



W. B. Beach **46-43**

**First Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air
Forces**

Service # O1175637

**766th Bomber Squadron
461st Bomber Group, Heavy**

Entered the Service from: Texas

Died: 22-Feb-1946

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

**Tablets of the Missing at Epinal American Cemetery
Epinal, France**

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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 Torretta, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
Group 461st Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 766th Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta, Italy Course 308°
Target Vienna Austria Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU
4. GIVE: [a] Date 21 Feb 1945 Time 1335 Last known position Vienna, Austria
[b] Specify whether: Last sighted, Forced down, Seen to crash,
 Last contacted by radio, No information
5. AIRCRAFT [LOST] [BELIEVED LOST] AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]
 Enemy aircraft, Enemy anti-aircraft, Other **Mechanical difficulties**
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 G AAF Serial Number 42-78408
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: none
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series P&W R-1830-43 AAF serial Number [a] 42-38668
[b] 42-65145 [c] CP-312693 [d] 41-43073
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] **All Browning Cal. 50**
[a] 1249059 [c] 978501 [i] 1248825
[b] 1249756 [f] 1249105 [j] 1248714
[c] 1239325 [g] 977694
[d] 1249008 [h] 978380
10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: Battle Casualty, Non Battle Casualty
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
[If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet]

CREW POSITION	FULL NAME [Last, First, Initial] RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
[1] Pilot	Hooper, Josiah R, 2 nd Lt. 0-7188642		Glenwood P. Hooper (Father) Barrens Road, Milford, New Jersey
[2] Co-pilot	Mac Donald III, Charles A., 2 nd Lt. 0-830877		James A. Judie (Grandfather) 1515 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, Ind.
[3] Nav	Bennehoff, Frederick C., 2 nd Lt. 0-2070235		Doris M. Bennehoff (Wife) 920 Virginia St., Graham, Texas
[4] Bomb	Beach, W. B., 2 nd Lt. 0-1175637		W. B. Beach, Jr. (Father) Continental Oil Co., Ponca City, Okla
[5] RWG	Taylor, Everett G., Sgt. 36568446		Mable Taylor (Mother) Kingsley, Michigan
[6] LWG	Wolff, James R., Sgt. 16008277		Mr. George C. Wolff (Father) 959 So. 56 th St., West Allis, Wisconsin
[7] TTG	Schmitt, Robert C., Sgt. 32772743		Hattie Schmitt (Mother) Fairtown, New Jersey
[8] BTG	Emmons, Jr., M. D., Sgt. 38282169		Cora E. Emmons (Mother) 2117 Holmes Street, Dallas, Texas
[9] TG	Delanzo, James, Sgt. 33414762		Giovinna Delanzo (Mother) 247 Alder Drive, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania
[10] NTG	Gee, James R., Sgt. 36858524		Lucile Gee (Mother) Rt. #5. 1285 Venice Court. Pontian.