

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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Date ~~1:1946~~ **1:1945**

NOTE: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an Air Crew Member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by name Pisa, Italy : Command or Air Force XII
Group 950th Fighter Squadron 945th Fighter Detachment.
2. AGENCY: Place of Departure Pisa, Italy Course 355°
or intended destination Battle Area Type mission Armed Recon
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED
CAVU Slight haze
4. TIME: (a) Day 25 Month 4 Year 1945 ; Time 1045 ; and location K-732054
South of Rome of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted () ; Last contacted by
Radio () ; Forced down (x) ; Seen to crash () ; or information not avail-
able ().
5. IS THE AIRCRAFT LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only
one) Enemy aircraft () ; Enemy anti-aircraft (x) ; Other circumstances as to be
stated.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-4 7D-30RA :AAF Serial Number 44-33089
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: (If any) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) Browning ; (b) 1672259 ; (c) Browning ; (d) 1522916
(e) " ; (f) 375644 ; (g) " ; (h) 244194
(i) " ; (j) 1754283 ; (k) " ; (l) 1511052
(m) " ; (n) 1511129 ; (o) " ; (p) 1510878
9. WERE PERSONS LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1 Passengers _____ Total 1
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons
were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach origi-
nal to this form).

Crew Position	NAME IN FULL (last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	<u>BADE, RONALD D.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-710635</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
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11.				

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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE TESTS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Check only one column		
				Last Sighted	Seen or Heard	Not Sighted
1. RIZA, W. A.	2nd Lt.	0-710892	X			X
2.						
3.						
4.						

13. PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash X; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____

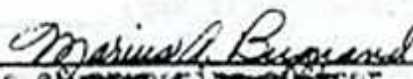
Pilot shot flare to wing man after landing

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM:

