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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location Pantanello Air Base Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
 Group 404th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 779th Bombardment Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Pantanello Air Base Italy Course Devinsko Nova Ves M/Y Czech
 Target Devinsko Nova Ves M/Y Czech Type of mission Bombing

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
2/10 Cirrus and patchy low Stratus amounting to 3/10 to 4/10. Visibility 16 miles.

4. GIVE: [a] Date 6 Dec 1944 Time 1130 Last known position Czechoslovakia (49°18'N 17°06'E).
 [b] Specify whether: [] Last sighted, [] Forced down, [x] 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 P-54 H AAF Serial Number 42-52504

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT Green Hornet

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series P-1850-45 AAF Serial Number [a] CP-312771
 [b] CP-515411 [c] RP-452727 [d] CP-526605

9. INSTALLED WFAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] Browning 50 Cal MG
 [a] 842554 [c] 1152141 [i] 242211
 [b] 123174 [j] 1152104 [j] 941985
 [c] 952078 [g] 951121 [k] _____
 [d] 951582 [h] 951997 [l] _____

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: [x] 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 NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP STATUS AND ADDRESS
1] Pilot	<u>MacDonald, Warren H.</u> 2d Lt 0705947	MIA Wife Mrs <u>Martina H. MacDonald, 2451 59th Place N.W., Washington, D. C.</u> RTD
2] Co-Pilot	<u>Anderson, Elmer R.</u> F/O 7125948	MIA Father Mr <u>Burch P. Anderson, Rt #1, Box #170, Warranton, Oregon.</u> RTD
3] Navigator	<u>Timmerman, Kenneth W.</u> 2d Lt 0805904	MIA Father Mr <u>Merton J. Timmerman, 1599 Tibbits Ave, Troy, N. Y.</u> RTD
4] Bombardier	<u>La Cosa, Billy H.</u> 2d Lt 0692574	MIA Mother Mrs <u>Marie T. LaCosa, 614 W. Main St., Walnut Ridge, Ark.</u> RTD
5] Eng Gunner	<u>Vieira, Manuel J.</u> Sgt 31310547	MIA Mother Mrs <u>Mary Vieira, 211 Wade St., Fall River, Mass.</u> RTD
6] EO Gunner	<u>Griffith, Harold R.</u> F/Sgt 35293621	MIA Mother Mrs <u>Evelyn Griffith, Windsor Heights, West Virginia.</u> RTD
7] Arm Gun	<u>Koster, Joe W.</u> Sgt 59046972	MIA Mother Mrs <u>Irma W. Koster, 202 So. Georgia St., Pittsburg, Kansas.</u>
8] Arm Gun	<u>Kubik, Walter T.</u> Cpl 32976285	MIA Mother Mrs <u>Catherine Kubik, 227 Vermont St., Brooklyn, N. Y.</u> RTD
9] Aerial Gun	<u>Garrow, Matthew J.</u> Sgt 35705000	MIA Mother Mrs <u>Amelia Garrow, 315 No. Gallatin Ave, Elizentown, Pa.</u>
10] Aerial Gun	<u>Miller, James C.</u> Sgt 32711240	MIA Mother Mrs <u>Alice Miller, 941 Rocky Grove Ave., Franklin, Pa.</u>
11]		
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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 LAST			SAW	
			BY RADIO	SIGHTED	CRASH	FORCED LANDING	
1] <u>Donovan A. Timbough</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>35913970</u>					<u>X</u>
2]							
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] 6 or 7 men were seen to parachute from the aircraft.

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 made. Aircraft went down in enemy territory.

2. Inclosures.
 Incl 1 - Statement of Date 9 December 1944
Sgt Timbough (septyap)
 Incl 2 - Map of area where plane was last seen (septyap)

