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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 10107

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Pantanello, Italy Command or Air Force 15th Air Force
Group 464th Bombardment Group Squadron 777th Bombardment Sq.
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Pantanello Air Base, Italy Course 1890
Target Blechhammer South of R, Germany Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
10/10 Stratus cumulus tops 10,000 feet visibility about 10 miles
4. GIVE: (a) Date 2 Dec 44 Time 1430 Last known position Dobrljin, Yugoslavia
(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
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B24L AAF Serial Number 44-49328
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT Yellow-L
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R1830-42 AAF Serial Number (a) CP 318147
(b) CP 318235 (c) CP 317959 (d) CP 318175
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
(a) LN 1548421 (e) RW 1550155 (i) LT 1296922
(b) PN 1034942 (f) LW 1549759 (j) RT 1297317
(c) LM 1549115 (g) LB 154869 (k) _____
(d) RM 1548716 (h) RB 1548780 (l) _____
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	<u>Stanley, Charles E.</u> 2nd Lt 0-824007	MIA	Mrs. Mary E. Stanley (M) <u>RTD</u> Rt #1, East Brady, Pa.
(2) CP.	<u>Baker, William D.</u> 2nd Lt 0-770926	MIA	Mrs. Cecil G. Baker (M) 4804 University Avenue, San Diego <u>Cal.</u>
(3) Nav.	<u>Cone, Leo F.</u> 2nd Lt 0-2058419	MIA	Mrs. Eleanor Lou Cone (W) <u>RTD</u> Yakt, Montana
(4) Bomb	<u>Seaver, Edward C.</u> 2nd Lt 0-776587	MIA	Hugh Leland Seaver (F) <u>RTD</u> 23 Maple St, Randolph, Vermont
(5) E.G.	<u>Smalley, Forrest L.</u> S/Sgt 15340522	MIA	Mrs. Lula L. Smalley (M) <u>RTD</u> 551 Clark St, Milford, Ohio
(6) E.G.	<u>Tweedale, Claude T. Jr.</u> S/Sgt 19141196	MIA	Mrs. Lurline Tweedale (M) <u>RTD</u> 609 Precita Ave, San Francisco, <u>Cal</u>
(7) G.	<u>Spomer, Samuel J.</u> Sgt 37706748	MIA	Mrs. Katherine M. Spomer (M) <u>RTD</u> 4564 Sherman St, Denver, Colo
(8) G.	<u>Homol, Peter</u> Sgt 33293462	MIA	Mrs. Anna Homol (M) <u>RTD</u> Box 11 Tyre, Pa.
(9) Arm.G.	<u>Buchholz, Albert R.</u> S/SGT 36509715	MIA	Mrs. Amelia Buchholz (M) <u>RTD</u> 350 S. 19th St, Saginaw, Mich
(10) ROM.G.	<u>Kiger, Darrell G.</u> T/Sgt 20759480	MIA	Mrs. Daisy V. Kiger (M) <u>RTD</u> Alta Vista, Kansas
(11)			
(12)			

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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (one only) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	FORCED LANDING
(1) James L. Barker	Sgt	33583545		X		
(2) Roger E. Storm	S/Sgt	16077019		X		
(3)						
13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
() Parachutes were used. () Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
() Other reasons (specify) Plane under control when last seen.
14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.
16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE. No search, over enemy territory

3 Inclosures
 Incl 1 Statement of Barker Date 5 Dec 44
 Incl 2 Statement of Storm
 Incl 3 Location Sketch
 Signature of preparing officer: J.H. Hetzel
 J.H. Hetzel
 1st Lt, Ord
 Adi.

777TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO 820, U.S. ARMY

2 December 1944

WITNESS STATEMENT

Yellow Love Piloted by Lt. Stanley feathered #1 and #2 engines right after the bomb run. He kept his altitude however and followed us till we reached Yugoslavia. Riding in the tail the last time I saw Yellow Love was over Partisan territory. His aircraft was under control with props still feathered.

James L. Barber

JAMES L. BARBER
Sgt, AC, 33583545
777th Bomb Sq (H)

777TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO 520 U.S. ARMY

2 December 1944

WITNESS STATEMENT

Yellow L Piloted by Lt. Stanley feathered #1 and #2 engines right after the bomb run. They stayed under control, but started to drop behind following us by about 5000 yards. When a FW 190 came between us Yellow L pulled up to within 600 yards of the formation. We were over Yugoslavia when I last saw Yellow L still following our formation. The plane was under control with the #1 and #2 engine still feathered.

Roger R. Storm

ROGER R. STORM
S/Sgt, AC, 16077019
777th Bomb Sq (H)

Encl 2

SISAK

PLANE LAST SIGHTED AT
45° 20' N, 16° 30' E

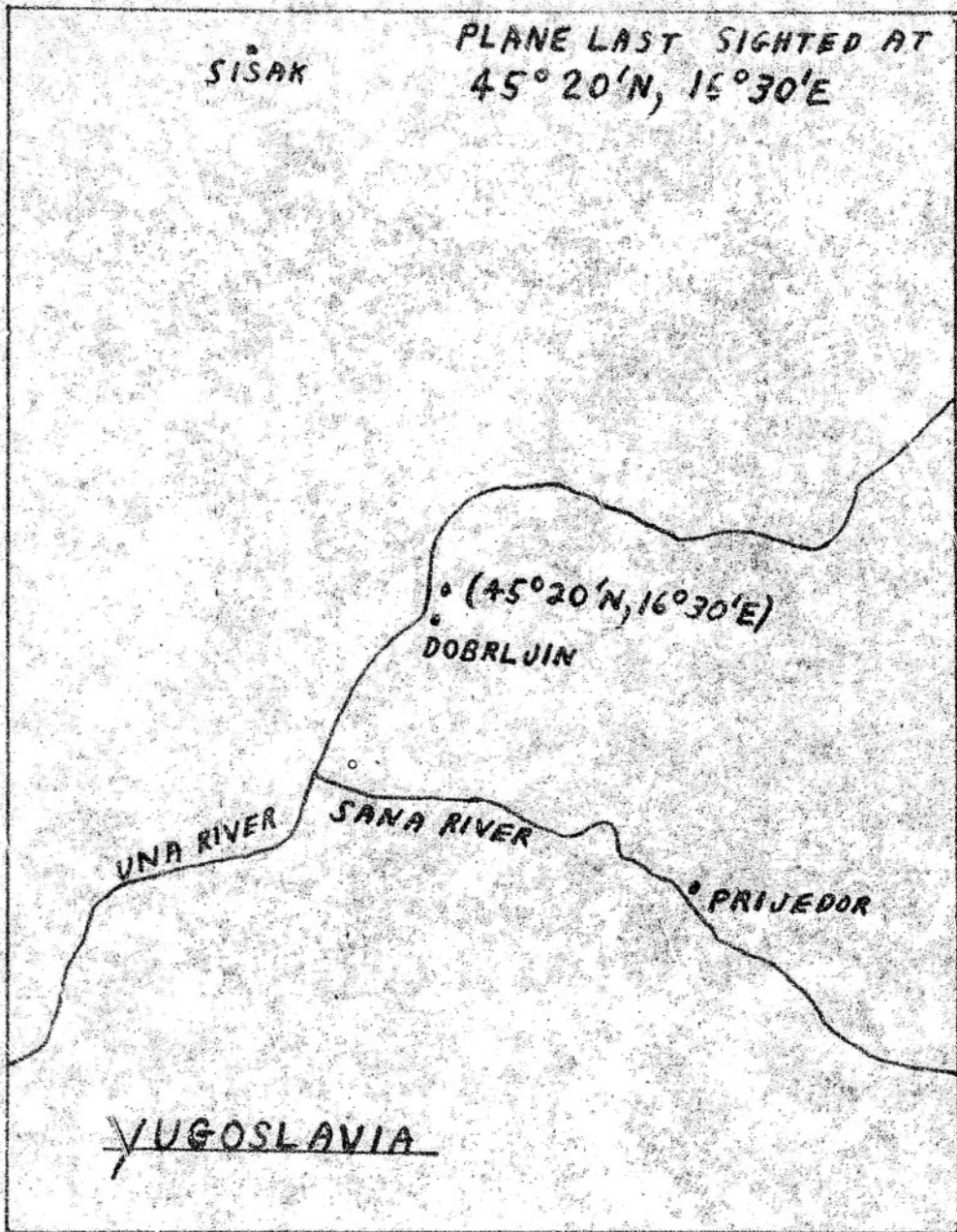
• (45° 20' N, 16° 30' E)
• DOBRUJIN

UNA RIVER

SANA RIVER

• PRIJEDOR

YUGOSLAVIA



2nd Lt. Charles E. Stanley

Mrs. Mary E. Stanley, (mother)
Rural Free Delivery One,
East Brady, Pennsylvania.

