

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE  
APO 520 U. S. Army

28 December 1944

ESCAPE STATEMENT

1. Farnham, Arthur E., Jr., 1st Lt., 0-820979, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.  
Born - 1 Sept. 1920 Enlisted - 12 Aug. 1944  
Home Address - 12 Birds Hill Ave., Needham, Mass.  
Peacetime Profession - Clearance Officer (Airport Management)  
MIA - 19 Nov. 1944 RTD - 27 Dec. 1944 Missions - 21
1. Thomas, Eugene B., 2nd Lt., 0-771155, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.  
Born - 2 April 1924 Enlisted - 18 Nov. 1942  
Home Address - 1235 8th St., Eureka, Calif.  
Peacetime Profession - Student  
MIA - 19 Nov. 1944 RTD - 28 Dec. 1944 Missions - 30  
Sorties - 21
1. Stoloff, Marvin, 2nd Lt., 0-723201, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.  
Born - 9 June 1924 Enlisted - 30 Jan. 1943  
Home Address - 609 18<sup>th</sup> St., Newark, N. J.  
Peacetime Profession - Machine Operator  
MIA - 19 Nov. 1944 RTD - 28 Dec. 1944 Missions - 21
1. Eckman, Robert W., 2nd Lt., 0-717763, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.  
Born - 10 Aug. 1922 Enlisted - 30 Nov. 1942  
Home Address - 910 Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
Peacetime Profession - Investigator (Credit)  
MIA - 19 Nov. 1944 RTD - 27 Dec. 1944 Missions - 22
1. Sanderson, Carol J., S/Sgt., 35270710, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.  
Born - 25 March 1925 Enlisted - 17 June 1943  
Home Address - RR #1, Ansonia, Ohio  
Peacetime Profession - Farming

MIA - 19 Nov. 1944                      RTD - 27 Dec. 1944    Missions - 23

1. Holscher, Franz F., S/Sgt., 14149344, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.

Born - 14 May 1921                      Enlisted - 29 Aug. 1942

Home Address - 421 Hill St., Rocky Mount, N. C.

Peacetime Profession - Student

MIA - 19 Nov. 1944                      RTD - 27 Dec. 1944    Missions - 19

1. Shay, Henry J., S/Sgt., 17136436, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.

Born - 7 Sept. 1925                      Enlisted - 27 July 1943

Home Address - 3715 Park Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Peacetime Profession - Student

MIA - 19 Nov. 1944                      RTD - 27 Dec. 1944    Missions - 22  
Sorties - 18

1. Connolly, Thomas M., Jr., T/Sgt., 11128066, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.

Born - 26 July 1923                      Enlisted - 13 Dec. 1942

Home Address - 94 O'Callaghan Way, So. Boston, Mass.

Peacetime Profession - Airplane Mechanic

MIA - 19 Nov. 1944                      RTD - 27 Dec. 1944    Missions - 17

1. Teal, Roscoe E., Sgt., 374175857, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.

Born - 18 May 1923                      Enlisted - 21 April 1942

Home Address - 852 Seward St., Seward, Neb.

Peacetime Profession - Wood Worker

MIA - 19 Nov. 1944                      RTD - 27 Dec. 1944    Missions - 4

2. Mission was to bomb O/R in Vienna. Were hit by flak over target. Radio Operator was killed and elevator and rudder control were lost. Oxygen systems went out. Sperry ball went out. Pilot ordered crew to bail out and they landed S.W. of Dobej, 44' 44'N, 18' 04'E.

3. Never in the hands of the enemy.

4. Sources, with exception of pilot, were picked up by Chetnicks and were brought to Hqs. Ans. S of Dobej. Pilot was picked up by Pascists and was rescued by the Mohanedan Militia. He stayed with them for a day and the Chetnicks who had picked up the rest of the crew managed to get the Mohanedan Militia to release him. He then found the other sources.

Sources were brought to an airfield nearby and stayed here for 35 days trying to arrange evacuation. An American Officer came to them and contacted Italy. Planes were sent over and they were evacuated, arriving in Bari 27 December 1944.

CHARLES N. KALCOUNDOS  
1st Lt., A.C.  
Interrogator

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APPENDIX C

Did not find the A-3 bag.

Life raft had just a set of oars.

First aid kits were not complete.

Suggest a more complete first aid kit.

Carrying of pistols is discretionary in Squadron.

Found G.I. shoes invaluable.

Could us leggings.