

APPENDIX H

460th Bomb Group MACR & Non-MACR Accident Summaries

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December 1943

42-7273 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, Chatham Field, GA, USA)

December 3, 1943 take off accident due to mechanical failure. Chatham Field. George Guzman was pilot.

42-7670 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, Chatham Field, GA, USA)

December 7, 1943 forced landing due to engine failure. 1,200 feet short of runway, Beaufort Naval Air Station, SC. Arthur L. Johnston was pilot.

42-7103 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, Chatham Field, GA, USA)

December 13, 1943 taxiing accident. Kelly Field, TX. E. L. (or Leo P.) Flowers was pilot.

February 1944

41-29339 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed into a hillside on February 19, 1944 due to weather at Acerenza, Italy during a ferry flight from Oudna Airfield, Tunisia, North Africa. Aircraft was destroyed. Pilot was Norman Corey. Killed were crew members: Norman Corey, Gordon Weaver, Stanley Doran, Louis Moss, Robert Williams, Edward Gaier, Clayton Sprague, Elmer Thomas, Loren Zimmerman and passengers Floyd Stevens, Walter Kirchoff, and Kenneth Baxter. Crew member Wesley A. Kuoksa survived. Homer Koch survived the crash and rescued Kuoksa but died later at the hospital. He was awarded the Soldier's Medal posthumously. There appears to be no MACR for this accident, perhaps because the crash site and crew were immediately found and not considered missing.

41-29381 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Lost February 19, 1944 due to a hillside crash in Italy while on a ferry flight from Oudna Airfield, Tunisia, North Africa to Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. Crash site and wreckage was not discovered until after the snow melted in Spring 1944. All ten crew and four passengers were killed. Pilot was Lloyd M. Hansen. MACR 2822.

March 1944

41-29314 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Landing accident March 4, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft badly damaged. Unknown if repaired. James D. Gartland, Jr. was pilot.

42-52426 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Taxiing accident March 27, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft was destroyed. Washed out. Pilot was Buford W. Eagan.

April 1944

41-28698 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down April 2, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Mostar, Yugoslavia while on a mission on the airfield at Mostar, Yugoslavia. Aircraft caught fire and went into a spin and crashed and exploded on impact. Five crew were killed. Five crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 3971.

42-52383 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Taxiing accident on April 2, 1944. Aircraft hit a truck while proceeding to take off. Bennie B. Lindley was pilot.

Unknown (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Take off accident on April 5, 1944. Lt. Richard Phelan's aircraft crashed and burned. Ernest G. Nolte, Jr., Anthony Schiro, Chester A. Folta were killed. Richard W. Phelan, Wayne E. Hickey, Walter F. Lang, Ronald F. Marks, Leo P. Flowers, John A. Rogerson, and Milan Panich were injured. S/Sgt. Thomas G. Carodiskey received a citation for heroism for his actions and burns received while trying to save his fellow airmen.

41-29320 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Collided April 5, 1944 with b-24h (42-52375) in mid air and exploded and crashed at Altamura, Italy while on a mission on the marshalling yards at Nis, Yugoslavia. All ten crew were killed. Aircraft was destroyed. Washed out. Pilot of 41-29320 was Robert L. Holland. Pilot of 42-52375 was Winfred R. Russell.

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42-52375 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Collided April 5, 1944 with B-24h (41-29320) in mid air and exploded and crashed at Altamura, Italy while on a mission on the marshalling yards at Nis, Yugoslavia. All ten crew were killed. Aircraft was destroyed. Washed out. MACR 15127. Pilot was Winfred R. Russell.

Unknown A/C No. (761nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Ditched in Adriatic Sea on return from mission to Zagreb, Yugoslavia, April 6, 1944. Pilot was Fred B. Smith. The MACR and the Aug 1948 Board of Officers actually state the loss as one mile South of St. Andrews (Sveti Andrija) Island. Seven crewmen were rescued but four were killed in the ditching, two of whom were BNR (Body Not Recovered). The MACR was generated in April 1946 by the Army QMG, not the Bomb Group, and is missing many detail, including the aircraft number. Killed in action were Raymond A. Demers, Orris J. Forbes, Anthony H. Larscheidt, and Walter S. Skrzyński. Frederick B. Smith was pilot. MACR 16141.

42-52380 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down April 13, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed south of Budapest, Hungary while returning from a mission on the Duna Factory at Budapest, Hungary. All ten crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 4035.

Unknown A/C No. (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola, Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Aircraft piloted by William H. Bell crash landed on the runway returning from the mission due to a tire that had been shot.

42-64380 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down April 15, 1944 by gunfire from German Messerschmitt Bf 109G-6 and crashed at Alexandria, Rumania while on a mission on the marshalling yard at Bucharest, Rumania. Believed Bf 109G-6 flown by Uffz. Kurt Mann of JG 77/9. Nine crew were killed including Group Commander and pilot Co. Robert T. Crowder. Two crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 4099.

42-78186 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down April 15, 1944 by gunfire from German Messerschmitt Bf 109G-6 and crashed near Cioevac, Yugoslavia while returning from a mission on the marshalling yard at Bucharest, Rumania. Bf 109G-6 flown by unknown pilot and unit. All ten crew bailed out and one captured (Pilot Frank T. Sutton, III) and became a POW. Released in 1945. Nine crew evaded capture with aid of Chetniks and were rescued as part of Operation Halyard. Frank T. Sutton, III, Pilot, flying in "Lucky Strike". MACR 4384.

41-28936 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed April 21, 1944 near Bubrovnik, Yugoslavia after running out of fuel while returning from a mission on the marshalling yards at Bucharest, Rumania. All eleven crew bailed out and evaded capture. Carl T. Schuneman, Jr. was pilot. MACR 4391.

41-29326 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down April 23, 1944 by gunfire from German Messerschmitt Bf 109G-6 and crashed and exploded near Altendorf, Austria while returning from a mission on the Nord Airfield at Wiener Neustadt, Austria. Seven crew were killed. Three crew bailed out and two were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. One crewman evaded capture. MACR 4397.

