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**REPORT**

WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

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TO: **CHIEF, AIR FORCE**  
by E. A. BRADMAN, Lt. Col., **AS MISSING AIR CRAFT REPORT**  
by F. M. MURPHY, Capt., **AO**

Date: **MAR 5 1944** **URGENT**. This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF 123; Command or Air Force 3th  
Group 428th; Squadron 72nd; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF 12,; Course AS; Degree  
Intended Destination TUPON, GERMANY; Type of Mission COMBAT

4-4/10 STRATOBOMBERS WITH BASES AT 3-4000' and TOPS AT 3-6000'

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
4. GIVE: (a) Date 4 Apr 44; Time 1120; and Location KADU, CHANDEL  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether (X) last sighted; ( ) last contacted by radio;  
( ) Forces Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not available.  
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOOT, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOOT, AS A RESULT OF: (Check  
only one) (X) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other circumstances  
as follows \_\_\_\_\_

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Serial B-24 B; A.A.F. SERIAL NO. 2867
7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Serial R-1830-43; A.A.F. SERIAL NO. (a) 42-92302  
(b) 42-92303; (c) 42-92309; (d) 42-91340

8. INSTALLED EQUIPMENT (Furnish below Make, Type & Serial No)  
1) TAIL-RT-967126 ROSE-RT 967279; (b) HUFFER-RT 96701; (c) WALTZ-RT 228832; (d) BALL-RT-967039  
2) LT-967182; LT-967204; (f) LT-965901; (g) LT-227349; (h) LT-967097

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty YES  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10  
persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet  
and attach original to this form).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	SERIAL NUMBER
1. Pilot	WANDERLICH, WALTER EDWARD	1ST LT	0-747292 RTD
2. Co-Pilot	HUGHES, FRED LAVAYETTE	2D LT	0-811002 RTD
3. Navigator	NEEDHAMAN, JULIUS (MAY)	2D LT	0-810715 RTD
4. Bombardier	HOOD, ERIC WESTBROOK	2D LT	0-752907 RTD
5. Radio Operator	CHANDLER, OSCAR LEE	S/Sgt	15982168 RTD
6. Top Turret	SPADONE, JOHN GERRARD	S/Sgt	32572600 RTD
7. Ball Turret	BOGDANOWICZ, WALTER FELIX	S/Sgt	16126892 RTD
8. Right Waist	BOHNER, RUDOLF ROY	Sgt	19063394 RTD
9. Left Waist	ZACHARY, WALTER EDWARD	Sgt	3221665 RTD
10. Tail Gunner	MURRAY, WILLIAM PINCKNEY	Sgt	34566950 RTD

11. IDENTIFY EACH PERSON LISTED AND BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK A PROPER COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR USE:

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Landing
1. WANDERLICH, WALTER E.	1ST LT	0-747292	X			
2. HUGHES, FRED A.	2D LT	0-811002	X			
3. SPADONE, JOHN J.	S/Sgt	32572600	X			

12. IF PERSONS LISTED TO HAVE KNOWN, AND IS YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EVIDENCE CONSISTENT OF CRASH, SUCH AS BURNING OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A SUMMARY OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE USE \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 12 April 1944

John A. Hunsler  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
JOHN A. HUNSLER  
Major, AC  
Technical Inspector.

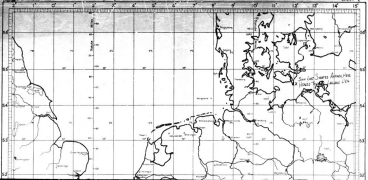
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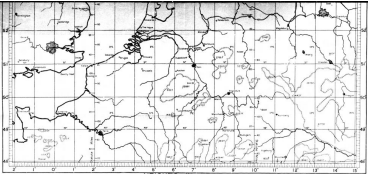
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14. AN I/R WAS SEEN TO HIT MANGENICH'S #3 ENGINE OVER KADEY CHANNEL. THE ENGINE WAS ON FIRE BUT WAS SUCCESSFULLY FEATHERED. HOWEVER, PLANE COULD NOT KEEP UP WITH THE FORMATION DESPITE HAVING SALVAGED BOMBS AND HE CIRCLED, LOSING ALTITUDE. THE A/C WAS UNDER CONTROL AS IT LEFT THE FORMATION AND WAS LAST SIGHTED HEADED BACK TOWARDS LAALAND, DENMARK.

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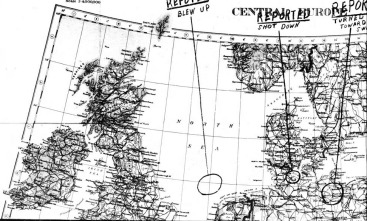


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**TURNED TOWARD SWEDEN**  
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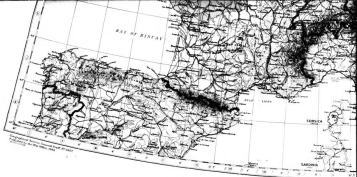


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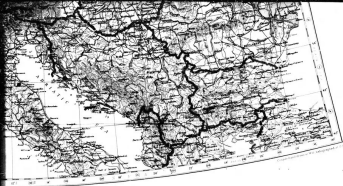
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