2nd Lt. Edward C. Seaver

Mr. Hugh L. Seaver, (father)
23 Maple Street,
Randolph, Vermont.

2nd Lt. Leo F. Gons

Mrs. Eleanor L. Gons, (wife)
Yakt, Montana.

2nd Lt. William B. Baker

Mrs. Cecil F. Baker, (mother)
4804 University Avenue,
San Diego, California.

T/Sgt. Darrell G. Kiger

Mrs. Freda M. Kiger, (wife)
12 South Eddy Street,
Fort Scott, Kansas.

S/Sgt. Claude T. Tweedale, Jr.

Mrs. Darline Tweedale, (mother)
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San Francisco, California.

S/Sgt. Forrest L. Smalley

Mrs. Lela L. Smalley, (mother)
4769 Elcor Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

S/Sgt. Albert E. Buchholz

Miss Alex Buchholz, (sister)
350 South 19th Street,
Saginaw, Michigan.

Sgt. Peter Homol

Mrs. Anna Homol, (mother)

Dates and destinations if possible:

2nd Lt. Charles E. Stanley

Mrs. Mary E. Stanley, (mother)
Rural Free Delivery Cms,
East Brady, Pennsylvania. ✓

2nd Lt. Edward C. Seaver

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2nd Lt. Leo F. Gons

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Saginaw, Michigan. ✓

Sgt. Peter Homal

Mrs. Anna Homal, (mother)
Box 11,
Tyro, Pennsylvania. ✓

Sgt. Samuel J. Spenser

Mrs. Katherine N. Spenser, (mother)
4564 Sherman Street,
Denver, Colorado. ✓

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Charles E. Stanley Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-824007
2. Organization 464 (H) Gp Commander Cd. A.L. Schroeder Rank _____ Sqn CO Wm. G. Moore Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month December day 2nd did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Blechhammer, target, oil refinery, target time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? over target
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
All men landed safely, and were return to Italy and the United States.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? near Prejidor, Yugoslavia
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) none
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already seen

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Baker, William D.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-770926
 Position: Crew (Bomber) on Flight (Eighteen) Co-pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

Was he injured? He did hurt his ankles on landing however he returned to Italy

Where was he when last seen? with the rest of my crew, and to the United States.
The home address I have for him is 4804 University Avenue,
San Diego, California, in case you wish to contact him.

Any hearsay information: If you wish further information my address is 268 Ashbourne
Road, Elkins Park, 17, Pa.

Charles E. Stanley

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: He flew with us only once, therefore I do
not know his full combat record.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name CONE, LEO F. Rank 1ST LT. Serial No. 0-205 841
2. Organization ^{777 SQW. 464 GP. 15TH AF.} GP Commander SCHARDEDER Rank COL. Sqn COWM. MOORE Rank LT. COL.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month DEC. day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, HI-ALT. BOMBING, target, BLECHHAMMER OIL REF., target time, 1230, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, NOT REMEMBERED, route flown NOT REMEMBERED
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". ALL MEMBERS, NAMELY, STANLEY, BAKER, SEEVER, CONE, SMALLER, KIGER, BUCHHOLZ, SPOMER, TWEEDALE AND HOMOL, BAILED OUT WITHIN A THREE TO FOUR MILE AREA ABOUT 15 MI. SOUTH WEST OF PRIJEDOR, YUGO.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NOT KNOWN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Baker, William D.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-770926
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ABOUT 15 MI. SOUTH WEST OF PRAJEDOR, YUGOSLAVIA

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? CAMP KILMER, NEW JERSEY

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: LT. BAKER

RETURNED TO ITALY WITH REST OF CREW AND SUB-

SEQUENTLY TO THE UNITED STATES IN COMPANY WITH LT.

CHARLES E. STANLEY AND MYSELF.

Total number of missions of above crew member: NOT KNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: NOT KNOWN

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Baker, William D.

Serial number:

2nd Lt.

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

C-770926

Co-pilot

Did he bail out? YESWhere? YUGOSLOVIA

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ORDER TOBAIL OUTWas he injured? NOWhere was he when last seen? SANSKO MOST, YUGOSLOVIAAny hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____