41-29324 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down April 23, 1944 by gunfire from German Messerschmitt Bf 109G-6 and crashed at Nagykanizsa, Hungary while returning from a mission on the Nord Airfield at Wiener Neustadt, Austria. Bf 109G-6 flown by unknown pilot and unit. All ten crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 4394.

42-52421 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Aircraft named Morning Star was damaged by anti-aircraft fire on April 30, 1944 while approaching coastline on return from mission to Castel Maggiore, Italy. No. 3 engine was damaged, fuel lines were severed and aircraft caught on fire. One crew member, Edmond R. Cavalli, bailed out without order or was throw out by the action of the aircraft. Remaining crew members extinguished the fire and returned to base. Cavalli was captured. MACR 5441 indicates Richard E. Anderson, a Captain, was pilot and William B. Hammond, a 2nd Lt., was co-pilot. 460th Bomb Group history book indicates Hammond was pilot. Two navigators onboard possibly indicating this was a lead aircraft on the mission.

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May 1944

41-28703 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down May 5, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed near Ploesti, Rumania while on a mission on the marshalling yards at Ploesti, Rumania. All ten crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Liberated and returned on October 23, 1944. Wilson P. Tuten was pilot. MACR 4613.

41-28855 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down May 10, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed and exploded just before hitting the ground near Wiener Neustadt, Austria while on a mission on the aircraft factory at Wiener Neustadt, Austria. Robert C. Reynolds was pilot. Five crew were killed. Five crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Liberated on April 29, 1945. MACR 4889.

41-28883 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

May 10, 1944. Mission to Wiener Neustadt airdrome in Austria. The William R. Hammond (762nd BS) aircraft had been hit by flak and fire broke out after oxygen bottles exploded. Six crew bailed out without bail out order. The remainder were able to extinguish the fire and return to base. Aircraft landed safely at home base. MACR 5068. This aircraft is referred to as letter "U" in one Hammond crewmember's witness statement, but consistently as "K" in Preszler's October 16, 1944 MACR 9198. "U" could be a typographical error, or the aircraft may have been re-lettered following damage incurred this day.

42-52362 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down May 10, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed 2 km south of Zillingdorf, Austria while on a mission on the aircraft factory at Wiener Neustadt, Austria. Clifford D. Jameson was Pilot. Eight crew were killed. Two crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 5465.

42-52416 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down May 10, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Gornja Rijeka, Yugoslavia while returning from a mission on the aircraft factory at Wiener Neustadt, Austria. Maurice Clark was Pilot. All eleven crew bailed out and nine were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Two crew evaded capture. MACR 5047.

42-52433 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down May 10, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Ober-Eggendorf, Austria while on a mission on the aircraft factory at Wiener Neustadt, Austria. William P. Gifford was Pilot. Five crew were killed. Five crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 4659.

Unknown A/C No., (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

On May 10, 1944 an aircraft named "Maxwell House", letter G, piloted by Albert Lowe crash landed about three miles north of the airfield. One crew member, Philip McLaughlin, was killed. Note that Maxwell House is listed in The History of the 460th Bomb Group as aircraft no. 41-28702, 762nd BS letter G and as 761st letter A (Pretty Baby). Pictures of both are on file. Pretty Baby pictures show the early Group designation paint scheme and the serial number on the rudder. The complete name of Maxwell House per the nose art is "Maxwell House – Good to the Last Drop".

On May 10, 1944 the Kennon B. Sorgenfrei (762nd BS) aircraft landed at Foggia with three engines out and two wounded crew members.

On May 10, 1944 the Ray Woods (760th BG) aircraft was damaged and Woods and his Engineer Rector Evans were both badly wounded. Copilot John H. Nutter crash landed at Vis. This is believed to be the first use of Vis for a 460th BG landing. Woods received the Silver Star for his actions.

42-52355 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down May 18, 1944 by gunfire from German Messerschmitt Bf 109G-6 at Leskovac, Yugoslavia while on a mission on the Concordia Vega oil refinery at Ploesti, Rumania. Bf 109G-6 flown by unknown pilot and unit. All ten crew bailed out. Two were killed - one when parachute caught on tail, one in his parachute by German fighters. Eight evaded capture. At least five crew members evaded capture with aid of Chetniks and were rescued as part of Operation Halyard. MACR 5044.

42-78255 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF) based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landed May 22, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft was destroyed. Joseph Hojnacki was pilot.

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42-78097 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Letter G, destroyed May 23, 1944 by explosion on ground at Spinazzola Airfield Foggia, Italy. Condemned May 24, 1944. Explosion was the result of a spark caused by a small gas engine (putt-putt engine) ground crew was using to power lighting during a bomb changeout from incendiary to RDX. Engine sparked on start-up and ignited bomb residue in the bomb bay. Pfc. Calvin C. Smith was burned on head and face. No deaths.

42-78303 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Ditched May 26, 1944 15 miles northeast of Calvi, Corsica in the Mediterranean sea due to engine failure while returning from a mission on the marshalling yards at Lyons, France. Three crew killed. Three crew bailed out over France and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Four crew survived and were rescued by a U.S. Navy P.T. boat. MACR 5368.

42-52333 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
(MACR 12538) on May 30, 1944. Piloted by June V. "James" Mefford. Landed at Vis. Emergency landing at 1220 hrs, returning from a mission over the Neudorf Flugzeugfabrik, AS, where it had suffered flak damage, two engines out. The A/C was left behind for repairs, while all 10 crewmen were returned to base on June 2, 1944. The A/C was later returned to duty. The resulting MACR 12538 was produced in March 1945, hence, the high MACR number, and was compiled from sparse existing records, not from the crewmen, who were no longer with the unit. See subsequent MACR 15311 for August 6, 1944 mission.

42-52528 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down May 31, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and caught fire and crashed 9 km south of Ploesti, Rumania while on a mission on the Dacia Romano & Redeventa Oil Refinery at Ploesti, Rumania. Seven crew were killed. Four crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. One later died of his wounds in a Rumanian hospital. Three were released in 1944 as part of Operation Reunion after Rumania joined the Allies. Robert H. Minervini was the pilot. MACR 5836.

