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by E. A. BRADUMAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 15 1946

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 Air Fld, Italy Command or AF 15th AF
Group 455th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 743rd Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Air Fld Course Direct
Target 47°30'N 19°05'E Type of Mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
.2 Cirus 15 - 20 Mile Visibility

4. GIVE: (a) Date 27 July 44 Time 1005 Location 47°30'N - 18°38'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)
(X) Enemy Aircraft ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft ( ) Other circumstances as follows: _____

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B 24 H AAF Serial No 42-52294

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-18-43 AAF Serial No (a) CP-303983
(b) BP-425989 (c) CP-303526 (d) P-132744

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)

(a) Browning 50 Cal M2	974459	(b) Browning 50 Cal M2	965620
(c) "	940952	(d) "	940898
(e) "	705895	(f) "	940743
(g) "	974045	(h) "	974293
(i) "	704630		

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

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 Passengers None Total 9
(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)

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	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
DED 1.	Pilot	Gulbranson, Robert A	2d Lt	0700449	Mr Arthur Gulbranson (Father) 6453 N. Neva Ave., Chicago, Illinois
DED 2.	Co-pilot	Patrick, Robert K.	2d Lt	0771785	Maj Kent Patrick (Father) 435 Lewis Ave., Billings, Mont
DED 3.	Bombardier	Vocial, William O	2d Lt	0716783	Mrs Sarah VC Vocial (Mother) 1200 Oak St., East Liverpool, Ohio
DED 4.	Engineer Gunner	Cox, Robert F Jr	S Sgt	34801039	Mrs Mittie M. Cox (Mother PO Box# 594, St. Andrews Fla.
DED 5.	Armorer Gunner	Barnett, Paul E.	Sgt	15084466	Mrs. Eleanor Barnett (Mother) Hemlock, Ind.
DED 6.	Armorer Gunner	Broers, Donald J.	Sgt	37472364	Mrs. Minnie C. Broers (Mother) 1924 2d Corso St., Nebraska City, Nebr.
DED 7.	Armorer Gunner	Costello, Martin J.	Sgt	32915720	Mrs. Mary Costello (Mother) 3213 Boulevard, Jersey City, N.J.
DED 8.	Armorer Gunner	Hall, Melvin	Sgt	39567600	Mrs. Mabel W. Vancil (Sister) 515 N Garfield, Chanute, Kansas

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DED 9. Armorer Gunner Taaffe, John M. Sgt 36079298 Mrs. Mary Taaffe (Mother) RR #3 Fairfield, Illinois

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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. SHAW, ALAN B.	2d Lt	0718198		X		
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
(X) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
( ) Any other reason (specify) Parachutes were seen in the area.

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.

