AAF.

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JACK K. ROBERTS
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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INCL #2 TO MACR - LT. CALLAN & CREW

741st Bombardment Squadron (H)
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Paul C. Roadman
T/Sgt. Air Corps,
741st Bomb Sq. (H) AAF.

End 2 MACR Lt. Callan & Crew.

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

3 May 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Records

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

1. Transmitted herewith Missing Air Crew Report of 1st Lt. RICHARD A. CALLAN, O-672325, and Crew, MIA over Italy 28 April 1944.

For the Squadron Commander:

John F. Davis

JOHN F. DAVIS
Capt. Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Incl 1 MAC Rpt. 1st Lt. CALLAN, and Crew (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.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

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Harold G. Wilson

HAROLD G. WILSON,
Major, AGD,
Adjutant.

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AG 360.93 3rd Ind. GP-hm/dhm
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 17 May 1944.

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

Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated ECR #L-72, dated 7 May 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU, 7 May 1944.

For the Commanding General:

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Harold B. Nelly
HAROLD B. NELLY,
Major, AGD,
Assistant AG.

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