June 1944

42-78106 (459th BG, 758th BS) captured by Luftwaffe June 9, 1944 Rinnal AF, Vorarlberg, Germany. MACR 5783. Was probably a replacement aircraft from the 460th BG and did not have the checkerboard tail of the 459th BG when captured.

42-52347 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, "Belle Ringer", based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Landed June 13, 1944 at Dubendorf Airfield, near Zurich, Switzerland after number one engine failed while on a mission on the Milbertshofen Ordnance Depot in Munich, Germany. All ten crew survived and were interned in Switzerland. Crew returned in 1945. Aircraft returned on September 27, 1945. MACR 5770.

41-29508 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
The "General Nuisance" piloted by 1st Lt. Frederick Smith was shot down June 16, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed 2 km south of Gotzendorf, Austria while on a mission on the Lobau Oil Refinery at Vienna, Austria. Aircraft exploded in mid air. Seven crew were killed. Three crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6095.

Unknown A/C No. (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Per crew member Bill Blocker this was "Honey Chile" piloted by Maj. Robert Martin, damaged June 16, 1944 on the mission to the Lobau Oil Refinery at Vienna, Austria but landed using parachutes as brakes at Bari, Italy. Crew member Bill Blocker indicates the aircraft was never flown again. No MACR since there was no missing crew. This "Honey Chile" is not to be confused with a later version "Honey Chile", 760th BS. Later version picture on file.

42-95251 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Landing accident June 20, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft was destroyed. Washed out. Pilot was Corbin L. Bashor.

42-78168 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Crash landed June 24, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft was destroyed. Pilot was Robert Boniface.

41-28998 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Landing accident June 25, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft badly damaged. Unknown if repaired. Pilot was Benjamin E. Haller. Individual Aircraft card does show it survived the war and returned to the states.

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42-52538 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down June 26, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Bockfliess, Austria while on a mission on the Floridsdorf Oil Refinery at Vienna, Austria. Seven crew bailed out, were captured, and became POWs. Two crew were unable to bail and pilot Jack Weller Smith remained at the controls in hope of landing the aircraft so as not to abandon his crew. When the ship began to disintegrate, Jack was forced to bail. The two injured airmen were killed in the crash and resultant blaze and Jack died just after landing in his parachute about 150 meters from the crash. Just before dying Jack gave his West Point ring to a German officer with the request to send it to his parents after the war. German officer Maj. Adolph Reuter sent the ring along with a letter to Jack's parents at the war's end. Captured crew members were released in 1945. MACR 6174. Crash photo on file.

42-78245 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF) based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down June 26, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire 10 km northwest of Ober Grafendorf, Austria while on a mission on the Floridsdorf Oil Refinery at Vienna, Austria. Aircraft caught fire and right wing broke off and crashed and exploded on impact. Eight crew were killed. Two crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6430.

41-28839 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Aircraft letter W, named Skipper, equipped as a PFF (Pathfinder). Shot down June 26, 1944 by gunfire from German Messerschmitt Bf 109G-6 and crashed at Easling, near Wien, 3 km east of Himberg, Austria while on a mission on the Floridsdorf Oil Refinery at Vienna, Austria. Bf 109G-6 flown by unknown pilot and unit. Four crew were killed. Six crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Lonnie Dayle Thompsons was pilot. MACR 6177 incorrectly shows AC No. as 41-78839.

Vehicle Accident (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

The was no mission on June 29, 1944, but Hector Sallard of the Van Buskirk crew (762nd) lost his life in an accident near Tarranto when a motorcycle he and his brother Ruben were on collided with a horse-drawn cart. Hector died on July 1, 1944 due to a fractured skull and chest injuries. His brother Ruben suffered a broken leg.

41-28988 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down June 30, 1944 by gunfire from German Messerschmitt ME 410a and crashed south of Lake Balaton, Hungary while on a mission on the South Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechhammer, Germany. ME 410a flown by unknown pilot of ZG 76/2. Two crew were killed. Nine crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6395.

41-29291 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, "Miss Fortune", based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down June 30, 1944 by gunfire from German Messerschmitt ME 410a and crashed near Lake Balaton, Hungary while on a mission on the South Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechhammer, Germany. ME 410a flown by unknown pilot of ZG 76/2. Three crew were killed. Seven crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6394. Body of missing tail gunner recovered August 2007 near Nemesvita, Hungary near Lake Balaton.

42-51160 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down June 30, 1944 by gunfire from German Messerschmitt ME 410a and crashed near Lake Balaton, Hungary while on a mission on the South Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechhammer, Germany. ME 410A flown by unknown pilot of ZG 76/2. Five crew were killed. Five crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6396.

42-78258 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down June 30, 1944 by gunfire from German Messerschmitt ME 410a northwest of Lake Balaton, Hungary while on a mission on the South Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechhammer, Germany. ME 410A flown by Uffz. Bruno Fietz of ZG 76/1. Seven crew were killed. Three crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6809.

July 1944

Vehicle Accident Death (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

There was no mission on July 1, 1944, however Hector J. Sallard died in this day in Italy as a result of injuries sustained in a June 29, 1944 motorcycle accident. See details above for June 29, 1944 accident date.

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42-52374 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down July 7, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Papa, Hungary while returning from a mission on the North Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechhammer, Germany. All eleven crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6593.

42-78220 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF) based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down July 7, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed 10 miles south of Pakrak, Yugoslavia while returning from a mission on the North Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechhammer, Germany. All ten crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6586.

41-29327 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Crashed July 8, 1944 at Afram, Yugoslavia due to flak damage while returning from a mission to the Floridsdorf Oil Refinery at Vienna, Austria. Six crew were killed. Four crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6814.

42-95281 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down July 8, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire east of Vienna, Austria while on a mission on the marshalling yards at Vienna, Austria. Buford W. Eagan was pilot. Six crew were killed. Four crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6510.

42-52370 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Aircraft letter X, named Pack Rat. Shot down 7/12/1944 near Rome, Italy. John C. Alexander, Pilot. All crew bailed out and returned to base.

42-95256 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down July 15, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed near Aleksandrovac, Yugoslavia while returning from a mission on the Standard & Unirea Sperantza Oil Refinery at Ploesti, Rumania. All ten crew bailed out and two were killed. Eight survived and evaded capture with aid of Chetniks and were rescued as part of Operation Halyard. MACR 6748.

42-52383 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Hit July 16, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire in number one engine over Wiener Neudorf, Austria and crashed near Sunja, Yugoslavia while returning from a mission on the Aircraft Engine Factory at Wiener Neudorf, Austria. All ten crew bailed out and nine were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. One crewman evaded capture. MACR 6902.

42-78071 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down near Szombathely, Hungary July 16, 1944 by Hungarian Bf 109G-6 believed flown by Dezso Szentgyorgyi of 2nd V.SZD 101 Puma Fighter Group. Eight crew killed, two bailed out and became POWs. MACR 6898.

41-28930 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down July 19, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed in Tirol, Austria in the Stuberalpe Langer Grund near Kelchsau, south of Hopfgarten (south of Kufstein) while returning from a mission on the Allach Engine Factory at Munich, Germany. All ten crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6913.

42-51085 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Crashed July 19, 1944 15 miles northeast of Gap, France after one engine caught fire while returning from a mission on the Allach Engine Factory at Munich, Germany. All eleven crew bailed out and returned on September 1, 1944. MACR 6749.

42-51140 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down July 19, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed west of Faistenhaar, Germany while on a mission on the Allach Engine Factory at Munich, Germany. Two crew were killed. Nine crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6916.

42-99763 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield Foggia, Italy)
Rhodabarger's aircraft was shot down July 19, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed 1 km south of Forstenried, Munich, Germany while on a mission on the Allach Engine Factory at Munich, Germany. Aircraft burst into flames and crashed and burned. Eight crew were killed, including James M. Greene who was shot by the

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German after safely parachuting. Three crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6917.

42-94923 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down July 19, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire over Munich, Germany while on mission on the Allach Engine Factory at Munich, Germany. Aircraft went into a dive and exploded in mid air. Four crew were killed. Six crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6952.

42-94968 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Aircraft named J. Annie G. was hit July 19, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire over Munich, Germany and crashed south of Udine, Italy while returning from a mission on the Allach Engine Factory at Munich, Germany. Four crew bailed out over Munich, Germany and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Seven crew bailed out over Italy. One captured. Six evaded capture. Charles Remlinger, pilot. MACR 6918.

42-52401 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down July 19, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed near Grafenaschau, Germany while on a mission on the Allach Engine Factory at Munich, Germany. One crewman was killed. Nine crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 7055.

42-50950 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Landing accident July 21, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft was destroyed. Washed out. Pilot was Theron A. Smith.

42-95279 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down July 22, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed and exploded on impact near Bologna, Italy while on a mission on the marshalling yards at Castel Maggiore, Italy. All ten crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6073.

42-52337 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landed July 23, 1944 and caught fire at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft destroyed by fire. Washed out. Pilot was William C. Conrad.

Unknown A/C No. (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

On July 24, 1944 Louis Joseph Pepin of the George Milanoski crew fell from the bomb bay without a parachute while resetting safety pins on the bombs. Bombs were accidentally salvoed along with Pepin.

42-52417 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down July 26, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed near Vienna, Austria while on a mission on the airfield at Zwolfaxing, Austria. Aircraft disintegrated. Two crew were killed. Nine crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 6997.

42-78277 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Morning Star II was shot down July 26, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire at Brunn am Gebrige, Austria while on a mission on the airfield at Zwolfaxing, Austria. Aircraft exploded in mid air and broke in pieces. Six crew were killed. Three crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 7028.

42-95366 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landed July 26, 1944 at the island of Vis, Yugoslavia due to flak damage over Austria while on a mission on the airfield at Zwolfaxing, Austria. One crewman bailed out over Munchendorf Austria and was captured and became a POW. Released in 1945. Ten crew survived and returned. Pilot was John W. Lee. Aircraft damaged beyond repair. MACR 7144.

41-29573 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down July 26, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed near Vienna, Austria while on a mission on the airfield at Zwolfaxing, Austria. Number two engine caught fire and exploded and part of wing broke off and aircraft went into a spin and exploded. Six crew killed. Four crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 7338.

42-51243 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

July 30, 1944 crashed shortly after take off. John A. Ullstrom was pilot.

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August 1944

42-78301 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed August 2, 1944 at Palmaria Island, Italy in Ligurian Sea after engine numbers 1 and 2 failed while on a mission on the harbor installations at Genoa, Italy. All ten crew bailed out and five crew were killed by German gunfire while in the water. Five crew were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 7528.

42-52333 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed August 6, 1944 300 yards offshore in the mouth of the Tiber River Italy after accidentally hit by gunfire from a B-24H test firing its guns while on a mission on the marshalling yards at Miramas, France. Four crew were killed. Six crew bailed out and were rescued by rescue launch and later returned to duty. MACR 15311. Pilot was Parker T. Brown. See MACR 12538 for emergency landing incident on 5/30/1944.

42-52381 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Landing accident August 6, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft, T. S. Express, was destroyed and later salvaged. Pilot was Norman E. Drybread.

42-52552 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down August 6, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire near Cornillon, France while on a mission on the marshalling yards at Miramas, France. Aircraft went into a spin and crashed and exploded on impact. Two crew were killed. Eight crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 7204.

42-78215 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landed August 7, 1944 25 miles from Mostar, Yugoslavia while on a mission on the North Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechhammer Germany. Three crew bailed out and evaded capture. Six crew stayed with aircraft and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 7202.

44-40266 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down August 7, 1944 by gunfire from German Messerschmitt Bf 109G-6 and crashed at Neudorf, Germany while on a mission on the North Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechhammer, Germany. Believed Bf 109G-6 flown by Uffz. Kurt Renner of JG 52/6. Three crew killed. Seven crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 7294.

42-50909 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down August 10, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire over Ploesti, Rumania while on a mission on the Astro Romano Oil Refinery at Ploesti, Rumania. Aircraft caught fire and broke in half and crashed at Popesti, Rumania. Navigator and radio operator bailed out and became POWs, released in 1945. Remaining eight crew killed in action. MACR 15243.

