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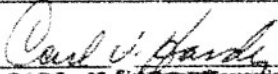
1. ORGANIZATION: Location Pantanelia AAB, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
 Group 464th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 778th Bombardment Sq(H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Pantanelia AAB, Italy Course Northeast
 Target Devinska Nova Ves M/Y, Czecho-Slovakia Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS 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 18 miles.
4. GIVE: [a] Date 6 Dec 44 Time 1130 Last known position 48° 20' N- 17° 15' E (Devinska Nova Ves M/Y, Czecho-Slovakia)
 [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 B-24-J AAF Serial Number 42-50962
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT White "H"
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R1830-43 AAF Serial Number [a] BP 452839
 [b] BP 448123 [c] CP 325125 [d] BP 454214
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] All Browning Cal .50
 [a] Left Nose 1534093 [e] Left Ball 1758011 [i] Left Tail 1534565
 [b] Right Nose 1534154 [f] Right Ball 1757988 [j] Right Tail 1527656
 [c] Left Upper 1536079 [g] Left Waist 1037805 [k] _____
 [d] Right Upper 1534152 [h] Right Waist 1037885 [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 NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP STATUS AND ADDRESS
1] Pilot	<u>ROSCHKE, MELVIN G.</u> 2d Lt 0-827731	MIA Mrs. Bernetta V. Wright (Sister) RR #3, Nakomis, Ill RTD
2] CP	<u>DAVIS, JAMES R.</u> 2d Lt 0-830828	MIA Mrs. Eloise M. Davis (Mother) 1622 E. Chestnut St., Coshocton, Ohio RTD
3] N	<u>WILLIS, JUDSON M. JR</u> 2d Lt 0-2064371	MIA Mr. Judson M. Willis, Sr. (Father) 536 No. Locust St., Dexter, Mo. RTD
14] B	<u>HOULIHAN, CHARLES L.</u> 2d Lt 0-703498	MIA Mrs. Eloise Houlihan (Wife) 1207 N. Wash St., Beeville, Texas RTD
5] EG	<u>ROGERS, CHARLES A.</u> T Sgt 39845971	MIA Mrs. Evelyn M. Rogers (Wife) Graton, Calif } RTD
16] ROG	<u>SWYGARD, GORDON K.</u> Cpl 37674558	MIA Ms. Ruth H. Swygard (Mother) RR #2, Birmingham, Iowa
7] AG	<u>WILLIAMS, WILLIAM H.</u> Cpl 37502733	MIA Mrs. Chloe I. Williams (Wife) 100 1/2 South Gage, Los Angeles, Calif RTD
18] G	<u>MARONEY, HAROLD W.</u> Cpl 39553363	MIA MRS. GLADYS RONEY, (Mother) 1200 1/2 Valley Blvd., Rosemead, Cal RTD
19] G	<u>COOGLER, CHARLES B.</u> Cpl N 14178451	MIA Mrs. Alice C. Coogler (Mother) 128 Saluda St., Chester, S.C. RTD
10] G	<u>GROOVER, WILLIAM E. JR</u> Cpl 34826463	MIA Mrs. Mae N. Groover (Mother) 507 Carswell Ave., Waycross, Ga. RTD
[11]		
[12]		No. <u>1126</u>

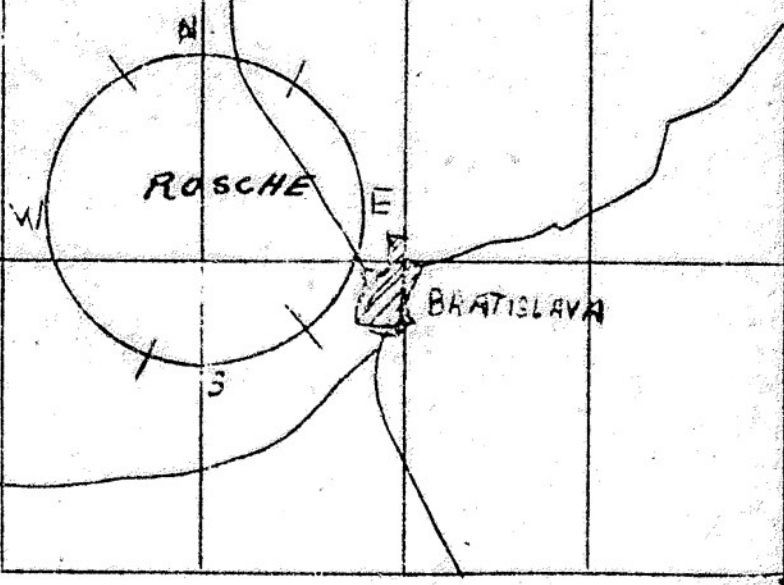
12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE [one only] COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED LAST		
			BY RADIO	SAW SIGHTED	SAW FORCED CRASH LANDING
[1] <u>Talmadge P. Callison</u>	<u>T Sgt</u>	<u>34652433</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
[2] <u>James Carrizales</u>	<u>S Sgt</u>	<u>39035656</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
[3] <u>Vincent P. Cerilli</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>32445230</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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] _____
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

4 Inclosures.
 Incl 1-sketch Date 9 December 1944
 Incl 2-statement(Callison)
 Incl 3-statement(Carrizales)
 Incl 4-statement(Cerilli)


 CARL V. HARDY, Capt.; AC
 Adjutant

12-6-44
48°-20'-N
17°-15'-E



Incl 11

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8 December 1944

S T A T E M E N T

I was watching from the radio room on Capt Steve's plane on 6 December 1944, when I saw Lt Rosche's plane hit by enemy fighters. Then No. 2 Engine caught fire and started to lose altitude and slipped underneath the formation. I saw one chute leave the plane just after it was hit.

