



**James W. Ingle**

**35-42**

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

**Service # O1172083**

**1408th Army Air Force Base Unit**

**Entered the Service from: California**

**Died: 1-Jun-1946**

**Missing in Action or Buried at Sea**

**Tablets of the Missing at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery**

**Nettuno, Italy**

**Awards: Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

He served as a First Lieutenant & Check Navigator on C-54E #44-9078, 1304th Army Air Force Base Unit, U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was normally assigned to the 1408th Army Air Force Base Unit but was assigned to this flight.

C-54E #44-9078, which was part of the 1304th Base Unit, took off with a crew of 8 and 30 passengers from Payne Field, Cairo, Egypt on a personnel transport mission to Rome, Italy.

The pilot, 1st. Lt. Michalik discovered a fire under his seat & tried to extinguish it however the cockpit became so full of fumes and smoke that they had to abandon ship. They crashed in the Gulf of Salerno off the coast of Italy after World War II had ended.

Eight of those on the flight were able to bail-out and survived. The remains of seven others were found. The rest were not recovered.