42-51084 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

"Hangar Queen", letter C, crashed August 12, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy due to engine failure. Two crew members killed – Robert E. Kaiser and Robert L. Zimmerman. Aircraft was destroyed. Pilot was Charles M. Hammett. Accident report cites the loss of three engines due to air in fuel lines. Photos on file, including crash photos.

44-40858 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed August 24, 1944 from unknown cause at Spinazzola Airfield Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft destroyed by fire. Pilot was Norman E. Drybread.

42-51292 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed August 27, 1944 from unknown cause at Pettau, Hungary while returning from a mission on the South Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechhammer, Germany. All ten crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 8333.

42-78419 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landed August 29, 1944 in Yugoslavia after running out of fuel while returning from a mission on the marshalling yards at Morovska/Ostrava, Czechoslovakia. All ten crew survived and evaded capture. Aircraft named "Helen". MACR 8389.

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September 1944

Vehicle Accident (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based in Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

There was no mission on September 3, but S/Sgt. Martin J. Quinn (762nd) was killed while riding a British motor vehicle after the front tire blew out and he lost control and overturned about four miles south of Altamura. He died about 3 hours later at Grumo hospital.

44-10549 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based in Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Destroyed by fire on crash landing on September 10, 1944.

44-41096 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based in Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down September 10, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed near Bjelovar, Yugoslavia while returning from a mission on the Saurerwerke Diesel Engine Works at Vienna, Austria. All ten crew bailed out and two crew were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Eight crew evaded capture with help from the Partisans. MACR 8375.

42-78467 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed September 10, 1944 during landing at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft was destroyed. Pilot was William J. Kristen.

44-41054 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed September 12, 1944 in the Adriatic Sea after running out of fuel while returning from a mission on the aircraft factory at Wasserberg, near Leipheim, Germany. All ten crew were killed. MACR 8344.

Accidental Gunshot Wound (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Harry Holliday was cleaning his pistol and shot himself in the right wrist and right little finger.

42-51408 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down September 13, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crash landed at Bichlitz, Poland while returning from a mission on the oil refinery at Oswiecim (Auschwitz), Poland. Four crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Six crew stayed with aircraft and two were killed. Four survived and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 8765.

42-78487 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield Foggia Italy)

Crashed September 13, 1944 from unknown cause at Spipetver, Hungary while returning from a mission on the oil refinery at Oswiecim (Auschwitz), Poland. Two crew were killed. Eight crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 8762.

42-52363 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Aircraft name "Ole Repulsive" flown by 1st Lt. Robert E. Reed. Crashed September 13, 1944 off the coast of Vieste, Italy in the Adriatic Sea after running out of fuel while returning from a mission on the oil refinery at Oswiecim (Auschwitz), Poland. Aircraft was hit and damaged by anti-aircraft fire over target. All eleven crew bailed out and three were killed. Eight crew survived and were rescued by Italian fishermen. Aircraft has been located in 50 meters of water. MACR 8764.

Passenger Train Accident, Dixie Flyer (Five miles north of Terre Haute, IN)

On September 14, 1944 at about 2:00 AM the Dixie Flyer passenger train crashed into an express mail train near Terre Haute, IN. Onboard were numerous servicemen including several 460th BG on stateside leave. 460th airmen killed were Edward C. Gillan (760th BS, Joyce crew), Wallace E. West (Sutton crew, originally 760th BS, Woods crew), Lester H. Konzen (761st BS, J. Wilson crew), Henry W. Barnholtz and Donald J. Van Dixhorn (both of the 762nd BS, Mattingly crew), and Robert W. Stoddard (763rd BS, Whitehead crew). Injured were Richard Stoddard (Whitehead crew and twin brother of Robert Stoddard) and Harry J. Keisacher (believed to be 460th BG, Muirhead crew, but it is uncertain).

42-52421 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Aircraft named Morning Star had a landing accident due to landing gear collapse while taxiing. September 15, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft badly damaged and salvaged. Pilot was Horace E. Rhodes.

41-28997 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, "Naughty Nan", based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Landed September 22, 1944 at Dubendorf Airfield, near Zurich, Switzerland due to damage from anti-aircraft fire while on a mission on the northeast industrial area in Munich, Germany. All eleven crew survived and were interned in Switzerland. Returned in 1945. MACR 8744.

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42-50888 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down September 22, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed east of Tittmoning, Germany while on a mission on the northeast industrial area in Munich, Germany. All ten crew bailed out and nine were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. One crewman, Sgt. Rubin F. Harkey, was shot and killed by civilians. MACR 8739.

44-41252 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

September 22, 1944, Blue M for Mike, 460th BG, 760th BS piloted by Capt. Ray E. Wells. The aircraft sustained heavy flak damage to the rear of the aircraft virtually destroying the left elevator. Tail Gunner Stanley R. Mayo was killed. The aircraft was able to return to base with over 200 holes in addition to the heavy damage. Noted as damaged on daily mission report.

October 1944

42-78462 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Landing accident October 3, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Also see November 16, 1944 listing. Pilot for October 3, 1944 mission is believed to be Sigmon A. Lunceford. Mission list does not show a mission on October 3, 1944. Aviation Archeology site shows this as aircraft 42-78462 and Lunceford as pilot, 460th BG, 763rd BS.

Unknown A/C No., (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

1st Lt. William A. Waymouth, pilot, died on mission to Avisio viaduct, Italy on October 4, 1944. Aircraft was able to return to Foggia. Died due to shrapnel wounds shortly after landing.

42-51690 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based in Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Aircraft badly damaged due to flak. All crew were forced to bail out on October 4, 1944 somewhere near Gioia. The crewless aircraft was set to auto-pilot and then shot down by friendly forces to destroy it. It was to be downed over the Adriatic Sea, but reached Yugoslavia before it was downed. William Conrad crew.

42-51657 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Hit by anti-aircraft fire October 7, 1944 over Vienna, Austria while on a mission on the Winterhafen Oil Storage at Vienna, Austria. Four crew bailed out near Vienna Austria and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Aircraft was able to return to base. Six crew stayed with aircraft and survived. Aircraft damaged. Unknown if repaired. Pilot was Lavid D. Wagner. MACR 9043.

42-51155 (possibly 762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landing at Spinazzola on October 7, 1944. Aircraft damaged by anti-aircraft fire and crash landed. Maj. George S. Davis, Jr. was pilot. Two photos of this aircraft have been found, one of the crash with what look like dark-painted engine cowls, one other in a crew photo where it appears to have lighter-painted cowls. Bohnstedt's 460th history book mentions one airman citing the aircraft that crash landed at base that day as "Red P", a Pathfinder or PFF aircraft. The daily report also shows this aircraft as a Pathfinder.

42-78070 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Landing accident at Ramitelli Airfield, Foggia, Italy October 7, 1944. All 10 crew survived, aircraft was destroyed and salvaged December 21, 1944. Pilot was Ray E. Wells.

42-78429 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down October 10, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed in the north Italy area while on a mission on the railroad bridge at Piave/Susegana, Italy. Two engines on fire after hit by flak. All ten crew bailed out and eight were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Two crew evaded capture. Gideon H. Jones was pilot. MACR 9202.

44-41154 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Landing accident when landing gear collapsed on October 15, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft badly damaged and salvaged. Pilot was Paul E. Boyle.

42-99798 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down October 16, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Radersdorf, Austria while on a mission on the aircraft factory at Graz, Austria. Aircraft exploded in mid air and disintegrated. Eight crew were killed. Two crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 9303.

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41-28883 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

White K exploded in mid-air as a result of being hit by a bomb. It crashed in flames southeast of Graz, Austria on October 16, 1944 while on a mission to the aircraft factory at Graz, Austria. Two crew were killed. Eight crew bailed out and five were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Three crew evaded capture. MACR 9198. Also see MACR 5068 for May 10, 1944 for a separate incident. This aircraft is referred to as letter "U" in one Hammond crewmember's witness statement in MACR 5068. "U" may be a typographical error or this aircraft was possible re-lettered following repairs from May 1944 damage.

44-41233 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down October 17, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Vienna, Austria while on a mission on the South Ordnance Depot at Vienna, Austria. All eleven crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 9212.

44-41014 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Collided October 20, 1944 with B-24J (44-41111) in mid air over the Gulf of Venica while on a mission on the marshalling yard at Rosenheim, Germany. Aircraft went into a dive but pilot was able to get control of aircraft and return to base. Three crew bailed out and were killed. Seven crew survived. Aircraft badly damaged. Unknown if repaired. MACR 9334.

44-41111 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Collided October 20, 1944 with b-24j (44-41014) in mid air over the Gulf of Venica while on a mission on the marshalling yard at Rosenheim, Germany. Tail section broke off and aircraft broke into pieces and fell into the water. All ten crew were killed. MACR 9333.

42-78383 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landing October 23, 1944 at Bari Airfield, Bari, Italy after running out of fuel. All ten crew survived. Aircraft was destroyed. Salvaged October 25, 1944. Pilot was David B. Gross.

42-78251 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landing October 24, 1944. Aircraft named "It's Mary".

November 1944

42-52028 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Lost November 5, 1944 from unknown cause west of Vienna, Austria while on a mission on the Floridsdorf Oil Refinery at Vienna Austria. All ten crew survived and returned on November 15, 1944. MACR 9673.

42-51737 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed November 11, 1944 in the Adriatic Sea due to bad weather while returning from a mission to Linz, Austria that was called back due to bad weather conditions. All ten crew were killed. MACR 9749.

42-51845 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed November 11, 1944 in the Adriatic Sea due to bad weather while returning from a mission to Linz, Austria that was called back due to bad weather conditions. All ten crew were killed. MACR 9747.

44-40514 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed November 12, 1944 on landing. B-24J. Pilot was Frederick J. Kowalski. Aircraft named Mexicali Rose/Coke Hi.

42-95322 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Ditched November 16, 1944 6 miles off shore about 15 to 20 miles south of Ancona, Italy in the Adriatic Sea due to engine failure while returning from a mission on the West Marshalling Yards at Munich, Germany. Aircraft broke into three pieces. One crewman was killed. Eight crew survived and were rescued by a row boat with two Italians and one Britisher. MACR 9954.

42-52011 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down November 16, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed north of Sprunged, Austria while on a mission on the West Marshalling Yards at Munich, Germany. All (11) crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Ten released in 1945. One was shot in his parachute and died of his wounds in captivity. MACR 9940.

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42-78413 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down November 16, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed north of Springedt, near Udine, Italy while on a mission on the West Marshalling Yards at Munich, Germany. All ten crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 9875. Interesting to note is that in later years the pilot, Chester Howard, indicated the aircraft name was not "Jane" as shown on the MACR but rather "My Arkansas Sweetheart".

42-78462 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Lewis E. Kesterson crew. Shot down by flak November 16, 1944. Crew evaded capture with aid of Yugoslavian partisans who turned them over to British. Crew returned to base on November 23, 1944. See also listing on October 3, 1944.

42-51244 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Heavily damaged by flak on November 16, 1944.

42-78468 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

November 17, 1944. Damaged aircraft had two engines out. Crew bailed out and all were captured. Delmer V. Forsberg was pilot.

42-52051 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

"Hangar Queen II", Yellow C, was shot down November 18, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed near Laibach, Italy while returning from a mission on the airfield at Udine, Italy. All ten crew bailed out and seven were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Three crew believed evaded capture. MACR 9971 shows 1st Lt. Robert E. Reed as pilot.

42-51926 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Named "Bottoms Up", Blue J. Shot down November 18, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed near Grovavi, Italy while on a mission on the airfield at Udine, Italy. All ten crew bailed out and four were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Six crew evaded capture. Randall B. Darden was Pilot. MACR 9888.

42-51512 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Severely damaged during the mission and crash landed at Foggia. Bombs detonated on impact, destroying aircraft. Sigmon Lunceford was pilot.

42-78506 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Noted as "returned from missing" on the November 18, 1944 daily report.

42-51396 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed November 20, 1944 at Korcula Island, Yugoslavia after running out of fuel due to flak damage over Blechhammer, Germany while returning from a mission on the South Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechhammer. Germany. All nine crew bailed out and evaded capture. MACR 12358.

