

**MISSING AIR CREW REPORT**

**16376**

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Torretta, Italy Command or Air Force 15<sup>th</sup> AF  
 Group 461<sup>st</sup> B Gp Squadron 764<sup>th</sup> B Sq
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta, Italy Course Straight to target  
 Target South of Genoa, Italy Type of mission Tactical
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:

4. GIVE: [a] Date 12 Aug 44 Time \_\_\_ Last known position \_\_\_  
 [b] Specify whether: [ ] Last sighted, [ ] Forced down, [ ] Seen to crash,  
 [ ] Last contacted by radio, [ ] No information

5. AIRCRAFT [LOST] [BELIEVED LOST] AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]  
 [ ] Enemy aircraft, [ ] Enemy anti-aircraft, [X] Other **Plane flown by F/O Cain, blew up over target and pieces of the plane were returned to the Base, lodged in wings and fuselages of other planes.**

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 H AAF Serial Number 41-28734

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: Nov Schmoz Ka Pop

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-183043 AAF serial Number [a] \_\_\_  
 [b] \_\_\_ [c] \_\_\_ [d] \_\_\_

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] **All Browning Cal. 50**

[a]	[e]	[i]
[b]	[f]	[j]
[c]	[g]	
[d]	[h]	

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	<b>Cain, James H. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. 0-1703166</b>		
[2] CP	<b>Hoffman, Robert L., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.</b>		
[3]	<b>Starkey, Eugene C., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.</b>		
[4]	<b>Hall, Calhoun J., 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.</b>		
[5]	<b>Seiber, Shannon N., S/Sgt.</b>		
[6]	<b>Dinero, Thomas J., S/Sgt 12145809</b>		
[7]	<b>Poling, Wilmar G., S/Sgt.</b>		
[8]	<b>Kehoe, Richard M., S/Sgt.</b>		
[9]	<b>Hansen, John P., S/Sgt.</b>		
[10]	<b>Laybourn, Myron D., S/Sgt.</b>		
[11]			
[12]			

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:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW
						FORCED LANDING
[1]						
[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] \_\_\_\_\_

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..

Date: