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 by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC  
 by F. M. MUEHCH, Capt., AC  
 Date **MAR 15 1948**

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
 WASHINGTON

6047

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 airplane is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Wethersfield, Essex; Command or Air Force IX Bomber Command  
 Group 416th Bomb Group(L); Squadron 671st; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Wethersfield, Essex; Course See attached drawing  
 Intended Destination Serqueux M/Y (Forges, France); Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 3/10 to 4/10 stratocumulus at 3,500 feet; 7/10 clouds estimated at 15,000 feet; visibility 5mi.
4. GIVE: (a) DATE: 6 June 1944; TIME: 21:25; and Location Near Buchy, France  
 of last known whereabouts of missing airplane  
 (b) Specify whether ( ) Last sighted; ( ) Last contacted by radio;  
 ( ) Forces Down; (X) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LAST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one ( ) Enemy Airplane; (X) Enemy Anti-aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows: On bomb run 45 seconds from target, aircraft was hit by flak and left engine caught on fire. Aircraft crashed, exploded and one chute was seen to open.
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series A-20G-35; A.A.F. Serial Number 43-10164
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2600-23; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-105275  
 (b) 43-105208
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below date, Type and Serial Number)  
 (a) 613102-Fixed; (b) 607743-Fixed; (c) 612917-Fixed; (d) 995192- (Twin Flex)  
 (e) 605450-Fixed; (f) 609117-Fixed; (g) 610032-Fixed; (h) 9941131-Flex
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes
- 8a. All guns are: Aircraft Mach. Gun, \_\_\_\_\_ or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_  
Browning M-3, Cal .50.
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 3; Passengers 0; Total 3  
 (Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard airplane, 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	Wipperman, Ronald A.	2nd Lt.	0750752 RTD
2. Armorer-Gunner	Anrens, Henry S.	S Sgt	32910250
3. Ap. Mechanic-Gunner	Mazza, Louis O.	Sgt	12204199
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5.			
6.			
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8.			
9.			
10.			

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

APPENDIX NO 1 A

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WD, Hq AAF, Washington, Missing Air Crew Report

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing	Saw Chute
1. Hixon, Stuart M.	1st Lt	0671657			X		X
2. Andrews, Harold D.	1st Lt	0799707			X		X
3. Land, Willard H.	1st Lt	0684357			X		X
12. IF PERSONNEL WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS. (a) Parachutes were used <u>Yes</u> ; (b) persons were seen walking away from scene of crash <u>---</u> ; or (c) any other reason (specify) <u>---</u>							
13. ATTACH RECON PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, OR MAP LOCATION, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN.							
14. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE...							
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE <u>None</u>							

Date of report 9 June 1944

*Joseph A. Haubrich*  
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)  
**JOSEPH A. HAUBRICH,**  
 1st Lt., Air Corps,  
 Asst Adjutant.

2 Incls:

- 1 - Eye Witness Descriptions of Crash.
- 2 - Locational Drawing.



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2nd Lt. Ronald A. Wipperman

Mr. & Mrs. Lester C. Wipperman, (Parents)  
1550 First Street North,  
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

S/Sgt. Henry S. Ahrens

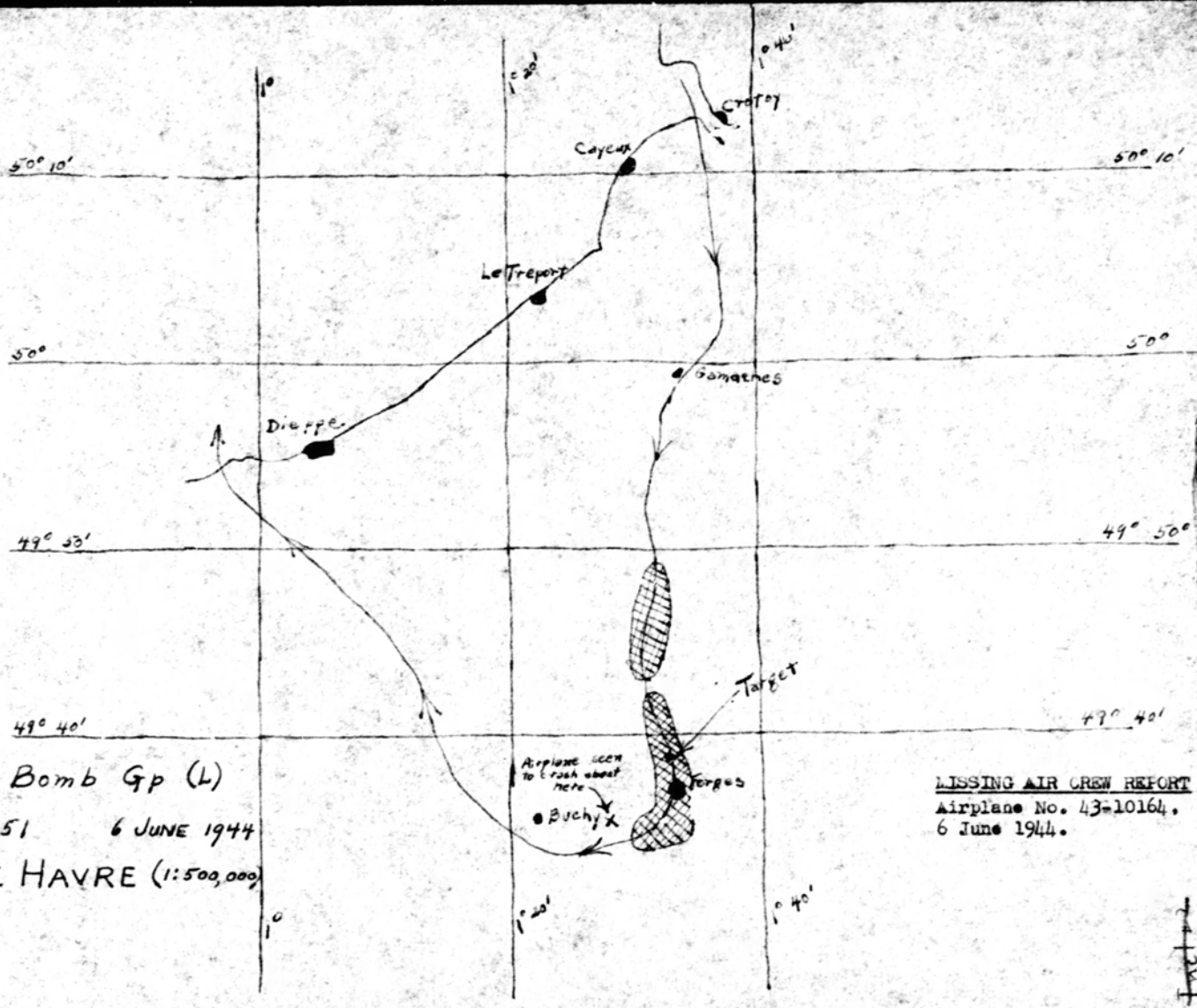
Mrs. Claire Ahrens, (Wife)  
802 Prospect Avenue,  
Ridgefield, New Jersey.

Sgt. Louis C. Massa

Mrs. Maddalen Massa, (Mother)  
420 Rahway Avenue,  
Westfield, New Jersey.

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416th Bomb Gp (L)  
F.O. 56-351 6 JUNE 1944  
MAP - LE HAVRE (1:500,000)

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EYE-WITNESS STATEMENTS

Statement of Lt. Stuart M. Hixon: Lt. Wipperman was flying on my wing; on bomb run 45 seconds from target, his plane was hit by burst of flak and the left engine caught on fire; aircraft crashed, exploded and one chute opened.

Statement of Lt. Harold D. Andrews: Lt. Wipperman's plane crashed at North Buchy, France. One chute from plane observed.

Statement of Lt. Willard H. Land: Lt. Wipperman was seen to crash four miles South of Target in woods. Three chutes seen but not known whether his chutes or not.

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Casualty Inquiry

704 x 201 - Mazza, Louis C. (E) 3rd W/Ind. G-MW-15  
HQ, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), APO 140, U. S. Army, 22 December 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U. S. Army.

