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CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: 11-16-1944

NARRATOR	: S/Sgt. Harry L. Brown	SQUADRON	: 740th
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: 16105136	GROUP	: 455th
HOME ADDRESS	: Brimfield, Massachusetts	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: B-24H
EX-REPORT NO.	:	DATE OF MISSION	: 15 July 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
Pilot	Lt. Johnson	Repatriated P.O.W.
Co Pilot	Lt. R. Ennis	"
N. B.	Lt. Rice	
Nose Gunner	S/Sgt. H. L. Brown	All Repatriated P.O.W.'s from Bucharest, Rumania
L. Waist.	S/Sgt. Ray Babcock	
R. Waist.	S/Sgt. Wm. M. Yeus	
Tail)	Cpl. O.E. Dent)	
Tail)	S/Sgt. O. A. Carlson	
Engineer	T/Sgt. Jas. B. Layton	
Radio	S/Sgt. [illegible] Cohen	

KNOWN INFORMATION: Two Engines knocked out by flak over target, others two damaged. Lost altitude and were ordered to leave ship. All men landed safely and were captured. Repatriated on Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st 1944.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

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9. Gunner BROWN, Harry L. ✓ A/Sgt 11105136 Mrs. Lena Brown Mother
Tower Hill Road, Springfield, Massachusetts
10. Gunner Bevil, Orbie G. ✓ Cpl 7030655 Mrs. Mamie Bevil Mother
Cobden, Illinois
11.
12.

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

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Coons, Alvin H.	Major	0-395844		X		
2. Premik, John J.	1st Lt	0-703310		X		
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
( ) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
(X) Any other reason (specify) Aircraft at sufficient altitude and apparently under control.

13. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH; MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) No search. Over enemy territory.

Date of this Report: 18 July 1944

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

3 Incls:
Incl 1 - Statement of Major Coons
Incl 2 - Statement of Lt. Premik
Incl 3 - Sketch Where Aircraft Last Seen

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Field, Italy Command or AF 15th
Group 455th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 740th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Field Course Direct
Target 44° 58'N / 26° 21'E Type of Mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU

4. GIVE: (a) Date 7/15/44 Time 1145 Location 45° 10'N/21° 40'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)
( ) Enemy Aircraft ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft (X) Other circumstances as follows: No evident trouble except one engine feathered--cause unknown.

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B24 AAF Serial No 42-94983

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R 1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) CP 305886
(b) CP 305997 (c) CP 308465 (d) CP 305962

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) 100025 Browning Cal .50 M2 (b) 1184879 Browning Cal .50 M2
(c) 1186164 (d) 1186095
(e) 1186592 (f) 1186774
(g) 998873 1187093 (h) 1527516 1527222

9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty ( ) Non-Battle Cas.

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

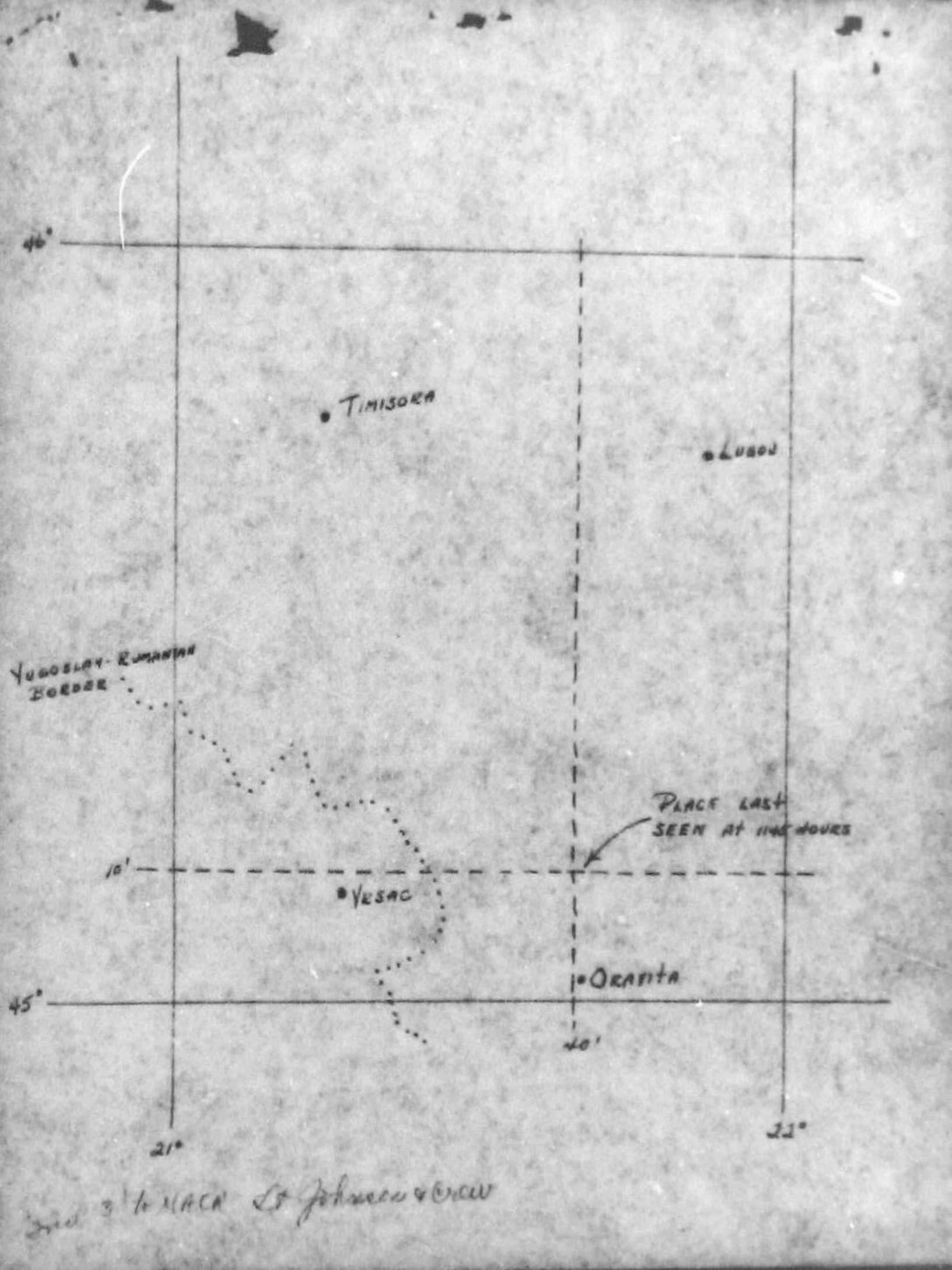
	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS	
1.	Pilot	Johnson, Roy W.	1st Lt	0-756249	Mrs. Rose Routh Mother 1220 Glenn Ave., Fresno, California	RTD
2.	Co-Pilot	Dunis, Richard J.	1st Lt	0-691249	Mrs. N. W. Dunis Mother N. 1518 Nora Ave., Spokane, Washington	RTD
3.	Bombardier	Rice, Paul George	2nd Lt	0-691918	Mrs. Carma R. Rice Wife 2331 S.W. 17th Ave., Miami, Florida	RTD
4.	Engineer	Loudhan, John H.	T/Sgt	6249234	Mrs. Jerry L. Loudhan Wife 1409 N. Quincey, Enid, Oklahoma	RTD
5.	Asst Engineer	Babcock, Roy A.	S/Sgt	12208603	Mr. Roy Babcock Father 68 Marshall St., Rochester, New York	RTD
6.	Radio	Galvin, John J.	S/Sgt	32761046	Mrs. Katherine Galvin Mother Conway, Massachusetts	RTD
7.	Gunner	Carlson, Oscar A.	S/Sgt	17026777	Mr. Carl O. Carlson Father 1666 Juliet Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	RTD
8.	Gunner	Yeus, William H.	S/Sgt	12081262	Mr. Henry Yeus Father 2507 Grant Blvd., Syracuse, New York	RTD

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1st. Lt. Richard J. Ruzic	Mrs. William V. Ruzic (Mother) West 1818 Nora Avenue, Spokane, Washington.
1st Lt. Ray M. Johnson	Mrs. Rose Smith (Mother) 1200 Glenn Avenue, Fresno, California.
2nd Lt. Paul O. Rice	Mrs. Carrie B. Rice (Wife) 2003 South Post 17th Avenue, Ocala, Florida.
S/Sgt. John H. Lowthon	Mrs. Jerry L. Lowthon, (Wife) 1409 North Quincy, Enid, Oklahoma.
S/Sgt. Oscar A. Carlson	Mr. Carl O. Carlson (Father) 1000 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota.
S/Sgt. William H. Tone	Mr. Henry J. Tone (Father) 2207 Grant Boulevard, Syracuse, New York.
S/Sgt. John J. Galvin	Mrs. Catherine Galvin (Mother) Conway, Massachusetts.
S/Sgt. Ray A. Babcock	Mr. Ray Babcock (Father) 68 Marshall Street, Rochester, New York.
S/Sgt. Harry L. Bruce	Mrs. Anna Bruce (Mother) Tower Hill Road, Brimfield, Massachusetts.
Cpl. Orvie S. Bevil	Mrs. Hazle Compton (Mother) Box 276, Gobden, Illinois.

HEADQUARTERS 455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer
APO 520 US Army

18 July 1944

SUBJECT: Statement of Witness to Difficulties encountered by missing Aircraft.

TO : Whom It May Concern.

1. On a bomb raid over Ploesti, Rumania on 15 July 1944, 1st Lt. Roy W. Johnson, ASN 0-756249, Pilot of AC No. 42-94983 was flying in a position on our left and slightly to the rear.

2. I was watching the formation from the left window of the flight deck. Shortly after bombs away I saw AC - 983 with its No. 1 engine feathered. The plane appeared to be under control otherwise. However, the plane was losing its position in the formation.

3. Several times during the next half hour, I called the tail gunner and asked him if the aircraft were still visible. Between 40 minutes and one hour after target time the tail gunner reported that 983 had dropped from view. This was shortly before we reached the Danube.

ALVIN E. GOOBS,
Major, Air Corps,
Observer, A/C 862

Send to MACR 8A Johnson & Crew

740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 520 US Army

18 July 1944

SUBJECT: Statement of Witness to Difficulties encountered by missing Aircraft.

TO : Whom it may concern.

1. On a bomb raid over Ploesti, Rumania on 15 July 1944, 1st Lt. Roy W. Johnson, ASN 0-756249, pilot of AC No. 42-94983 was flying #9 position in the low flight.

2. Just over the target area, he was seen to drop down out of the formation toward 9 o'clock to an altitude of about 12-15,000 feet. The aircraft was under control with all four engines running.

3. After we had rallied out from the target this aircraft dropped back was last seen about seventy-five (75) miles from the target in no apparent trouble when it disappeared into the clouds.

John J. Franck

JOHN J. FRANCK,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Navigator.

Annex 2 to 4FCR Lt Johnson & Crew