Alfred Timmons
 ALDERSON TIMMONS,
 Capt., Air Corps,
 Adjutant

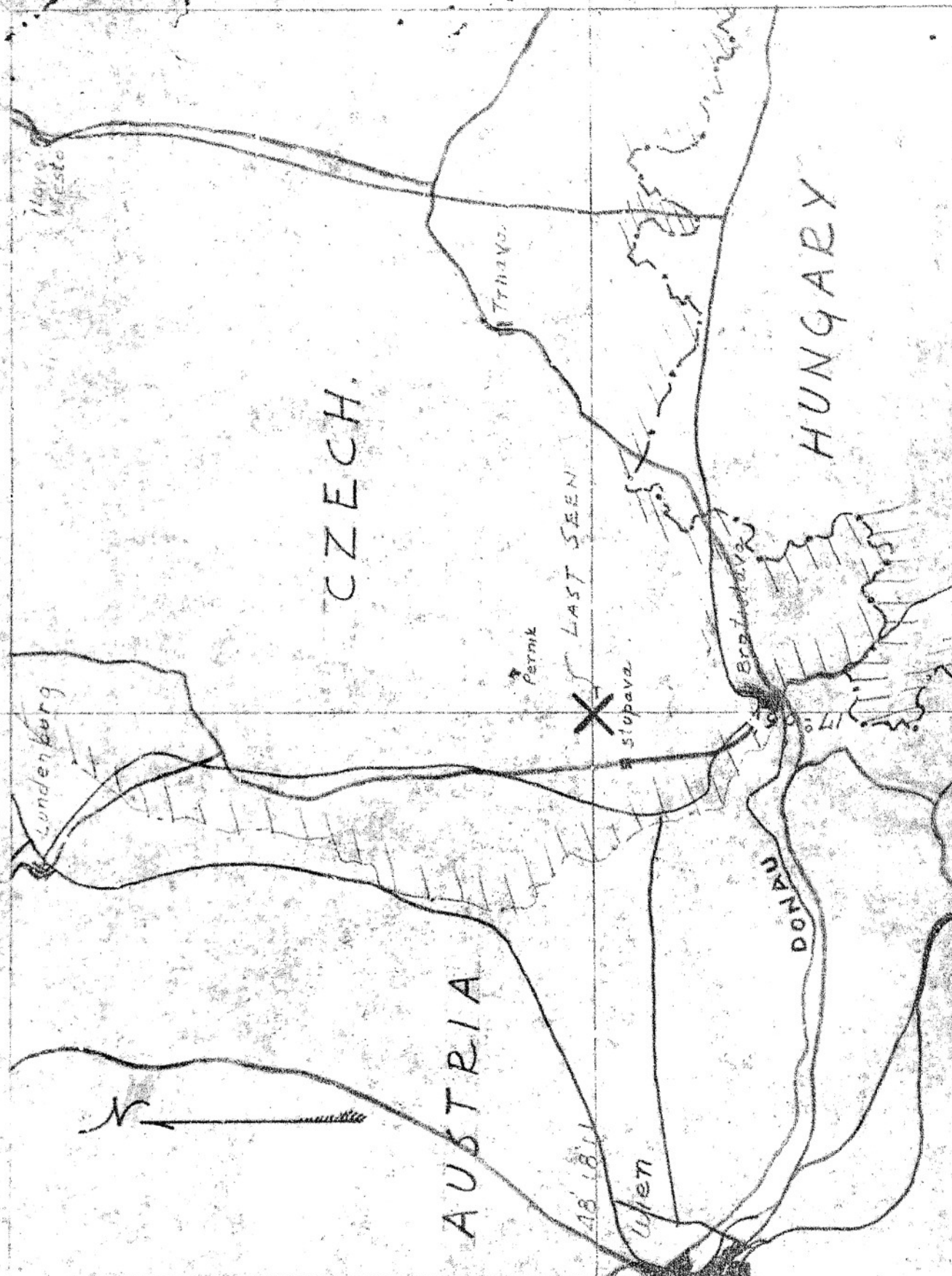
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779TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO 820 U. S. ARMY

7 December 1944

On 6 December 1944 while returning from a mission in Czechoslovakia we were attacked by a number of ME 109s. They made a pass at "White 1", flown by Lt. MacDonald, and crippled it. Then the aircraft fell out of formation and the fighters made several more passes at it and finally some chutes came out as she was going out of control. I counted either 6 or 7 chutes I am not quite sure of the exact number. I watched the aircraft go down and burst into flames as it hit the ground. It was not in flames until it hit the ground.

In my opinion, if not wounded, the men had plenty of time to get out.

Donovan A. Hillbush
DONOVAN A. HILLBUSH
Cgt, 55913071
779th Bomb Sq (H)
404th Sq (H)



COORDINATES

BOMBING OF BRATISLAVA, CZECH.

Map # 2

2nd Lt. Billy H. LaCoss

Mrs. Marie La Coss (mother)
614 West Main Street
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

2nd Lt. Kenneth W. Tisserman

Mr. Merton J. Tisserman (father)
1599 Tibbits Avenue
Troy, New York

2nd Lt. Warren H. MacDonald

Mrs. Martina H. MacDonald (wife)
2431 39th Place Northwest
Washington, D. C.

