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WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

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ACCIDENT No.

46-11-11-501

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT
MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

(1) Place UNKNOWN (2) Date 11 November, 1945 (3) Time UNKNOWN
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-17 G DD (5) A. F. No. 43-39197 (6) Station AAF Sta 195
Organization: (7) USAFE (8) 38th (H) (9) 546th (H)
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)
AFF PERSONNEL BH Y300

DOIT	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL No.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P	Hunt, Morton E. Jr.	P	0-928303	1st Lt	18	Air Corps	USAFE	Missing	
CP	Phenew, Harold C.	CP	0-930500	2nd Lt	18	Air Corps	USAFE	Missing	
N	Dusakiewicz, Joseph M.	N	0-136739	F/O	17	Air Corps	USAFE	Missing	
R	Stens, Bryce L.	R	13173621	T/Sgt.	38	Air Corps	USAFE	Missing	
E	Watkins, Thomas W.	E	39101983	Cpl	38	Air Corps	USAFE	Missing	
	Passenger list attached								

* Watkins, WOS 747 flew as Aerial Engineer on this flight.
PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) HUNT MORTON E. JR. (21) 0-928303 (22) 1st Lt (23) 18 (24) Air Corps
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) USAFE (26) 38th (27) 546th (28) AAF Sta 195
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) USAFE (30) 38th B H (31) 546th (32) AAF Sta 195
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 23 May 44 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 23 May 44 Instrument rating (37) 4 June, 1945
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 4:10:40 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 34:40
(39) This model 3:13:30 (43) Instrument time last 30 days 6:30
(40) Last 90 days 1:18:55 (44) Night time last 6 months 7:15
(41) Total 4:10:40 (45) Night time last 30 days 2:00

props - AIRCRAFT DAMAGE NR 2

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>4</u>	UNKNOWN
(47) Engine(s) <u>4</u>	UNKNOWN
(48) Propeller(s) <u>4</u>	UNKNOWN

(50) Weather at the time of accident Icing level 5500-6000 feet, towering cumulus clouds, base 4000 tops 13000-14000 feet. Briefed for heavy icing. (Weather in Italy only)

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident UNKNOWN
(52) Cleared from Istres (53) To Athens (54) Kind of clearance IFR

(55) Pilot's mission Ferrying A

(56) Nature of accident UNKNOWN

RECOMM: 2

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

(Brief narrative of accident. Include statement of responsibility and recommendations for action to prevent repetition)

Pilot sent message reporting heavy ice and requesting permission to RON at Rome. Ground station was not able to contact aircraft for answer. This was at 1000Z.

At 1406Z the British monitoring station at Naples picked up an SOS on 4575 KCS from an unidentified aircraft. Bearing, station to ship was 352°. (Class 2 fix)

At 1411Z the same station picked up an SOS on the same frequency from an unidentified aircraft. Bearing station to ship was 357° (class 2 fix). Assumption was made that aircraft was moving eastward.

British monitoring station at Ajaccio, Corsica read both SOS's but could not take a fix. However, personnel there reported that the aircraft was on an approximate easterly bearing from the station.

British station at Bari, Italy transmitting UCO on 4575 KCS heard an SOS and long dashes. A fix was taken (1440Z) and the bearing, station to ship, was 170°.

Logs of Ciampine, AACGS, were checked and no record exists of any ~~transmissions~~ transmissions read from the subject aircraft. Ciampine, AACGS, guards 8280 KCS, 4595 KCS, 4125 KCS, and 4220 KCS.

Air search was inaugurated by 2nd Bomb Group, Foggia, on 14 November, 1945. Search by 38th Bomb Group was inaugurated on 13 November, 1945.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

All pilots to be briefed to make own decisions concerning weather flying.

Signature

John W. Position
Investigating Officer

JOHN W. POSITION

1st Lt., Air Corps,

Station accident Officer.

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Following list of ATC personnel in B-17 aircraft number 9197 of 384th Bomb Group, missing enroute from Istres, France to Athens, Greece.

