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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Field, Italy Command or Air Force 15th
   Group 455th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 741st Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure San Giovanni Field, Italy Course Direct
   Target 47°42'N / 17°38'E Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
   10/10 cumulus with tops at 10,000 feet.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 17 Nov 1944 Time 1325 Last known position 43°01'N / 16°02'E
   (b) Specify whether: (X) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,
   ( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.
5. AIRCRAFT (LOST) (~~DAMAGED~~ ~~LOST~~) 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 42-78397
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT ORGANIZED CONFUSION
8. ENGINES: Type, mode. & series R-1830-65 AAF Serial Number (a) CP-326522
   (b) CP-312067 (c) BP-438956 (d) BP-438974
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
   (a) 12498812-Browning Cal 50 (e) 1248731 (i) 1248904
   (b) 1249328 M-2 (f) 1248850 (j) 1249273
   (c) 1249216 (g) 1258606 (k)
   (d) 1249193 (h) 1259023 (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
EDS (1)	Pilot	Redding, Horace D. 2nd Lt, AC 0713600	RTD	
EDS (2)	Co-Pilot	Huffman, Joseph M. 2nd Lt, AC 02060028	RTD	
KIA (3)	Navigator	Irby, Donald M. Flt O. T-127857	MIA	Mrs. Carrie Myers Irby (Mother) 632-16th St., Huntington, W. Va.
KIA (4)	Bombardier	Chaplin, James B. Jr. Flt O. T-3772 KIA	MIA	Mrs. Lillian Belle Chaplin (Mother) 3214 State Ave., Kansas City 2, Kansas
EDS (5)	Radio Gunner	Mallory, Charles A. S/Sgt 6975450	RTD	
EDS (6)	Engineer Gunner	Henderson, James E. Sgt 38385483	RTD	
KIA (7)	Armorer Gunner	Frase, Harrison C. Sgt 36243165 KIA 11/17/44	MIA	Mrs. Viola Frase (Mother) Route #1, Reeseville, Wisconsin
KIA (8)	Gunner	Anderson, Orin L. Sgt 36783456 KIA 11/17/44	MIA	Mr. Ray Anderson (Father) R. R. #3, Clinton, Illinois
EDS (9)	Gunner	Hemming, Gunnar G. Sgt 36893822	RTD	
EDS (10)	Gunner	Parker, Clyde A. Sgt 18220037	RTD	
(11)				
(12)				

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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:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	SAW LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	FORCED LANDING
(1) Henderson, James E.	Sgt	38385483		X		
(2)						
(3)						

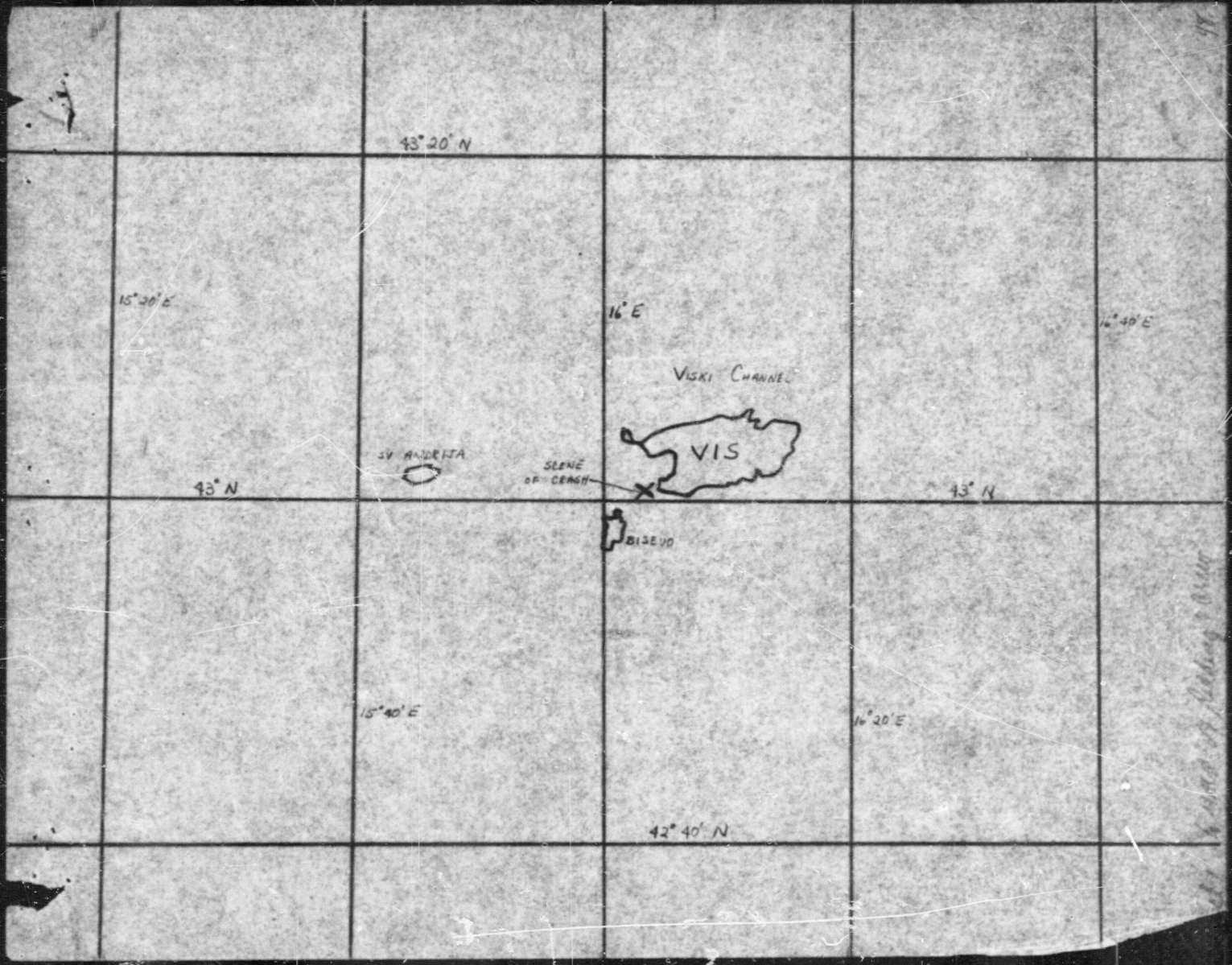
13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
    (X) Parachutes were used. ( ) Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
    ( ) Other reasons (specify)
14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS 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.