F/O Elmer R. Anderson

Mr. Enoch P. Anderson (father)
Route Number 1, Box 170
Warrenton, Oregon

T/Sgt. Harold R. Griffith

Mrs. Evelyn M. Griffith (mother)
Windsor Heights, West Virginia

Sgt. Manuel J. Vieira

Mrs. Mary Vieira (mother)
211 Wade Street
Fall River, Massachusetts

Sgt. James C. Miller

Mrs. Alice Miller (mother)
941 Rocky Grove Avenue
Franklin, Pennsylvania

Sgt. Joe W. Koster

Mrs. Inez M. Koster (mother)
202 North Georgia Street
Pittsburg, Kansas

Sgt. Matthew J. Garraw

Mrs. Analia Garraw (mother)
315 North Gallatin Avenue
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Cpl. Walter T. Kubik

Mrs. Catherine Kubik (mother)
387 Varment Street
Brooklyn, New York

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MACDONALD, WARREN HARDING Rank 1ST. LT. Serial No. 0-705247
464 B.G.
2. Organization 79 B.S. Gp Commander SCHROEDER Rank Col. Sqn CO CHAS. GILSON Rank LT. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month DECEMBER day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BRATISLAVA, target, MARSHALLING YARDS, target time, 12 NOON (APPROX.), altitude, 20,000 FEET route scheduled, 360° TO TARGET + 180° HOME, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? WE WERE HIT ABOUT 5 MINUTES AFTER THE RALLY POINT.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? 7 OTHERS, 2 DID NOT
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". TIMMEAMAN, K.W., LACOSS, B.H., + KVBIK, W.T., OUT NOSE TURRET. GRIFFITH, H.R. OUT CAMERA HATCH WITH KOSTER, J.W., VIEIRA, M.J., ANDERSON, E.R., AND MYSELF OUT TOP HATCH. ALL LANDED IN SAME GENERAL VICINITY AND WERE CAPTURED. ALL ARE SAFELY HOME. GRIFFITH WAS ONLY ONE SERIOUSLY INJURED.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Approximately - Long. 17°10'E, LAT. 48°12'N
NEAR TOWN OF MODERN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) JAMES C. MILLER AND MATHEW J. GARROW
11. Where were they in aircraft? TAIL-TURRET AND BALL-TURRET, RESPECTIVELY
12. What was their condition? DEAD (ASSUMEDLY)
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. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Returned to U.S.

Name of crew member: **KOSTER, Joe E.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **3706972**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight Instructor~~: **Acc. Pilot.**

Did he bail out? Yes - OUT OF CAMERA HATCH

Where? NEAR MODERN, CZECHOSLOVAKIA - LONG. 17°10'E LAT. 48°12'N

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: OVER INTERPHONE - He REPORTED "SHIP ON FIRE - NO. 2 ENGINE AND BOMB BAY"

Was he injured? FLAK HITS ON BOTH Temples - KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS

Where was he when last seen? CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, FRANCE - JUNE 10, 1945

Any hearsay information: we were both at Stalag LUFT #1, BARTH, GERMANY UNTIL MAY 13, 1945

Source: PERSONAL

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: ALIVE AND SAFELY AT HOME

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 6

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GARROW, Matthew J.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 3709000
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Aerial Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? PLANE CRASHED NEAR MODERN, (CZECHOSLOVAKIA), Dec. 6, 1944

If not, why not? Believed To Have Died in His BALL-TURRET

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: OVER INTERPHONE, BETWEEN TARGET TIME AND ATTACK

Was he injured? Killed

Where was he when last seen? IN BALL TURRET

Any hearsay information: ARMORER-GUNNER, JOE KOSTER, REPORTS HEAVY HITS IN VICINITY OF BALL-TURRET.

Source: KOSTER, J. W.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believed To Have Died in His TURRET

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 6

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

HIS NAME WAS OVERHEARD IN A SENTENCE, (GERMAN), ON THE NIGHT OF Dec. 6, 1944 BY MYSELF WHILE IN TRNAVA. MAY HAVE FOUND HIS NAME ON DOG TAGS

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **MILLER, James C,**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **3741240**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~3741240~~ (Fighter): **Aerial Gun.**

Did he bail out? No

Where? PLANE CRASHED NEAR MODERN, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Dec. 6, 1944

If not, why not? BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED IN HIS TAIL-TURRET

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

INTERPHONE - BETWEEN TARGET TIME + TIME OF ATTACK

Was he injured? KILLED IN ACTION

Where was he when last seen? IN TURRET

Any hearsay information: RADIO GUNNER AT RIGHT WAIST REPORTS THAT
TAIL WAS HIT BY 20 mm FLAK SEVERAL TIMES. SGT. MILLER
DOWNED AT LEAST 2 + MAYBE 3 PLANES BEFORE HIS GUNS
WERE SILENCED.

Source: H. R. GRIFFITH T/Sgt.

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

BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED AT HIS GUNS.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 6

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

HIS NAME WAS OVERHEARD IN A SENTENCE, (GERMAN), ON THE NIGHT OF
Dec. 6, 1944 BY MYSELF WHILE IN TRNAVA. MAY HAVE FOUND
HIS NAME ON DOG TAGS.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ANDERSON, ELMER T Rank F/O Serial No. T-125948
2. Organization P.C Gp. Commander GOODRICH Rank COL. Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944⁽⁴⁾ month DEC day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BRATISLAVA, target, BRATISLAVA R.R. YDS, target time, 12:00 NOON, altitude, 22,000 FT route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? ABOUT 5 MINUTES AWAY FROM TARGET ON ROUTE HOME.
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". PILOT AND ENGINEER BAILED OUT AFTER I DID. ENGINEER AND I LIT APPROXIMATELY IN SAME PLACE. NO KNOWLEDGE OF HOW REST OF CREW BAILED OUT OR WHEN EXCEPT THAT THE ENGINEER AND I WERE BOTH TAKEN TO THE SAME HOUSE (CONT) OVER
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR LEOPOLDOLF
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) MATHEW J. GARRON (AG)
JAMES MILLER (TAIL GUNNER)
11. Where were they in aircraft? WAIST & TAIL
12. What was their condition? ALL RIGHT AFTER DROPPING BOMBS
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? BOTH THE TAIL GUNNER AND WAIST GUNNER WERE O.K. AFTER GOING OVER TARGET. THEIR CONDITION AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM AFTER GERMAN FIGHTERS HIT US IS UNKNOWN ALTHOUGH WE ARE ALMOST POSITIVE NEITHER OF THEM BAILED OUT.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

8. WE WERE THEN TAKEN TO ANOTHER TOWN ABOUT 2 MILES
DISTANT AND WAS REUNITED WITH THE BOMBARDIER.
LATER WE MET THE PILOT AND LATER IN AT ANOTHER CAMP
WE MET THE NAVIGATOR AND NOSE GUNNER

CREW ROSTER

PILOT - WARREN H. MAC DONALD - 1600 FT. MYER DRIVE
ARLINGTON, VA.

CO-PILOT - ELMER R. ANDERSON

NAV. - KENNETH W. TIMMERMAN - 1599 TIBBITS AVE, TROY, N.Y.

BOMB. - BILLY H. LA COSS - 614 W. MAIN ST. WALNUT RIDGE, ARK.

RADIO - NORMAN H. BROWN ON REG. CREW BUT WAS NOT
ON MISSION WE WENT DOWN ON. HIS NAME UNKNOWN

ARM. GUNNERS, JOE W. KOSTER - 202 S. GEORGIA, PITTSBURG, KANS.

MATHEW J. GARROW - UNION TOWN, PA.

JAMES O MILLER - FRANKLIN PA.

WALTER T. KUBIK - 387 VERMONT ST. BROOKLYN 7, N.Y.

ENGINEER MANUEL J. VIEIRA - 211 WADE ST. FALL RIVER, MASS.

Sorties Mission	Date	Sorties Mission	Date	Sortie Mission
1. SARCO/ALPS	11-7-44	11.		21.
2. MUNICH	11-16-44	12.		22.
3. W/DINE D/D	11-18-44	13.		23.
4. BLECHHAMMER	11-20-44	14.		24.
5. BLECHHAMMER	12-2-44	15.		25.
6. BRATISLAVA	12-6-44	16.		26.
7.		17.		27.
8.		18.		28.
9.		19.		29.
10. TOTAL COMBAT HOURS:		20.		30.
	42:00			

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KOSTER, Joe W.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **3746973**
 Position: Crew (Bomber), or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Arm. Sgt.**

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR LEOPOLDOLE

If not, why not? _____

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

CHECK AFTER BOMB RUN

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? ~~CAMP PATRICK HENRY, FRANCE~~

Any hearsay information: _____

He is alive and well and was last seen at Camp Patrick Henry just prior to being sent home

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN BUT I

Dates and destinations if possible: KNOW OF 3
LIST ATTACHED

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **GARROW, Matthew J.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **35709000**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER/PILOT~~ **Aerial Gunner**

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN - BUT NOT PROBABLE

Where? NEAR LEOPOLD, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

If not, why not? WAS EITHER SHOT AND KILLED OR INJURED OR UNABLE TO
 ESCAPE FROM BURNING & DISABLED PLANE

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

CREW CHECK AFTER COMPLETION OF BOMB RUN

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

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

SUPPOSED THAT HE WAS EITHER INJURED OR KILLED WHEN
 GERMAN PLANE ATTACKED US OR WAS UNABLE TO ESCAPE
 FROM PLANE

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN BUT I KNOW OF 8

Dates and destinations if possible: LIST ATTACHED

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **MILLER, James C,**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **33711210**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter):~~ **Aerial Gun.**

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN, BUT NOT PROBABLE

Where? NEAR LEDPOLOF, CZECH

If not, why not? WAS EITHER EITHER SHOT AND KILLED OR INJURED OR UNABLE TO ESCAPE FROM BURNING AND DISABLED PLANE

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

CREW CHECK AFTER COMPLETION OF BOMB RUN

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

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

IT IS SUSPECTED THAT HE WAS EITHER INJURED OR KILLED WHEN A GERMAN PLANE ATTACKED US OR WAS UNABLE TO ESCAPE FROM PLANE

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN, BUT I KNOW OF 8

Dates and destinations if possible: LIST ATTACHED

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name TIMMERMAN, KENNETH W. Rank 2ND LT. Serial No. O-2058044
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month December day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Bratislava ^{my}; target time, 1115, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, Spinnazellen, It to Split Yugoslavia - N -> Brate., route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Approx 30 mi NNW of Bratislava
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". Approx. same place and same time (1115) Pilot, Co-Pilot, Engineer, Bombardier, Navigator, Gunner, - Radio operator
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No Knowledge
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Two (not witnessed)
No Knowledge
11. Where were they in aircraft? Tail turret, Ball turret
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge
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. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KOSTER, Joe W.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **39016772**
 Position: Crew (Bomber), or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Arm. Sgt.**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Approx. 30 mi NNW of Bratislava, Czech.

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? U.S.A.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **GARROW, Matthew J.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **39709000**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Aerial Gunner**

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Ball turret

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

May have been hit by fire from enemy planes. May not have been able to evacuate turret. Flames from bomb bay were probably enveloping turret

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12 (?)

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Manuel J. Vieira Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 31310347
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander Rank Sqn CO James H. Gilson ^{Sqn} Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Dec. day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, M/V, target, Bratislava, target
time, 11:30, altitude, 22000 route scheduled, unknown
route flown unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? About 10 minutes out of Bratislava
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes. Koster; Kubik; Griffith; Mac Donald;
Anderson; Timmanmer; Lacoss;
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". Timmanmer; Lacoss;
Kubik. Went out the nose wheel door. Mac Donald; Anderson;
Vieira; went out the top hatch, Koster; Griffith; went
out the waist hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should
cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Miller, Garrow.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Miller was in tail turret. Garrow in ball
12. What was their condition? No knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
cribed above?
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you
have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No knowledge

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **GARROW, Matthew J.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **33705000**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Aerial Gunner**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Trapped in ball turret. Fire was leaking turret.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: When pilot had oxygen check

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In turret

Any hearsay information: When we got hit by fighter. (Koster) saw him close the door on his turret

Source: (Koster) told crew in prison camp

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believe to have gone down with the ~~strip~~ plane

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: 11/5/44 Vienna; 11/7/44 Isarco/Albes
11/16/44 Munich 11/18/44 Ucline A/D 11/20/44 Blechammer
12/2/44 Blechammer; 12/6/44 Bratislava

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KOSTER, Joe W.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **3906972**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER~~: **Arm. Gun.**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? About two miles East of Bratislava

If not, why not? _____

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

inter phone. When pilot had oxygen check.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Camp Lucky Strike, France

Any hearsay information: I was in the same tent with him in Lucky Strike, And he went to Paris. And that was the last I seen of him

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: 11/5/44 Vienna, 11/7/44 Isarco/Albes
11/16/44 Munich, 11/18/44 Udine A/D, 11/20/44 Blechhammer,
12/2/44 Blechhammer, 12/6/44 Bratislava

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **MILLER, James C.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **3771240**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~: **Aerial Gunner**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Believe he was shot because he was tail gunner. And I notice his guns spot. While mine were still shooting
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: When

pilot had oxygen check

Was he injured? Believe he was

Where was he when last seen? Koster saw him in is turret. before we were hit by fighter

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believe to have gone down with plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: 11/5/44 Vienna; 11/7/44 Isaco/Albes
11/16/44 Munich; 11/18/44 Udine A/D; 11/20/44 Blechammer
12/2/44 Blechammer; 12/6/44 Bratislava

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Griffith, Harold R. Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 35383621
2. Organization 444 Gp Commander _____ Rank Lt. Col. Sqn CO James Gilsodank Moj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Brotis/ovio, target time, 11:45, altitude, 21000 route scheduled, as scheduled, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? flying 31 position
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? I saw one
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". No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No Knowledge
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) only two that I know, Matthew Garrow, James Miller as I was riding in the waist and only know of that position
11. Where were they in aircraft? They were when I bailed out.
12. What was their condition? they could have been wounded by (see back)
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? After hitting ground I lost consciousness and don't remember anything for about 10 days
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No Knowledge

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

12. - the shells that exploded in the waist. I was
wounded by one but near enough to escape
hatch to roll out. Some details I don't
remember clearly.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KOSTER, Joe W.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **39016972**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flt. Officer~~: **Arm. Gun.**

Did he bail out? No Knowledge as he was nose gunner

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

before attacked when he called fighters on interphone

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: On the first
pass we were set off fire, the second time I was wounded
before I bailed out the plane went into a spin.
He could have been wounded and pinned in the
torret by the spin.

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge as I was not

Dates and destinations if possible: (a regular crew member.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HARROW, Matthew J.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **33705000**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Observer (Observer)~~: **Aerial Gunner**

Did he bail out? No Knowledge.

Where? _____

If not, why not? I believe he was badly wounded.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before
attacked by fighters

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: A shell of
20mm exploded near his Turret He could
have been killed or wounded it

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **MILLER, James C.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **33711210**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Aerial Gunner**

Did he bail out? No Knowledge.

Where? No.

If not, why not? No Knowledge.

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

attacked by first fighter

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: after we were

attacked first time he called and said his turret was
out. I started back to help him but was hit by sharpshoot
of 20mm which exploded near me which left me unable to
assist him, the spin must have held him in the turret

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MISTER WALTER T. KUBIK Rank _____ Serial No. _____
2. Organization 464 BOMB Gp Commander DONTKNOW Rank - Sqn CO DONTKNOW Rank -
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month DECEMBER day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BRATISLAVIA ^{R.R. YARDS}, target, MARSHALLING YARDS, target time, AFTER 12:AM, altitude, 23,000 FT route scheduled, NO KNOWLEDGE, route flown NO KNOWLEDGE.
5. Where were you when you left formation? NEVER LEFT FORMATION
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? AS FAR AS I KNOW, NAVIGATOR, BOMBARDIER, PILOT CO PILOT, NOSE GUNNER, UPPER TURRET AND TWO IN WAIST.
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". NAVIGATOR AND BOMBARDIER AND MYSELF BAILED OUT TOGETHER. THE REST I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR PRESSBURG, ^{CZECHOSLOVAKIA} ~~Czech~~
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NO KNOWLEDGE
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? JUST BEFORE TAKE OFF
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO KNOWLEDGE

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: G A R R O W , Matthew J.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 33705000
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Aerial Gunner

Did he bail out? DONT KNOW

Where? _____

If not, why not? BELEIVED HE WAS KILLED.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: BEFORE
HITTING TARGET ON OXYGEN CHECK

Was he injured? DONT KNOW

Where was he when last seen? WAS IN BALL TURRET.

Any hearsay information: WHEN ATTACKED I DID NOT HEAR
FROM HIM, PLENTY OF FIRE & NOISE. WHEN CAPTURED
I NEVER SAW HIM ANY PLACE IN NO CAMP BELEIVE
HE WAS KILLED, DIDNT HAVE A MINUTE IN BALL TURRET
HAD NO CHANCE TO BAIL OUT. GERMANS TOLD ME THEY FOUND
TWO BURNED BODIES IN PLANE
AFTER CAPTURED.