42-51285 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Named "Got-Ta-Ha-It". Shot down November 22, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Winnebach, Austria while on a mission on the marshalling yards at Salzburg, Austria. Two crew were killed. Eight crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 9957.

42-50633 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

A Pathfinder named "The Blonde Bomber". Heavily damaged by anti-aircraft fire on the November 22, 1944.

44-40854 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Heavily damaged by anti-aircraft fire on the November 22, 1944.

42-78650 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landed November 26, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft badly damaged on landing. Noted as salvaged in the daily report. Pilot was Francis E. Barrett.

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December 1944

42-78678 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Named "Ditney Hill". Shot down December 2, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Frzemysl, Poland while on a mission on the South Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechhammer, Germany. All eleven crew bailed out and evaded capture. MACR 10106. Ralph E. Beam, Pilot.

44-41019 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Aircraft letter K. Take off accident December 6, 1944 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft badly damaged. Pilot was Robert L. Martens. Collapsed nose wheel. Unknown if repaired. Robert L. Martens was pilot.

42-50633 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Pathfinder named "The Blonde Bomber". Crash landed and skidded on runway on the December 10, 1944.

42-50508 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down December 11, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Slovakia while returning from a mission on the South Ordnance Depot at Vienna, Austria. All ten crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. William C. Geer was pilot. MACR 10600.

42-78460 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landed December 15, 1944 at Andria, Italy. Aircraft was destroyed. Pilot was Lester E. Rupert. In addition to Rupert, others killed in the crash were James F. Ryan, William Rosenberg, Winsor A. Mowry III, and Patsy A. Capecci. No MACR.

Unknown (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landed December 16, 1944 south of Ancona, Italy due to mechanical failure. Airmen James McCarthy and Orin Clark were injured. Pilot was Albert E. Sabo. Either 42-52050 or 42-78204 (both crash landed). 42-52050 was a Pathfinder.

Unknown (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landed December 16, 1944. Either 42-52050 or 42-78204 (both crash landed). 42-52050 was a Pathfinder.

42-78437 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Ran out of gas and crew bailed out south of Manfredonia on December 16, 1944. Injured were John Just, G. Hendon, and Bernard Day. Pilot was John I. Just.

42-51081 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down December 20, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed 15 miles east of Mohacs, Hungary while on a mission on the synthetic oil refinery at Brux, Czechoslovakia. All nine crew bailed out and one was killed by Russian troops who thought he was a German paratrooper. Remainder of crew were aided and evaded capture. Carl K. Gibson was pilot, KIA. Crew believed Gibson was shot by Russians who thought he was a German. MACR 10940.

44-49372 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Named "The Yakima Kid". Heavily damaged by anti-aircraft fire on the December 20, 1944.

44-40514 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, named both Mexicali Rose and Coke Hi, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down December 25, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed 4.5 km northwest of Graz, Austria while on a mission on the marshalling yards at Graz, Austria. Flown by a 760th BG crew on this mission. Aircraft went into a spin and exploded in mid air. Four crew were killed. Five crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 10925.

42-51602 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Shot down December 26, 1944 by anti-aircraft fire and caught fire and crashed near Konjic, Yugoslavia while on a mission on the South Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechhammer, Germany. Five crew were killed. Five crew bailed out and three were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Two crew evaded capture. MACR 10927.

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Several, listed below (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

On December 26, 1944 the following aircraft were listed as heavily damaged by anti-aircraft fire on the daily report: 44-49291 (Pathfinder), 44-41336, 44-10567, 44-49372 (“The Yakima Kid”), 42-52372, 42-78410 (“Southern Belle”), and 44-10563.

44-41073 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Per Mattson’s book entitled *Lone Wolf in Enemy Skies* this aircraft, Princess Carole, was damaged by anti-aircraft fire December 29, 1944 on a mission to Verona Porto Vescova M/Y in northern Italy. Landed and ditched near Pesaro, Italy. Pilot was Walter E. Mattson (original last name was Maciejewski). The bomber was evaluated the following March and was determine not salvageable. All crew returned to base a few days after ditching. This account seems similar to the December 29, 1944 daily report for 41-29328, below. The daily report does not mention 44-41073. Mattson’s book is likely incorrect. It has also been determined that photos in his book showing 44-41073 where altered.

41-29328 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

December 29, 1944. Mechanical failure in one engine. Low on fuel. Landed at Pescara, Italy in muddy field. Wing spar wrinkled from landing impact. 460th BG was notified the aircraft was to be salvaged.

January 1945

44-49702 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Taxiing accident January 5, 1945 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft damaged beyond repair. Pilot was Joe E. Edems.

44-49708 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Pathfinder aircraft. Landing accident January 12, 1945 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft damaged beyond repair and condemned. Pilot was Cecil E. Fielder.

44-49332 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, Mitchell Field, NY)

Stateside accident on January 15, 1945 prior to delivery overseas. Robert J. Kieber, Pilot.

42-78506 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Landing accident January 16, 1945 at Bari Airfield, Bari, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft was destroyed. Richard N. Malesheetz was pilot.

44-49719 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Pathfinder. Crash landed January 20, 1945, out of gas. Destroyed and salvaged.

42-50746 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

“Slick Chick with a Hot Lick”, piloted by Gerald S. Armstrong crashed January 20, 1945 into a mountain from unknown cause 1 mile northwest of Caporetto, Italy while returning from a mission on the marshalling yards at Rosenheim, Germany. All ten crew bailed out and five were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. Five crew evaded capture. MACR 11804.

41-28805 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landed and burned January 31, 1945 due to malfunction with three engines. Anderson crew. All survived and returned to base.

42-78513 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crash landed January 31, 1945, out of gas.

44-49712 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Pathfinder. Crash landed January 31, 1945 in Yugoslavia, out of gas. Floyd Redman crew.

February 1945

42-78238 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

February 8, 1945 damaged, out of gas, crash landed, salvaged February 13, 1945 per daily report.

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44-48966 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down February 13, 1945 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Szombathely, Hungary while returning from a mission on the south and southeast goods yard at Vienna, Austria. All ten crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. One crewman died of his wounds in captivity. Nine crew released in 1945. MACR 12105.

