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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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Location San Giovanni Field, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AAF
Group 455th Bomb Group (H) Squadron 741st Bomb Squadron (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure San Giovanni Field, Italy Course Direct
Target Odertal, Germany Type of mission Operational

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
6/10 Cumulus at 16,000 feet

4. GIVE: (a) Date 14 October 44 Time 1233 Last known position 50°25'N - 18°10'E
(b) Specify whether: (X) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,
( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.

5. AIRCRAFT (LOST) (DAMAGED) (RETURNED) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
( ) Enemy aircraft, (X) Enemy anti-aircraft, ( ) Other

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24-G AAF Serial Number 42-78359

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT 10 Hits and a Miss

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-65-A AAF Serial Number (a) Bt-436867
(b) 41-44250 (c) Cp-308525 (d) 42-42930.

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)

(a)	978142	(e)	978315	(i)	978341
(b)	978173	(f)	977720	(j)	968105
(c)	985589	(g)	1249268	(k)	
(d)	985411	(h)	1248700	(l)	

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty, ( ) Non-Battle Casualty.

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10.
(If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet.)

	CREW POSITION	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial) RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
(1)	Pilot 2nd Lt.	POLANDO, JOHN T. O-825271	MIA	Joseph Polando, Father, Keisterville Pennsylvania
(2)	Co-Pilot Flt/O	MOORE, OLIN H. T-62834	MIA	Jean Moore, Wife, 136 Wagner Ave. Elkhart, Indiana
(3)	Navigator 2nd Lt.	BASALA, ROBERT E. O-2060455	MIA	George Basala Jr., Father, Matherville, Illinois
(4)	Bombardier 2nd Lt.	BACH, JOHN E. O-2056316	MIA	Fred Bach, Father, Day Rd. Campbell, Hall, New York
(5)	Rad-Op-Gunr Cpl.	Oase, Carl O. 20652880	MIA	Mrs. Solway Losee, Sister, 124--8th St. Fargo, North Dakota
(6)	Eng-Gunner Cpl.	Heltzen, John A. 20200705	MIA	Olga Heltzen, Aunt, 4411 Bruner Ave. New York, New York
(7)	Arm-Gunner Cpl.	Jonker, John (NMI) 32390468	MIA	Syster Jonker, Mother, 117 Halstead Ave., Wallington, New Jersey
(8)	Aer-Gunner Cpl.	Krupski, Arthur S. [illegible]21640	MIA	Mary Krupski, Mother, 236 Townsend St. Buffalo, New York
(9)	Aer-Gunner Cpl.	[illegible] Maisano, Jerome J. 36887825	MIA	Stella Maisano, Mother, 15813, Lappin Detroit, Michigan
(10)	Aer-Gunner Cpl.	Oakes, Alfred L. 33804606	MIA	Mae Oakes, Mother, 301 Fifth Ave, Huntington, West Virginia
(11)				
(12)				

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (one only) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME. (SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM)

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED LAST BY RADIO	SEEN TO CRASH LANDING	FORCED
(1) George J. Huber	Pvt	35235941	X		
(2)					
(3)					

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
( ) Parachutes were used. ( ) Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
( ) Other reasons (specify) Plane was last seen under, no parachutes were used to that time.

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE. None--Plane was over Enemy Territory