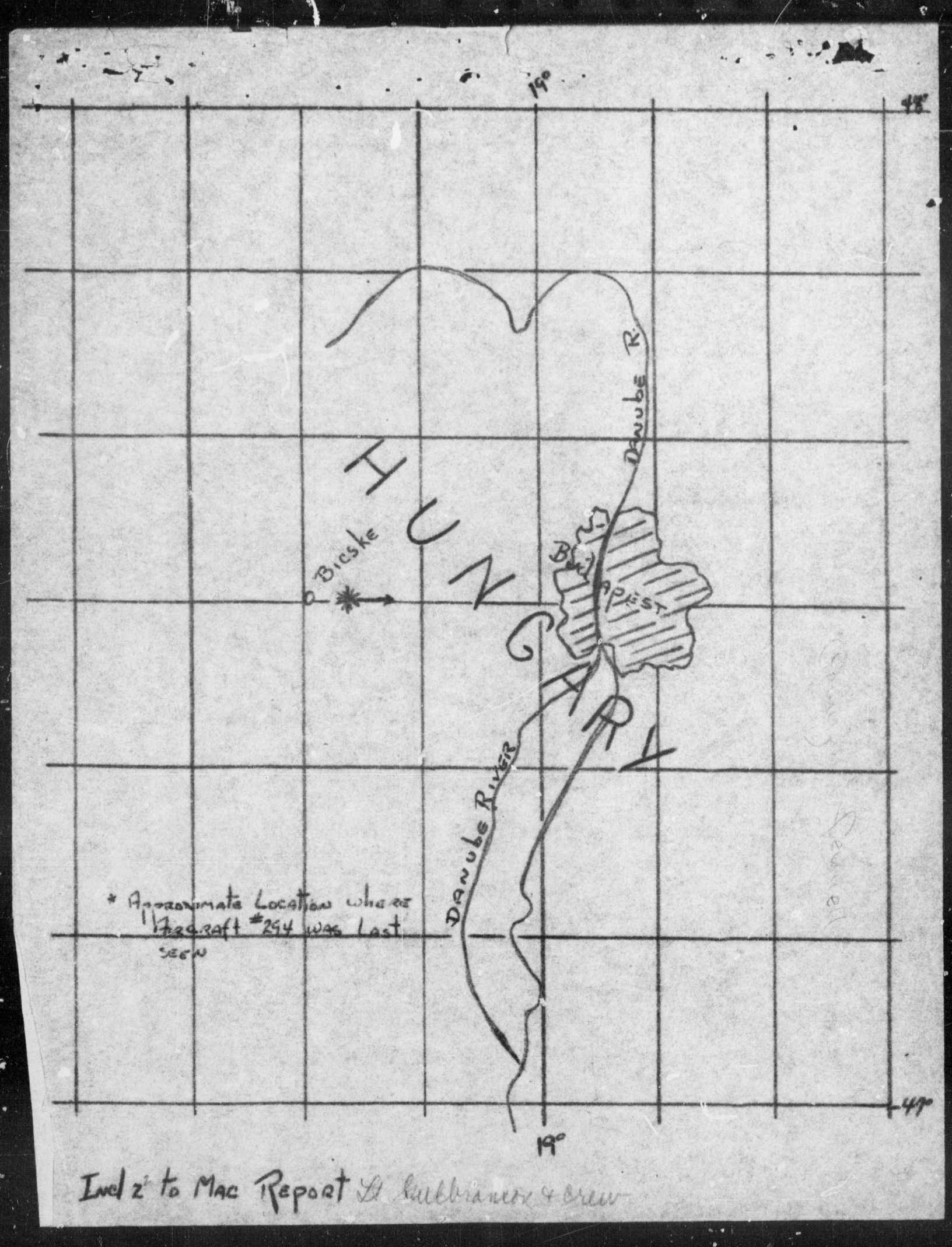
Date of this Report: 29 July 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
PHILLIP F. STARKMAN
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Statement by Lt Shaw
Incl 2 - Sketch of Area.

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Incl 2 to Mac Report Lt Guilbranson & Crew

2nd Lt. Robert A. Gulbranson	Mr. A. Gulbranson, (Father) 6453 North Neva Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
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2nd Lt. William O. Vocial	Mrs. Sarah V. Vocial, (Mother) 1200 Oak Street, East Liverpool, Ohio.
S/Sgt. Robert F. Cox [illegible]	Mrs. Mittie M. Cox, (Mother) 1535 Arthur Street, St. Andrews, Florida.
Sgt. Paul E. Barnett	Mrs. Eleanor Barnett, (Mother) Hemlock, Indiana.
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Sgt. Martin J. Costello	Mrs. Mary J. Costello, (Mother) 3213 Boulevard, Jersey City, New Jersey.
Sgt. Melvin Hall	Mrs. Mabel W. Vancil, (Sister) 515 North Garfield, Chanute, Kansas.
Sgt. John M. Taaffe	Mrs. Mary E. Taaffe, (Mother) Route Number Three, Fairfield, Illinois.

743RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
APO 520 US ARMY

29 July 1944

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On July 27, 194[illegible], at approximately 1005, as a result of aggressive attact by nemerous ME 109s and FW 190s from 0958 near the IP, Bicske, Hungary, 47°30'N - 18°38'E, to the target, five B 24 type aircraft were seen to go down. The formation had so shifted about that reports were general rather than specific. Aircraft number 294 was hit in the bomb bay, caught fire and went down gradually. It was later seen to have exploded. Parachutes were seen in the area.

Alan B. Shaw

ALAN B. SHAW
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Navigator

Incl 1 to MAC Report Lt Galbraith & Crew