1. Attention invited to preceding wrapper indorsements.
2. Records this Headquarters indicate the status of Sgt. Louis C. Mazza, 12204199, and S/Sgt Henry S. Ahrens, 32910250, to be Missing in Action. Status of 2nd Lt. Ronald A. Wipperman changed from MIA, 6 June 1944 to POW, 6 June 1944, per authority MRU Locator Card.

For the Commanding General:



*M. S. WORTH*  
M. S. WORTH,  
1st Lt., AC.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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1 Incl: n/c

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201-Mazza, Louis C. (Enl) 4th W/Ind. G-M-1  
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US ARMY 29 DEC 1944

TO: Commanding General, European T of Opns USA, APO 887, US Army  
(ATTN: AG Casualty Division).

1. Forwarded in compliance with par 12c, Circular #94, your Headquarters dated 31 August 1944.
2. Subject enlisted man reported MIA on BCR #L-087, this Headquarters, dated 13 June 1944.

For the Commanding General:



*W T MORAN JR.*  
W T MORAN JR.  
Captain, AGD,  
Asst Adj Gen.

6-6521

1 Incl: n/c

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by *MS* Date *5/24/75*

Wesley L. Shippe  
2d Lt., A.G.D.

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Letter of Inquiry

319.1 x 201 - Mazza, Louis C. (E) 1st W/Ind. G-MW-15  
HQ, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) APO 140, U. S. Army, 16 December 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 416th Bomb Group (L), APO 140, U. S. Army.

Request all questions asked in letter of inquiry be answered in compliance with par 2c, Memo 35-6, dated 20 May 1944, as amended.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

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*James L. Sumpter, Jr.*  
JAMES L. SUMPTER, Jr.,  
1st. LT., AIR CORPS.

ASST. ADJUTANT GENERAL.

1 Incl: Ltr fr Mrs. M. Mazza,

319.1 x 201 - Mazza, Louis C. (E) 2d W/Ind. C-E-5  
HEADQUARTERS, 416TH BOMB GP (L), APO 140, U S ARMY, 20 December 1944.

TO: Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U S Army.  
(Attn: AG Casualty Section)

1. Sgt Louis C. Mazza, 12 204 199 (748), 671st Bomb Sq (L), was missing in action 6 June 1944.
2. Airplane A20G-35 43-10164, piloted by 2D LT RONALD A. WIPPERMAN, O 750 752, AC, 671st Bomb Sq (L), was hit by flak while on its bomb run. The left engine subsequently was set afire and the airplane was seen to crash and explode north of Buchy, France. One parachute was observed opening from the airplane.
3. S/Sgt Henry S. Ahrens, 32 910 250 (612), 671st Bomb Sq (L), was the remaining member of the crew.
4. The following eye witness statements are quoted for your information:  
"Lt Wipperman was flying on my wing; on bomb run 45 seconds from target, his plane was hit by burst of flak and the left engine caught on fire; aircraft crashed, exploded and one chute opened."  
"Lt Wipperman's plane crashed at North Buchy, France. One chute from plane observed."  
"Lt. Wipperman was seen to crash four miles South of Target in woods. Three chutes seen but not known whether his chutes or not".
5. Letter, your Headquarters, subject: "Change of Casualty Status", file: 319.1, dated 7 October 1944, informed this organization of 2D LT WIPPERMAN'S change of status from Missing in Action to Prisoner of War.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Joseph A. Haubrich*  
JOSEPH A. HAUBRICH  
Captain, Air Corps  
Assistant Adjutant

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Mrs M. Mazza  
420 Rahway Ave  
Westfield, N.J.

Dear Samuel E. Anderson:  
Brigadier General:

I am writing to you concerning my son Sgt. Louis Mazza #12,204,199 who is missing in action since June, 6. The reason I'm writing this letter is I have found through information that the pilot of the plane in which my son was on is a prisoner of war in Germany. Now the serial number of this boy I do not have, but his name is 2nd Lt. Ronald, A. Wipperman. His address is 155<sup>0</sup>First Street, North, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Now do you think you could possibly contact this boy since he is a prisoner of war, about my son. Please if this could possibly be done let me know. Am thanking you in advance:

Mrs Maddalen Mazza

P.S.

This fellow 2nd Lt. Ronald A. Wipperman was in the crew with my son and his A.P.O. was the same as my son 140.

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by R. M. MUEN H. Capt., AC  
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