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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Field Italy Command or AF 15th Air Force Group 455th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 742nd Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Field Italy Course Direct Target Budapest, Hungary Type of Mission High Altitude Formation Bombing.

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 3.10 comulus at 21,000 ft at Target

4. GIVE: (a) Date 27 July 44 Time 1000 Location Budapest, Hungary of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. (b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted ( )Last Contacted by Radio ( ) Forced down ( )Seen to Crash; or (X) 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 42-94993

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-43 AAF Serial No. (a) CP305067 (b) CP309228 (c) CP307223 (d) CP305981

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
All are Browning Air Craft Machine Gun M-2 (a) 1183894 (b) 1186157 (c) 999943 (d) 1186534 (e) 999261 (f) 1184368 (g) 1187662 (h) 1187753 (i) 1184718 (j) 885691

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

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 Passengers None Total 11
(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)(First)(Middle)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEST OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
DEP 1. ✓	Pilot	Dunekack, Henry R.	1st Lt	0-700356	Mrs. Evelyn S. Dunekack (Wife) 2422 Lakin St., Great Bend, Kansas
DEP 2. ✓	Co-Pilot	Owens, Ralph C.	2nd Lt	0-820044	Mr. Harold O. Owens Sr. (Father) 4 Avery St, Sidney, New York
DEP 3. ✓	Navigator	Bridgman, rold T.	Jr. 2nd Lt	0-718998	Mr. Harold Bridgman (Father) 700 L. Ave., West Columbia, South Carolinia
DEP 4.	Bombardier	Hiatt, W liam R.	2nd Lt	0-701602	Dorothy R. Hiatt (Mother) Bartlesville, Oklahoma RTD
DEP 5. ✓	Rad Oper Gun	Calvanese, John R.	S/Sgt	31327875	Marie Calvanese (Mother) 196 Meriden Ave., Southington, Conn
DEP 6. ✓	Engineer Gun	Seaman, Beverly L.	S/Sgt	19179684	Margaret Seaman (Mother) 1517 W. 5th St., Glendale, California

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DEV7. Asst Rad Oper Gun. Lasser, Samuel D. MIA Sgt. 18118532 Ida Lasser (Mother)
2306 Rosewood St., Houston 4, Texas

DEV8. Asst Eng Gun Collins, Stephen F. MIA Sgt. 35729473 Ruby L. Collins (Mother)
908 7th St., Hopkinsville, Kentucky

DEV9. Armorer Gunner Bingham, Charles B. MIA Sgt. 34520725 Sarah M. Bingham (Mother)
1621 Lillian St., Nashville, Tennessee

EWS10. Gunner Guidroz, David C. Jr. MIA Sgt. 38488199 Irene Guidroz (Mother)
Star Rt. A, Box 489, Patterson, LA.

DEV*11. Photographer James, Daniel P. Jr. MIA S/Sgt 35580719 Margaret James (Mother)
805 State St., Hammond, Indiana

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 Last By Radio	Saw Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. Louis (NMI) Stengl	2nd Lt.	O-815583			X	
2.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
( ) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
( ) Any other reason (Specify) Information not available

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) None - over enemy territory.

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Date of this Report 30 July 1944

William W. Berg
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
WILLIAM W. BERG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:
Incl #1 Sketch of Target
Incl #2 Statement by Lt. Stengl.

* Asgd to 741st Bomb. Squadron.

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BUDAPEST (SOUTH) & BUDAPEST/CSEPEL A/D, HUNGARY. TARGET CHART NO. 12-36NA.

Ship went down on course to target between 4729N/1836E and Target(4726N-1904E)

18'40" 18'50" 19'00"

47'20"

BUDAPEST

BUDAORS

ERCSI

TOROKBALINT

LAST SIGHTED

TARGET

CSEPEL

NAGYTETENY

SOROKSAR

TARNOK

ERD

VAL

SZIGETSZENTMIKLOS

DUNAH-ARASZTI

DANUBE RIVER

MARTONVASAR

KAPOLNAS

ERCSI

SZIGETSZENTMARTON

KISKUNLACZHAZA

47'20"

18'40" 18'50" 19'00"

Incl #1 to NIACR Lt. Dimlock & Crew

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5 ✓ First Lieutenant Henry R. Dunekack MIA
Mrs. Evelyn L. Dunekack, (Wife)
2422 Lakin Street,
Great Bend, Kansas.

4 ✓ Second Lieutenant Harold T. Bridgman, Jr. MIA
Mr. Harold T. Bridgman, Sr. (Father)
R.F.D. #1, Box 28 B B,
Sumter, South Carolina.

9 ✓ Second Lieutenant Ralph C. Owens MIA
Mr. Harold D. Owens, Sr., (Father)
4 Avery Street,
Sidney, New York.

6 ✓ Second Lieutenant William R. Hiatt, POW
Mrs. Dorothy R. Hiatt, (Mother)
Barlingame Hotel,
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

3 ✓ Staff Sergeant John R. Calvanese MIA
Mrs. Marie Calvanese, (Mother)
196 Meriden,
Southington, Connecticut.

11 ✓ Staff Sergeant Beverly L. Seaman MIA
Mr. Henry C. Seaman, (Father)
1517 West Fifth Street,
Glendale, California.

7 ✓ Staff Sergeant Daniel P. James, Jr. MIA
Mrs. Margaret James, (Mother)
876 State Street,
Hammond, Indiana.

10 ✓ Sergeant David C. Quidros, Jr. MIA
Mrs. Irene E. Quidros, (Mother)
Patterson, Louisiana.

1 ✓ Sergeant Charles B. Bingham MIA
Mr. John M. Bingham, (Father)
1681 Lillian Street,
Nashville, Tennessee.

12 ✓ Sergeant Stephen F. Collins MIA
Mrs. Ruby L. Collins, (Mother)
908 E 7th Street,
Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

8 ✓ Sergeant Samuel D. Lasser MIA
Mrs. Ida Lasser, (Mother)
2308 Rosewood Street,
Houston 4, Texas.

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1st Lt. Dunekack's plane, #993 was last observed over the target area with three engines afire. The ship had left the formation and was decending rapidly. The plane seemed to be out of control. No chutes were seen to open.

Louis Stengl

LOUIS STENGL
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
0-815583.

Inc 1 # 2 to PIACE Lt. Dunekack & Crew