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by E. A. BRADUMAB, Lt. Col., AC
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A.A.F. [illegible] (HEADQUARTERS [illegible] AIR FORCES)
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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: 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 Dittaino, Sicily; Command or Air Force NASAF; Group 1st Fighter Gp.; Squadron 94th F. Sq.; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Dittaino Aerodrome, Sicily; Course go direct fr. base Intended Destination Pesara Area, S. of Salerno; Type of Mission Patrol & Strafe
3. Weather CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY [illegible] CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) Date 9/9/43; Time 1725; Area Location Road, 30 mi. E. of Agropoli, Italy of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last Contacted by Radio; ( ) Forced Down; (/) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) ( ) Enemy Aircraft; (/) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other circumstances as Follows

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-38G-10-LO; Serial Number 42-13411
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V17-10-55-51F Serial Number (a) 42-9327; (b) 42-29226; (c) ; (d)
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) (a) ; (b) ; (c) ; (d) ; (e) ; (f) ; (g) ; (h) ; (i) ; (j)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty; 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 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
A/A 1.	Pilot	Dibble, James P.,	1st Lieut.	O-733844
2.				
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4.				
5.				
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10.				

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT THE AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR BELIEF:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Schulze, Raymond L.,	2nd Lieut.,	O-740565			X	
2.						
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12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (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 WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE.

Date of Report 9 September 1943

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JAMES J. HAGENBACK, 1st Lt., AC.,
Squadron Operations Officer.

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Missing Air Crew Report
9 September 1943.

STATEMENT

On September 9, 1943 while on a Patrol Mission to Naples, Italy the formation leader, Lieut. Dibble, was ordered from the "Pears Area" by the controller to strafe an enemy convoy of approximately four hundred (400) vehicles which was traveling on a road about thirty (30) miles east of Agropoli, Italy. The formation dived down and straffed this convoy from the right and crossed the road on the deck completing a 360 in doing so. A few seconds after the completion of this 360 I saw Lieut. Dibble pull his aircraft up from the deck to about two thousand (2000) feet, open the cockpit and bail out. The cockpit appeared to be on fire, apparently caused by the anti-aircraft fire from the convoy. When I last saw Lieut. Dibble he was in his parachute at approximately fifteen hundred (1500) feet above the ground and on the left side of the road drifting away from the convoy.

Raymond L. Schulze
RAYMOND L. SCHULZE,
2nd Lieut., Air Corps.

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