# WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON

# The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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IMPORT <i>A</i>	ANT: Th	is report will be compiled in triplicate by	each Army Air Forces
org	anizatio	n within 48 hours of the time an aircraft	is officially reported missing.
1. ORGANIZ			
1. 0110111		Group _461 <sup>st</sup> Bomb Gp (H)	Squadron 765 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY	· Place	e of departure _Torretta, Italy	Course Direct to target
2. SI Len 1	Taro	get Linz, Austria Ty	rpe of mission <b>Bombing</b>
3 WEATHE		ITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRA	SH OR WHEN I AST REPORTED:
	AVU	THOUGHT VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRA	SHOR WHEN EAST REFORTED.
4. GIVE:		Date _25 July 1944 Time _1120 Last known	nosition Linz Austria
4. GIVE.	[h] S	Specify whether: [X] Last sighted, [] Force	od down [] Seen to crash
	[0] 5	[] Last contacted by radio	
5 AIRCRAI	FT [] OST	[ ] [BELIEVED LOST] AS A RESULT OF: [Che	
		ircraft, [] Enemy anti-aircraft, [] Other	sek one omy
		model & series <b>B-24 H</b> AAF Serial Num	oher 12-52368
		IRCRAFT: Piecemaker	
		nodel & series P&W R1830-43 AAF series	al Number [a] CP 306866
		88[c]_CP 303855[d]_CP 30	
		PONS: [Make, type and serial number] All Brown	
	1153462	[e] <b>680122</b>	[i] <b>110493</b>
	680098		
		[f] 951298	[j] 951212
	1153044	[g] 1153306	
	681291	[h] 951341	to FINE Post Co. It
		TED BELOW REPORTED AS: [X] Battle Casu	
		RSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew _10; Pa	assengers _ 0_; Total _10_
		12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet]	
	EW	FULL NAME [Last, First, Initial] CURREI	
	SITION		
[1]	Pilot	Fulks, Glennial (NMI) 1st Lt.	Mrs. Bertha Fulks (Mother)
		0-676774	Munfordvills, Kentucky
[2]	CP	Ludlum, Warren O. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.	Mrs. Pamille Kneece (Mother)
		0-813535	P.O. Box H, Balboa, Canal Zone
[3]	Nav	First Harry M. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt.	Mrs. Sarah First (Mother)
		0-691975	412 N. Franklin Street, Wilmington,
			Delaware
[4]	Bomb	Stewart, Robert B. F/O	Mrs. Patricia M. Stewart (Wife)
		T-1573	921 So. Occidental Blvd., Los
			Angeles, California
[5]	TTG	Krivitsky, Morris (NMI) S/Sgt.	Mrs. Sophie Krivitsky (Mother)
		33310332	163 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia,
			Pennsylvania
[6]	NTG	Jaske, Walter R. S/Sgt.	Mrs. Clara Jaske (Mother)
		36740606	5638 Mason Ave., Chicago, Illinois
[7]	BTG	Duzan, Fred C. Jr. S/Sgt.	Mrs. Florence G. Duzan (Mother)
F. J		15062921	McCordsville, Indiana
[8]	TTG	Godino, Peter N. S/Sgt.	Mrs. Maria Godino (Mother)
اما		7021152	37 Madison Ave., West Manayank,
			Pennsylvania
[0]	LWG	DiMartino, Louis (NMI) S/Sgt	Mrs. Rana DiMartino (Mother)
[2]	LIIG	13153198	722 Douglas St., Wilmington,
		101001/0	Delaware
			Delatrate

[10] <b>RWG</b>	Diamond, George (NMI) S/Sgt.	Mr. Athos Diamond (Father)
	12187570	295 Wadsworth Ave., New York, New
		York
[11]		

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRAITE [one only] COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

						SAW
		SERIAL	CONTACTED	LAST	SAW	FORCED
NAME IN FULL	RANK	No.	BY RADIO	SIGHTED	CRASH	LANDING
[1] Warren H. Moss	Sgt.	15172978		X		
[2] Hugh G. Baker	T/Sgt.	34720251		X		
[3]			•			

- 13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: **Yes**[] Parachutes were used, [] Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash,
- [X] Other reasons [specify] Wing was completely enveloped in flames and ship seemed to be out of control, no one was seen to leave the ship.
- 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. No search made by this organization.