	PERS. CLASS	NO.	INT.
S/Sgt ANGELO T. BARBARITO ✓		35390029	4
S/Sgt PAUL F. CARUSO ✓		32054144	4
Sgt EGBERT L. BARNEARD ✓		32831650	4
Sgt PHILLIP M. ESPOSITO ✓		31171209	4
Cpl MICHAEL CAPOBIANOE ✓		32441980	4
Cpl GILBERT L. FARRIS ✓		37377844	4
Pvt JOSEPH A. MEZZONE ✓		32405453	4
Pfc CLARENCE R. YONG ✓		35271650	4
Pfc HENRY E. VACCARELLO ✓		31080097	4
Pfc MARVIN L. PARTICK ✓		38075292	4
Pfc MELVIN R. KATZBERG ✓		39320755	4
Pfc WALTER R. DUSENBERRY ✓		35290749	4
Cpl FLOYD C. VAUGHN ✓		37407027	4
Cpl KENNETH J. JOHNSON ✓		13089937	4
Cpl RUSSEL M. FREELANDER ✓		33168480	4
Cpl JOHN E. CREARY ✓		32690831	4

*Dash
regarding them and
John*

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Preston W. Easley
PRESTON W. EASLEY,
Captain, Air Corps,
Flying Safety, A-3.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE

AFO 633, US ARMY

10 JAN 1946

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CF SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Winston-Salem 1, North Carolina,
(Attn: Chief, Flying Safety)

1. Transmitted herewith is "Missing Aircraft Report" covering B-17G, No. 43-39197, Istres, France, to Athens, Greece, missing since 11 November 1945. On board were 16 passengers with baggage and crew of five.

2. Every effort was made to find this lost aircraft. Search has now been abandoned and the aircraft has been officially declared "Missing".

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Harold Q. Huglin

HAROLD Q. HUGLIN
Brigadier General, USA
Deputy Chief of Staff

1 Incl:

AAF Form #14, dtd 11 Nov 45,
and allied papers.

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BASIC CODE SHEET

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Accident Number General Information Type, Model and Series

ACCIDENT TYPE		FLIGHT REFERENCE	
11	Collision with other aircraft	1	Contact
12	Collision with ground or water	2	Instrument (actual)
13	Collision, other	3	Instrument (simulated)
14	Stall	4	On Top
15	Hard Landing	9	Undetermined
16	Landing, wheels-up	PHASE OF FLIGHT	
17	Groundloop	01	Engines Running, not taxiing
18	Nose-up or Nose-over	02	Taxiing
19	Premature Ret. or Col. of L.G.	03	Takeoff
20	Fire on ground	04	Pattern
21	Spin or Spiral	05	Final Approach and Landing
22	Abandoned aircraft	06	Go-around
23	Disintegration	07	Normal Flight
24	Explosion	08	Ground Gunnery Pass
98	N.E.C.	09	Aerial Gunnery Pass
99	Undetermined	10	Acrobatics
		11	Towing
		98	N.E.C.
		99	Undetermined
WEATHER		FORMATION	
1	Rain	1	In Formation
2	Fog	2	Not in Formation
3	Dust, sand, smoke, or haze	TIME OF ACCIDENT	
4	Snow	1	Day
5	Sleet or hail	2	Night
6	Wind	ALTITUDE OF FLIGHT	
7	Ying or propeller ice	1	High Altitude
8	Thunderstorms	2	Low Altitude
9	Turbulence	3	Normal Flight
A	Clouds	4	Ground or Pattern
J	NOT A FACTOR	9	Undetermined
Y	N.E.C.		
Z	Undetermined		

CAUSE FACTORS

Pers.	UNSAFE ACTS			UNSAFE CONDITIONS				UNDET.
	Major	Specific	Viol.	Major	Specific	Minor	Defects Seq.	
01	12	02						3
08	12	21						3

No. of Cards required 2
 Evaluated by: RTM
 Checked by: _____