42-51916 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Damaged due to anti-aircraft fire on February 28, 1945.

March 1945

44-48862 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down March 1, 1945 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed 15 miles northeast of Gyor, Hungary while returning from a mission on the oil refinery at Moosbierbaum, Austria. No. 2 and 4 engines were hit. One crewman was killed. Ten crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 12712.

42-78459 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Seen with No. 3 engine smoking over the target. Crashed March 1, 1945 into a mountain at Banja Luka, Yugoslavia after two engines failed and flak damage while returning from a mission on the oil refinery at Moosbierbaum, Austria. Three crew were killed. Seven crew bailed out and evaded capture. MACR 12830.

44-49514 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down March 1, 1945 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed at Marburg, Austria while on a mission on the marshalling yards at Maribor, Yugoslavia. No. 3 engine was seen on fire. Four crew were killed. Seven crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Released in 1945. MACR 12814.

44-49693 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Crash landed March 1, 1945 at Pecs, Hungary after two engines failed while returning from a mission on the oil refinery at Moosbierbaum, Austria. All ten crew survived and were helped by Russian forces to return. Aircraft was damaged beyond repair. Charles H. Thornburgh was pilot. Aircraft named *Pleasure Bent*. MACR 12813.

42-50582 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Damaged by anti-aircraft fire on March 1, 1945.

42-51536 (761st BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down March 1, 1945 by anti-aircraft fire over Austria while on a mission on the oil refinery at Moosbierbaum, Austria. Left rudder was shot away at target. All ten crew survived and returned. MACR 12711.

44-49702 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Pathfinder. Damaged on March 1, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

44-48769 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Named "*May Belle*". March 4, 1945 belly landing crash, nose wheel collapse. Domenick DiGeronimo was pilot.

44-40854 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Ran out of gas, destroyed on March 14, 1945.

44-49252 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Pathfinder. Damaged by anti-aircraft fire on March 14, 1945.

42-51325 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Major damage on March 15, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

44-41396 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Major damage on March 15, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

44-49291 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Pathfinder. Major damage on March 15, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

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44-41252 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Blue M for Mike, landing accident March 17, 1945 at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy. All ten crew survived. Aircraft badly damaged. Unknown if repaired. Pilot was Ruel W. Davis.

42-52365 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Crashed March 21, 1945 at Kufstein, Austria after two engines failed while on a mission on the airfield at Neuburg, Germany. All nine crew survived and returned. MACR 13193.

42-50940 (762nd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down March 22, 1945 by anti-aircraft fire and went into a spin and crashed at Pottenstein, 10 miles southwest of Vienna, Austria while on a mission on the marshalling yards at Vienna, Austria. One crewman was killed. Eight crew bailed out and were captured and became POWs. Liberated on April 28, 1945. MACR 13195.

44-40495 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Named "Seldom Available", major damage on March 22, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

44-49633 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Major damage on March 22, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

44-50417 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Major damage on March 22, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

April 1945

44-49672 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Pathfinder. Major damage on April 2, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

Unknown A/C No. (763 BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
On April 8, 1945 John I. Stallworth, Copilot, was killed in action and Arthur Richardson was wounded on mission to bomb communication targets in Italy. M. White crew.

42-51881 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Named "J. Annie G. II". Major damage on April 8, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

42-51657 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Major damage on April 8, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

44-49252 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Pathfinder. Major damage on April 10, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

44-41187 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Shot down April 11, 1945 by anti-aircraft fire and crashed in northern Italy while returning from a mission on the railroad bridge at Padua, Italy. Aircraft caught fire and went into a spin and crashed. All nine crew bailed out over allied lines and returned. MACR 13795.

42-51881 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Named "J. Annie G.". Major damage on April 11, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

44-49332 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Major damage on April 11, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

44-49672 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Pathfinder. Major damage on April 11, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

44-48977 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Major damage on April 11, 1945 due to anti-aircraft fire.

44-49315 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)
Heavily damaged by anti-aircraft fire on April 25, 1945.

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44-49372 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Named "The Yakima Kid". Heavily damaged by anti-aircraft fire on April 25, 1945.

44-49672 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

On April 25, 1945 this aircraft had two engines shot out and was escorted by US fighter to a landing in Pecs, Hungary. Vahan J. Manderian was pilot.

44-49702 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Pathfinder. Heavily damaged by anti-aircraft fire on April 25, 1945. Condemned salvage not combat related May 27, 1945.

44-50381 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

On April 25, 1945 this aircraft was had one engine and the hydraulic system damaged by flak. Crew bailed out about five miles from Zara.

44-50398 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Heavily damaged by anti-aircraft fire on April 25, 1945 and salvaged.

44-40495 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed April 26, 1945 near Huttenburg, Austria after two engines failed while on a mission on the marshalling yards at Klagenfurt, Austria. All nine crew bailed out and eight crew members were captured and became POWs. Liberated on May 5, 1945. One crew killed when his parachute failed to open. MACR 14080.

42-51492 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Heavily damaged during landing on April 26, 1945 and salvaged.

42-52372 (460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Landing gear spar buckled on April 27, 1945. Salvaged April 30, 1945.

42-78410 (763rd BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

Crashed April 27, 1945 on voluntary mission to drop supplies to troops behind enemy lines. Aircraft was shot down by enemy fire and was ablaze when it crashed five miles southeast of Matera, Italy. Three were killed – 1st Lt. Harold J. Snyder, S/Sgt. Lionel Jerome "Bud" Emswiler, and 2nd Lt. Morton A. Rosenbloom. Aircraft was destroyed. Pilot was Harold J. Snyder. Aircraft is possibly a 761st BS aircraft given that Henrick B. Hansen, 761st BS, claims he wrote a poem aboard Southern Belle when at the radio desk. Poem is included on page 30 of Bohnstedt's history book.

June 1945

42-78520 (760th BS, 460th BG, 15th AAF, based at Spinazzola Airfield, Foggia, Italy)

June 20, 1945 take off accident. Location cited as Gioia, Italy. Homer P. Wason (probably actually Harold Howard Wassom) listed as pilot.