Date: 26 July 1944 /s/ SAMUEL B. SINAI 1st Lt., AC, Adj.

## 765TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) 461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP APO 520 US ARMY

26 July 1944

## **STATEMENT**

On 25 July 1944 at approximately 1120 hours I saw ship number 34 type B-24-H go down in flames. The wings were a solid sheet of fire with flames streaming back past the tail. It turned over out of control. I did not see any chutes but it is possible for them to have gotten out later.

/s/ Warren H. Moss Sgt. 15172978, 765<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq (H)

## 765TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) 461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP APO 520 US ARMY

26 July 1944

## **STATEMENT**

On 25 July 1944 I saw ship number 34, type B-24-H go down in flames. The wing seemed to be a solid sheet of fire with the flames streaming back past the tail. It turned over on its back completely out of control. That is all I saw. The time was about 1120. I saw no one bail out.

/s/ Hugh G. Baker T/Sgt. 34720251, 765<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq (H)

Name of crew member: Fulks, Glennial (NMI)

Rank: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.
Serial number: 0-676774
Position: Crew (Bomber) Pilot

Did he bail out? No.

Where?.

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: "Get them fighters.

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen? At pilot's seat.

Any hearsay information: <u>Co-Pilot – Warren O. Ludlum, claims that pilot was uninjured and was in back of him when he nailed out.</u>

Source: Lt. Warren O. Ludlum

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: <u>He might have</u> stopped to look at navigator, Lt. Harry First, who had been laying on floor of radio compartment. In that split second he might have been prevented from bailing out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 49.

Dates and destinations if possible: Last mission on July 25th, 1944 – Linz, Austria.

Name of crew member:	Ludlum, Warren O.
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Rank: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.
Serial number: 0-813535
Position: Crew (Bomber) Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No.

Where?.

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: Alive.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

Name of crew member: First, Harry M.

Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0-691975
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator

Did he bail out? No.

Where?.

If not, why not? **Believed dead in battle.** 

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Don't recall.** 

Was he injured? Yes.

Where was he when last seen? In radio compartment laying down as if dead.

Any hearsay information: All above is from co-pilot, Warren O. Ludlum.

Source: Lt. Warren O. Ludlum

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Co-pilot seen him laying on floor before leaving. Suggestion – He looked as if dead. Co-pilot could hear shells bouncing off armor plating behind pilot's compartment and shells coming thru. Believed he was hit by these shells.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 49.

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as pilot.

Name of crew member: Krivitsky, Morris (NMI)

Rank: T/Sgt. Serial number: 33310332

Position: Crew (Bomber) Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No.

Where?.

If not, why not? **Believed dead.** 

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: "Fighters coming in".

Was he injured? Yes.

Where was he when last seen? **In top turret.** 

Any hearsay information: <u>Co-pilot believes he was killed in battle by fighter shells.</u> As co-pilot left ship, Krivitsky was in turret slumped over his sights.

Source: Lt. Warren O. Ludlum

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 49.

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as pilot.

Name of crew member: Jaske, Walter R.

Rank: S/Sgt. Serial number: 36740606

Position: Crew (Bomber) Nose Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No.

Where?.

If not, why not? **No knowledge.** 

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None.

Was he injured? **Don't know.** 

Where was he when last seen? **Node turret.** 

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:

Total number of missions of above crew member: 35.

Dates and destinations if possible: <u>Had just started flying with our crew. Have no exact knowledge.</u>

Name of crew member: **Duzan, Fred C. Jr.** 

Rank: S/Sgt. Serial number: 15062921

Position: Crew (Bomber) Bottom Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No.

Where?.

If not, why not? **Dead.** 

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **None.** 

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? **Ball turret.** 

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The ship broke in half and turned over. There was no possible means for him to get out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 49.

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as pilot.

Name of crew member: **DiMartino, Louis (NMI)** 

Rank: S/Sgt. Serial number: 13153198

Position: Crew (Bomber) Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No.

Where?.

If not, why not? **Dead.** 

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: <u>"Fighters, George, on your side"</u>.

Was he injured? Yes, he had been wounded very badly when I last saw him in the waist position. He had been laying in a pool of blood.

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: <u>Actually he had been hit very badly while at his guns and when I was thrown out of the cracked ship I had caught a glimpse of him laying on the floor in bad shape. I believe he was dead for he wasn't moving at all and his clothes were in shreds.</u>

Total number of missions of above crew member: 49.

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as pilot.

#### CASUALTY QUESTIONAIRE

- 1. Your name George Diamond Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 12187570
- 2. Organization <u>461<sup>th</sup></u> Gp Commander <u>Glantzberg</u> Rank <u>Col</u> Sqn CO <u>Applegate</u> Rank <u>Lt.</u> <u>Col.</u>
- 3. What year 1944 month July day 25 did you go down?
- 4. What was the mission, **Linz, Austria**, target, **tank factory**, target

time, <u>1105</u>, altitude, <u>22,000 ft</u> route scheduled, <u>thru Italy to Austria</u>

, route flown Same

- 5. Where were you when you left formation? **B flight no. 2 ship.**
- 6. Did you bail out? Yes.
- 7. Did other members of crew bail out? Only 2 others.
- 8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No knowledge". Lt. Warren O. Ludlum climbed up the wings of the ship and bailed out. The ship had been turned over and bomb bay doors were open. S/Sgt Peter N. Godino was blown back into ship from tail turret and after ship began breaking up he was blown out. With me following him through the hole made by the explosion.
- 9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? **No knowledge.**
- 10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) <u>I believe the other men, Lt. G. Fulks, Lt. Harry First, F/O Stewart, T/Sgt Morris Krivitsky, S/Sgt. Jaske, S/Sgt. DiMartino, S/Sgt. Dugan.</u>
- 11. Where were they in aircraft? **In their respective positions.**
- 12. What was their condition? Either wounded or dead.
- 13. When, where, and in what condition did you <u>last</u> see any members not already described above? <u>S/Sgt Louis DiMartino was the only one I last saw</u>. Report on him is <u>in Individual Questionaire</u>.
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN 1 Aug 1944, CASUALTY NO. U-3131

PLACE OF CRASH

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ./.

REPORTING OFFICE Air Base Headquarters

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			CAPT'D	
		SERIAL	WOUNDED	PLACE OF
NAME	RANK	NUMBER	DEAD	INTERNMENT

Stewart, Robert B. F/O T-1573 Dead ./.

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 2 Sept 1944. WE

# German Reports on Crashed American Aircraft

Date	Time	Place	Height
25 Jul 44	1107	Stranzberg 22 km E of Linz	6000-6000
Aircraft type	Identification mark	kings	Serial No.
Liberator	American USA		252368
How Aircraft Landed		Airframe % Destroyed	
Crashed on fire		Single parts fell off	
Fate of the crewmemb	pers		
Unknown			

Cause of loss The a/c was one of a formation. The a/c was hit and single parts fell off. It went on fire and crashed. Fate of the crew unknown because of the distance.