Source: _____

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

WHAT I SAID IS WHAT I ONLY THINK, I REALLY
DONT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, BUT
WE NEVER SAW HIM IN ANY CAMP OR HAD ANY WORD
FROM HIM

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS THE OTHER SHEET.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MILLER, James C.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 33711240
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Waist Gunner~~: Aerial Gunner

Did he bail out? I DONT KNOW

Where? _____

If not, why not? BELEIVED HE WAS KILLED

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

BEFORE HITTING TARGET, OXYGEN CHECK AND JUST PLAIN TALK.

Was he injured? DON'T KNOW.

Where was he when last seen? IN TAIL TURRET.

Any hearsay information: BELEIVE HE WAS KILLED FOR ATTACK

BY GERMANS WAS AT THE TAIL, AND HE WAS FIRING

HIS GUNS ALL THE TIME. WAIST GUNNER TOLD ME

HIS GUNS STOPPED FIRING AND HE WAS SLUMPED IN

THE TURRET.

Source: WAIST GUNNERS.

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

AFTER GOING TO PRISON CAMP AND MEETING MY

WAIST GUNNER, HE SAID HE WAS FIRING HIS GUNS

UNTIL THEY GOT HIM. NEVER SAW HIM IN ANY

CAMP OR HEARD FROM HIM.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as on Other sheet

DATE: 8 Dec. 1944 at 1100

U.S.A. #11 ME 2518

PLACE: NWY of Luceany (Slovakia)	2nd Lt.	✓ McDONALD, Warren Harding	O-6705247	✓
	F/O	✓ ANDERSON, Elmer Richard	T-125948	.
TYPE: Liberator	2nd Lt.	✓ FINKERMAN, Kenneth Walker	O-2058044	.
	"	✓ LA COSS, Billy Horton	O-698574	.
779th (H.B.) Sqd.	Sgt.	✓ VIEIRA, Manuel Jasquin	31310547	.
	T/Sgt.	✓ GRIFFITH, Harold R.	35383621	.
TARGET: HQ of airfield E(v)271/III		(Hospital Platyan)		
AF-Command South-East.	Sgt.	✓ KOSTER, Joe Wayne	39046972	.
	"	✓ KUBIK, Walter Thomas	32976625	.
	"	✓ MILLER, JAMES C. <i>Ria 12/10/44</i>	83711240	dead
	<i>Sgt</i>	✓ GARROW, Mathew J. <i>Ria 12/10/44</i>	3370500	dead

From to Case

Buried on 8 Dec. 1944 in Cemetery Malsenice.

MACR 10111

B-24

10 man crew

AAF # 42-52504

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NNDG 785072

LEWIS (MAY) 9/12/83

Report on capture of an aircraft
of the USAAF.

Date and time aircraft was shot down: 6 December 1944 at 1100
 Place of crash: Slovakia
 Type of aircraft: Liberator
 Reporting Station: Air Force Command Southeast

CREW :

Name and first name, Date and place of birth:	Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Disposition
McDonald Warren Harding	2nd Lt.	G-705247	captured	Dilag-Luft West
ANDERSON 19 July 1920	P./O.	T-129948	captured	as above
LA GOSS Billy Horton	2nd Lt.	G-699574	captured	as above
VIEIRA Manuel Joaquim	Sgt.	31310547	captured	as above
KOSTER Joe Wayne	Sgt.	39044972	captured	as above
GRAFFITH ^{Wald} H. H.	P./Sgt.		wounded	Hospital

Casualty No.: ME 2512

1. replacement from 23 January 1945

KURIX 26 June 1923	Walter Thomas Brooklyn, N.Y.	Cpl.	32976625	captured	Dilag-Luft West
TIMBERMAN	Kenneth Walker	2nd Lt.	G-2058044	captured	Dilag-Luft West

Dilag-Luft on 21 December 1944.

All Over

Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

10111

Abschuß-Nr. 2512

Abschußtag und Zeit: 6.12.44. 11.00.
Abschußort: Slowakei
Flugzeugtyp: Liberator
Meldende Dienststelle: Zw. Kdo. Südost

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburts- und -ort:		Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: weiches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
MACDONALD	Warren Harding	2/Lt.	O-795247	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
ANDERSON 19.7.20.	Elmer Richard	F/O.	T-125948	gef.	dito
LAGOBS	Billy Horton	2/Lt.	O-698574	gef.	dito
VIEIRA	Mmanuel Joaquin	Sgt.	34310547	gef.	dito
KO THER	Joe Wayne	Sgt.	39046972	gef.	dito
GRIFFITH	H.R.	T/Sgt.		verw.	Las.