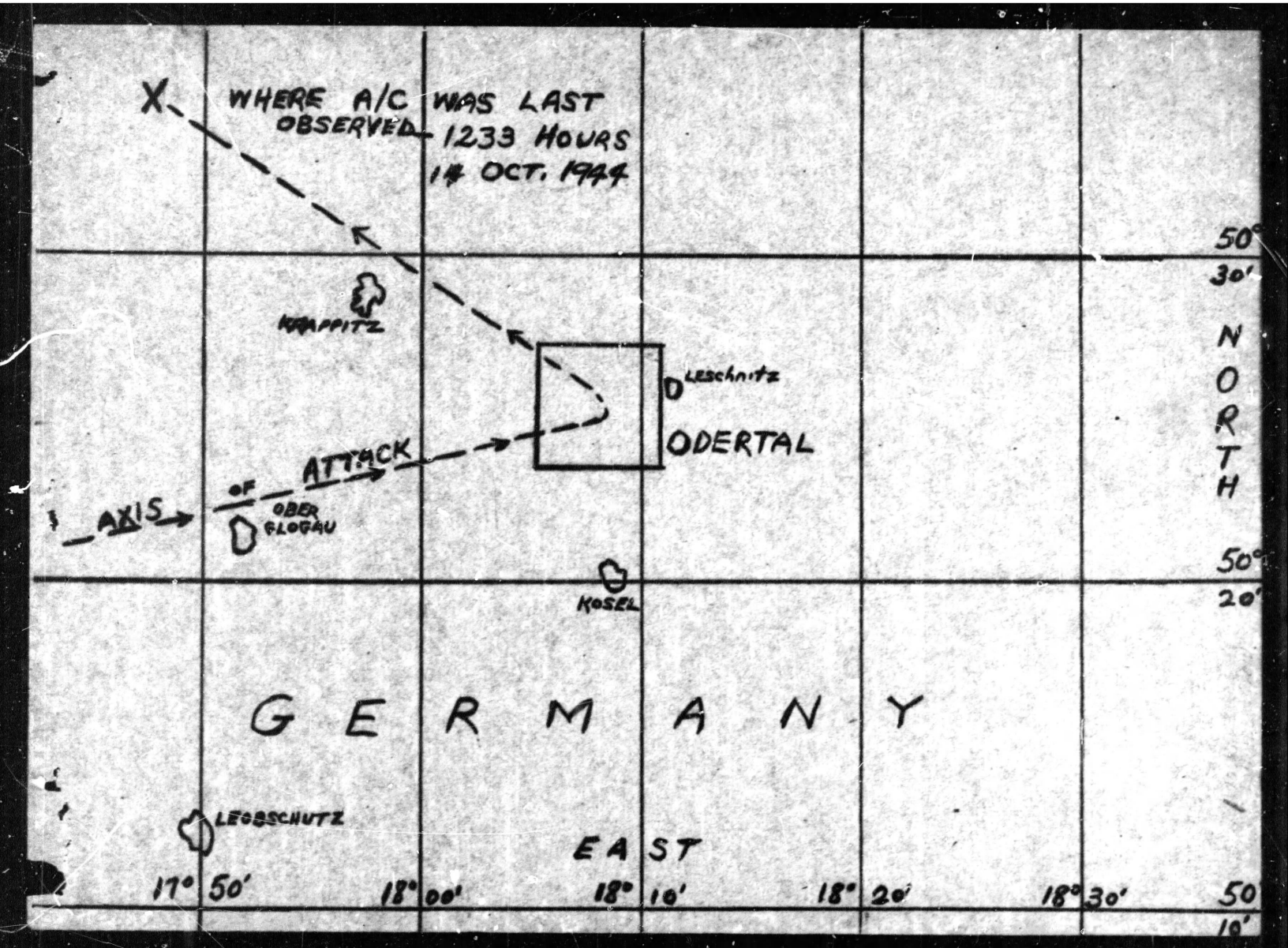
2 Inclosures.
Incl 1 Sketch
Incl 2 Statement by Huber

Date 17 October 1944

JOHN F. [illegible] Signature of preparing officer
Capt. Air Corps, Adj.

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2nd Lt. John T. Polanco	Mr. Joseph Polanco, (father) Keisterville, Pennsylvania.
2nd Lt. Robert K. Bazala	Mr. George Bazala, Jr., (father) Matherville, Illinois.
2nd Lt. John E. Bach	Mr. Frederick W. Bach, (father) Day Road, Campbell Hall, New York.
F/O Olin N. Moore	Mrs. Jean M. Moore, (wife) 136 Wagner Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana.
Cpl. Carl O. Case	Mrs. Solmay Loose, (sister) 124 6th Street, North, Fargo, North Dakota.
Cpl. John A. Holtzen	Mrs. Olga Holtzen, (aunt) [illegible] Bruner Avenue, Bronx, New York.
Cpl. John Jonker	Mrs. Gyster Jonker, (mother) 117 Halstead Street, Wallington, New Jersey.
Cpl. Arthur S. Krupski	Mr. Anthony Krupski, (father) 236 Townsend Street, Buffalo, New York.
Cpl. Jerome J. Maisano	Mrs. Stella Maisano, (mother) 15813 Lappin, Detroit, Michigan.
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S T A T E M E N T

I saw the Aircraft #42-78359, piloted by Lt. Polando hit by flak over the target after bombs away. The plane lost altitude but was apparently was under control. It disappeared into the undercast with no trouble discernable at approximately 17,000 feet.

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