2 Inclosures.
Incl 1-Sketch of area Date 21 November 1944
Incl 2-Statement of Sgt Henderson

Harry H. Horn
Signature of preparing officer
HARRY H. HORN, 1st Lt., Air Corps,
Personnel Officer.

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43° 20' N
15° 20' E
16° E
16° 40' E
VISKI CHANNEL
VIS
SV ANDRIJA
SCENE OF CRASH
43° N
43° N
BISEVO
15° 40' E
16° 20' E
42° 40' N

F/O Donald M. Irby	Mrs. Carrie M. Irby, (Mother) 632 16th Street, Huntington, West Virginia.
371 F/O James B. Chaplin, Jr.	Mrs. Lillian Belle Chaplin, (Mother) 3214 State Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.
371 Sgt. Harrison C. Frase,	Mrs. Viola C. Frase, (Mother) Rural Free Delivery #1, Reeseville, Wisconsin.
Sgt. Orin L. Anderson	Mr. Ray C. Anderson, (Father) Rural Route #3, Clinton, Illinois.

Typist - Note correction
in spelling of Heming
which is correct per
serial file check

REPORT OF INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTION

NAME			DATE	
CODE				
NUMBER OF UNITS COMPLETED				
REGULAR HOURS WORKED				
OVERTIME HOURS WORKED				

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Pentagon Liaison:

Please give status & date of crew on a/c
B-24 G #42-78397 on following date of 17 Nov. 1944
455th Bm. Sq. (H)

Redding, Horace O.	2nd Lt.	O-713600	Disch 26 Sep 45
Huffman, Joseph M.	2nd Lt.	O-2060028	EUS-Date N.S.
Irby, Donald M. ✓	F/O	T-127857	KIA 17 NOV 44
Chaplin, James B. Jr. ✓	F/O	T-3772	KIA 17 NOV. 44
Mallory, Charles A.	S/Sgt.	6975450	EUS-Date N.S.
Henderson, James E.	Sgt.	38385483	EUS-Date N.S.
Frase, Harrison C. ✓	Sgt. WAIST GUNNER	36243165	KIA 17 NOV 44
Anderson, Orin L. ✓	Sgt.	36 783 456	KIA 17 NOV. 44
Hemming, Gunnar G.	Sgt.	36893822	EUS-Date N.S.
Parker, Clyde A.	Sgt.	18220037	EUS-Date N.S.

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S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

On 17 October 1944, I was a member of a crew on a B-24 G Aircraft No. 42-78397, which was piloted by 2d Lt. HORACE D. REDDING, I was first Engineer. We were returning from a mission over Gyor, Hungary. Number 2 engine became inoperative and we were unable to stay in formation so the pilot headed direct for the Base. At the time we reached the Adriatic Number 3 Engine became inoperative. We then headed for the Isle of Viz to land. At about 13:25 o'clock we were approaching the Isle of Viz and Number 4 engine became inoperative. We were unable to get to land with enough altitude to bail out over land so the Pilot gave the order for all to jump. There was a Rescue launch beneath us. All men got out of the aircraft. Within an hour the Air Sea Rescue picked up six (6) men, the other four (4) are believed to have drowned due to the fact that they could not get out of their parachutes.

James E. Henderson

James E. Henderson
Sgt., Air Corps,
ASN 38385483

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Refer to MACR Lt Redding's crew