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN 25 July 44, CASUALTY NO. KSU-1708

PLACE OF CRASH TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

REPORTING OFFICE Air Base, Command, Hoersching, near Linz, on Danube,

**26 July 44** 

			CAPT'D	
		SERIAL	WOUNDED	PLACE OF
NAME	RANK	NUMBER	DEAD	INTERNMENT

Ludlum, Warren O. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. 0-813535 Captured

**REMARKS**:

Captured at Freistadt, Upper Danube 1 Id. Tag

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN 25 July 44, CASUALTY NO. KSU-1708

PLACE OF CRASH TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

REPORTING OFFICE Air Base, Command, Hoersching, near Linz, 27 July 44

			CAPT'D	
		SERIAL	WOUNDED	PLACE OF
NAME	RANK	NUMBER	DEAD	INTERNMENT

Diamond, George S/Sgt. 12187570 Captured

**REMARKS**:

Captured in vicinity of Mauthausen, Upper Danube

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN
PLACE OF CRASH

1 Aug 1944, CASUALTY NO. U-3129
body was recovered near Mistelberg

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ./.

REPORTING OFFICE Air Base Headquarters Hoersching

			CAPT'D	
		SERIAL	WOUNDED	PLACE OF
NAME	RANK	NUMBER	DEAD	INTERNMENT

First, Harry M. Officer 0-691973 Dead ./.

**REMARKS**:

Dulag Luft, 2 Sept 1944 WE

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN
PLACE OF CRASH

1 Aug 1944, CASUALTY NO. U-3130
body was recovered near Mistelberg

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ./.

REPORTING OFFICE Air Base Headquarters Hoersching

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			CAPT'D	
		SERIAL	WOUNDED	PLACE OF
NAME	RANK	NUMBER	DEAD	INTERNMENT

Krivitsky, Morris ./. 33310332 Dead ./.

**REMARKS**:

Dulag Luft, 2 Sept 1944 WE

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN
PLACE OF CRASH

1 Aug 1944, CASUALTY NO. U-3131
body was recovered near Mistelberg

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ./.

REPORTING OFFICE Air Base Headquarters Hoersching

NAME	D A NIIZ	SERIAL		PLACE OF INTERNMENT
NAME Stowart Pobert R	RANK F/O	NUMBER T 1573	Dead	INTERNMENT

Stewart, Robert B. F/O T-1573 Dead ./

**REMARKS**:

Dulag Luft, 2 Sept 1944 WE

## Date and Time

Aircraft was shot down PLACE OF CRASH

25 July 1944, CASUALTY NO. ME-1708

PLACE OF CRASH TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Linz/Danube Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE Air Base Headquarters Hoersching

Name and first name, date and place of birth	Rank	ASN	Captured Wounded Dead	Disposition – name of camp type of injury Grave location
Diamond, George Gunner 1925 N.Y.	S/Sgt.	12187570	Captured	Dulag-Luft
Ludlum, Warren Oliver	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.	0-313335	Captured	Dulag-Luft
Godino, Peter H.	S/Sgt.		Wounded	Hospital

**REMARKS**:

**Dulag Luft, 7 August 1944 WE** 

	USA		<u>ME-1708</u>
	Rank	Name	A.S.N.
On: July 25 – 44; at 1112 Place: near Linz/Danube Type: Liberator 765 <sup>th</sup> (H.B.) Sqd 461 <sup>st</sup> Group, 49 <sup>th</sup> Wing Airbase Hoersching	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt.	Fules, Glenial	0-676774
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.	Ludlum, Warren Oliver	0-813535
	F/O	Stewart, Robert B.	T-1573
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt.	First, Harry M.	
	S/Sgt.	Krivitsky, Morris	
	S/Sgt.	Diamond, George	12187570
Hospital	S/Sgt.	Godino, Peter H.	7021152
	Sgt.	DiMartino, Louis	13153198
	Sgt.	Jaske, Walter R.	38740606
	S/Sgt.	Duzan, Fred C.	15062921

# CASE UNDER INVESTIGATION

# FORM 371 BEING PREPARED

DATE 31 Oct, 47

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Munfordville, Kentucky

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