15. ATTACHE EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

Date of Report 25 April 1945


 Signature MARSHALL BUGNARD
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

17. REMARKS OF EYEWITNESS STATEMENT:

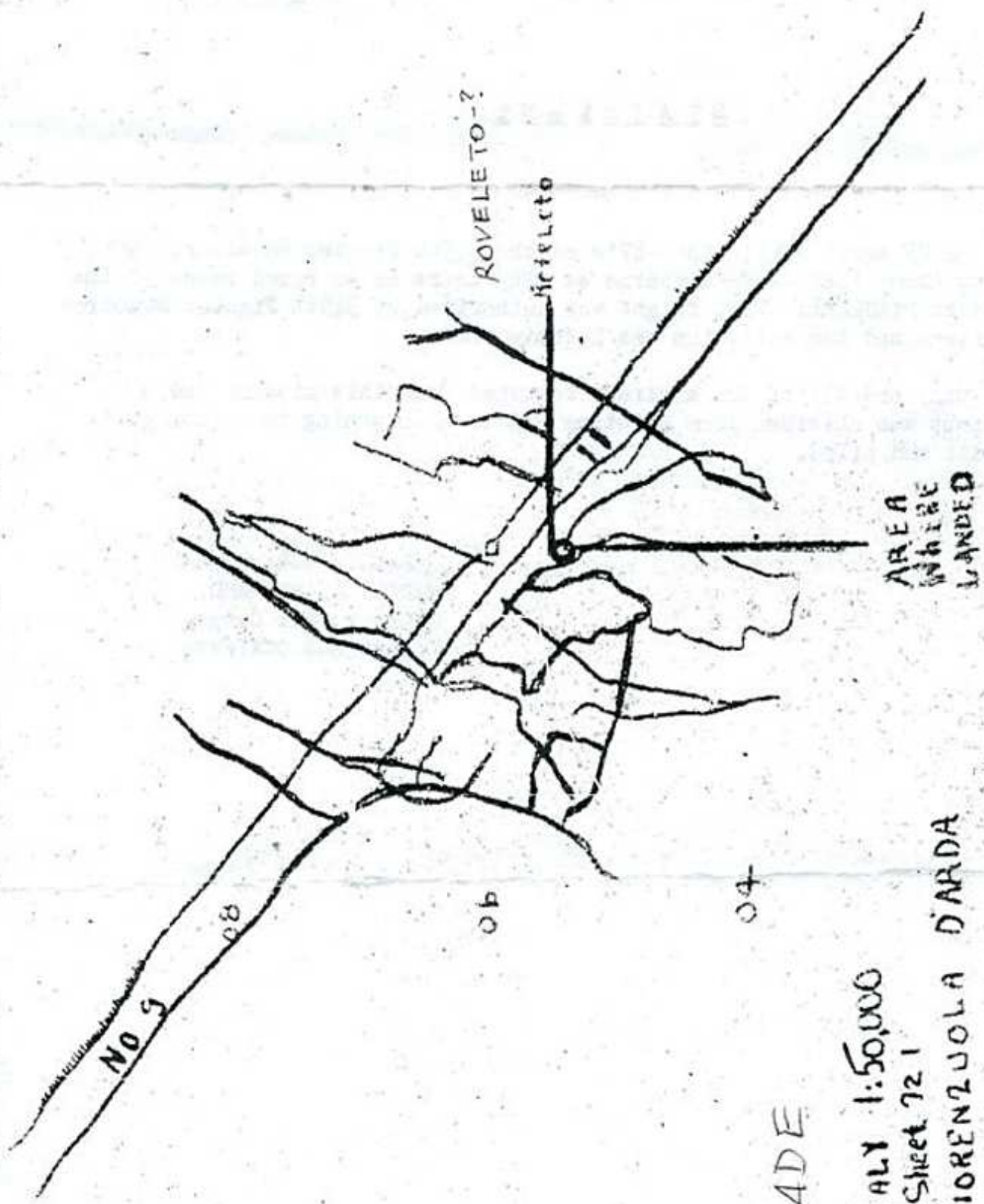
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- Incl 1 - Statement, Lt. Riza
- Incl 2 - Statement, Capt Bugnard.
- Incl 3 - Sketch



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MAP# 106

345th FIGHTER SQUADRON
350th FIGHTER GROUP (AAF)
APO 650, U. S. ARMY

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25 April 1945

S T A T E M E N T

On 25 April 1945, two P-47's of the 345th Fighter Squadron, 350th Fighter Group (AAF) were airborne at 0945 hours on an armed recce of the area near PIACENZA. This flight was authorized by 345th Fighter Squadron Operations and the call sign was Lifetime Red.

Only one (1) of the aircraft returned from this mission and a statement was obtained from Lifetime Red Two concerning the missing aircraft and pilot.

Marius A. Bugnard
MARIUS A. BUGNAND,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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S T A T E M E N T

We were on a two aircraft armed recce in the area approximately ten (10) miles West and a little South of PIACENZA. Red One called that he was going down on a M/T and for me to follow him down. We were around 6,000 feet when we started down. Red One didn't fire and pulled up and I followed. As we were climbing, flak began to burst off my left wing-tip. I immediately "hit the deck" using evasive action. Red One was losing altitude, and he called me saying he had been hit and could not keep his altitude. He dropped his belly tank and took up a course of approximately 150 degrees. He called me again saying he was still losing altitude and for me to look for obstructions in his flight path. I called to warn him about a power line and he answered that the aircraft was stalling out and he was going in. The aircraft hit in a small plowed field and slid along the ground for about 75 feet and came to rest in a small creek. It appeared to be in good condition, and as I circled the pilot fired a flare into the air. People from a nearby village came to the wreck and were waving white rags. As I buzzed the scene the last time there were several people clustered around the aircraft and they again waved at me. I was unable to see the pilot among them, but I believe he was alright because the aircraft did not burn and appeared in good condition.

H. A. Ryzal
W. A. RFLA,
2nd Lt., A. C.,
Red Two.