Bemerkungen:

DULAG-LUFT, den 21.12.44. S.

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 6 Dec. 44 at 11:00

PLACE OF CRASH: At Malzenice, Slov.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 271/III, Pletyan
7 Dec. 44 at 18:10

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Mac Donald
Waren, Harding

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: C-705247 T43-44 A.

CAPTURED: Malzenice/Slov; WOUNDED:
6 Dec. 44 at 11:00

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

MAER 10111
B-24
10 man crew
AAF # 42-53504

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 6 Dec. 44 at 11:00

PLACE OF CRASH: At Leopoldov/Slov.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 271/III, Pistyan
7 Dec. 44 at 18:20

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME: Anderson
Elmer R.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: T125949 T43-44 B.

CAPTURED: Leopoldov/Slov.
6 Dec. 44 at 11:00DEAD:DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:TYPE OF INJURY:GRAVE LOCATION:REMARKS:

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: At Leopoldov/Slov.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 271/III, Pictyan
7 Dec. 44 at 18:25

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME: LaCass
Billy H. (Billy V)

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 0-898574

CAPTURED: At Leopoldov/ Slov 6 Dec 44 at 11:00

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 6 Dec. 44 at 11:00

PLACE OF CRASH: Leopoldov/Slov. parachuted

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) EYI/III, Pletyan
7 Dec. 44 at 18:15

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME: Vieira
Manuel J.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 31310547

CAPTURED: Leopoldov/Slov. WOUNDED:
6 Dec. at 11:00

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN:

6 Dec. 44 at 11:00

PLACE OF CRASH:

At Veresvar/Slov. parachuted

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

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REPORTING OFFICE:

Air Base Command E (v) 271/III, Pistyan
7 Dec. 44 at 16:30

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME:Griffith
Harold R.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER:

35383621 T42-43

CAPTURED: At Veresvar 6 WOUNDED:

DEAD:

Dec. 44 at 11:00

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

Hospital: Field Hosp. Pistyan/Slov. 7 Dec. 44

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: At Verevar/Slov.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 271/III, Pistoian
 7 Dec. 44 at 18:35

DEAD

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Koater
 Joe W.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 39046972 T43-44 O.

CAPTURED: Verevar/Slov. WOUNDED:

DEAD:

6 Dec. 44 at 11:00

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 6 Dec. 44 at 11:00

PLACE OF CRASH: At Malzenice/Slov.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 271/III, Pilstyan
10 Dec. 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME: Garrow
Mathew J.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: not established

SERIAL NUMBER: 3370500 T44-44 A.

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: recovered dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

Cem. in Malzenice/Slovakia on 8 Dec. 44

REMARKS:

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 6 Dec. 44 at 11:00

PLACE OF CRASH: At Malzenice/Slovakia

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (cv) 271/III, at Piatyan
10 Dec. 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME: Miller
James C.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RACE:

SERIAL NUMBER: 33711240 T44-44 B.

CAPTURED:

WOUNDED:

DEAD: recovered dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

Cem. at Malzenice/Slov. 6 Dec. 44

REMARKS:

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Form 1

Air Base Command E (v) 274/III

Wienern
13 Dec. 44

Capture of an American flier on 6 Dec. 44 at 11:00 in the area of Leopoldov (Com. Veresvar) by the german field police of Malacky. Turned over to the local command at Bressburg

Name Kubik
Walter Thomas
Corp. 32978625 T43-44 A.
Captured- Area Leopoldov. 6 Dec. 44

Air Base Command E (v) 274
P. Post No. L 60 468 Camp P.O. Vienna

ISU-2012
13 Dec. 44

The Air Base Command E (v) 274/III sends enclosed copies (2) of form 1 and 1 list of confiscated personal effects and 2 special envelopes, filled with personal belongings of 2 American fliers, who are being handed over for transfer, by the local commander at Roseburg.

Message also enclosed.

ESU-2512

Enclosure 2

Form 1

Air Base Com. E (v) 274/III

Re-Capture of an American flier on 6 Dec. 1944 at 11:00 in area of Leopoldov (Veresvar) by the German Field Police of Malacky.

Turned over by local command Pressburg

Name

Timmerman

First name	Rank	Ser. No.	Result
Kenneth Walker	2nd Lt.	C-2058044 T43-44 O.	Captured

Place and time-Area of Leopoldov. 6 Dec. 44