Talmadge P. Callison
Talmadge P. Callison
T Sgt 778th Bomb Sq (H)
34652433

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8 December 1944

S T A T E M E N T

I was at the Right Waist window of Lt Laser's plane when I saw 4 ME 109's attack Lt Rosche's plane- they came in abreast and set #4 engine on fire. Then they made another pass at Lt Rosche's plane who started side-slipping to the left. I saw one chute come out just before they side-slipped. Then the plane went down to our right in a long glide and 5 ME 109's came in one at a time shooting out No 1 or 2 Engine, I then concentrated my attention to other ME 109's coming at us.

James Carrizales
James Carrizales
S Sgt 778th Bomb Sq (H)
39035656

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8 December 1944

S T A T E M E N T

I was flying in Lt Laser's plane 21 position. Spotted enemy fighters about 900 yards out, notified my crew that enemy planes are attacking at six O'clock level and that they had hit Lt Rosche's plane. I saw one chute leave the plane and then the plane drifted to the left of the formation-the plane was crippled. Then 4 or 5 ME 109's jumped Lt Rosche's plane one at a time and then I saw 4 or 5 chutes come out. That was the last I saw of them because I was busy firing at fighters. Lt Rosche's plane was still firing when I last saw it.

Vincent P. Cerilli
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Sgt 778th Bomb Sq(H)
32445230

2nd Lt. James R. Davis

Mrs. Elsie M. Davis, (mother)
1622 East Chestnut Street,
Coshocton, Ohio.

2nd Lt. Charles L. Houlihan

Mrs. Eloise Houlihan, (wife)
1207 North Washington Street,
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Mrs. Bernetta V. Wright, (sister)
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2nd Lt. Judson M. Willis, Jr.

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T/Sgt. Charles A. Rogers

Mrs. Evelyn M. Rogers, (wife)
Granton, California.

Cpl. Gordon K. Swygard

Mrs. Ruth H. Swygard, (mother)
Rural Route Number Two,
Birmingham, Iowa.

Cpl. William E. Groover, Jr.

Mrs. Mae N. Groover, (mother)
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Cpl. Charles B. Coogler

Mrs. Alice C. Coogler, (mother)
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Cpl. Harold W. Roney

Mrs. Gladys Roney, (mother)
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Cpl. William H. Williams

Mrs. Gertrude S. Williams, (mother)
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BY LENS (ms) NARS, Date 9/12/83

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Charles A. Rogers Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 39845971
2. Organization 464th Gp Commander ? Rank 1st Lt Sqn CO ? Rank CPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Dec. day 6th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BRADISLOVIA, target, MASSUNA YARD, target time, APPROX 1130, altitude, 22000 route scheduled, NO KNOWLEDGE, route flown NO KNOWLEDGE
5. Where were you when you left formation? APPROX. 15 MIN. FROM 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". NAVIGATOR, BOMBERDIER + NOSE GUNNER OUT NOSE WHEEL DOOR - TAIL GUNNER + BALL GUNNER OUT WING WINDOW + REAR BOMBAY RESPECTIVELY - FARMER, PILOT, CO-PILOT + MYSELF OUT FRONT BOMBAY
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? JUST NORTH OF THE OZULBE
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? LAST SAW SWYGERD BEFORE TARGET - HEARD HIM OVER INTERPHONE AFTER ATTACK BY FIGHTER AND STARTED - HE WAS ON THEN
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)

Name of crew member: SWYGARD, Gordon K.
 Rank: Cpl.
 Serial number: 37674558
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~SEXTONIGHT FIGHTER~~: Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? _____

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE CALLED POSITION OF ENEMY FIGHTERS BEFORE INTERPHONE WENT OUT

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? IN WASTE

Any hearsay information: TAILGUNNER SAID SWYGARD HELPED HIM OUT OF PLANE & WAS ON AT THE TIME - GERMANS TOLD US SWYGARD BAILD OUT BUT HIS NECK WAS BROKEN

Source: GERMAN SOLDIERS IN GYOR

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: MY OPINION IS THAT HE EITHER BROKE HIS NECK BAILING OUT OR CIVILIANS BROKE IT FOR HIM AFTER HE WAS ON THE GROUND - THEIR MOOD WASNT EXACTLY NICE

Total number of missions of above crew member: THREE

Dates and destinations if possible: NOV. 21, 1944 LINZE - NOV. 27, 1944 BLZCHHAMMER Dec. 6, 1944 BRADISLOVIA

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Wilhies, Judson M. Jr. Rank 2nd LT. Serial No. D-2064371
464
2. Organization Bomb Gp Commander Schroeder Rank Col. Sqn CO Nance Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Dec. day 6 did you go down?
Bratislava
4. What was the mission, Czechoslovakia, target, Martianing yards, target
time, 12:00 Noon, altitude, 23,000 route/scheduled, Cross advi
over Yugoslavia Hungary, route flown as scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? Leaving 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". Lt. Charles Houlihan & Col. Rooney bailed out Nose wheel Hatch when I did. Near Gyor Hungary. Other member must have gone out about the same time. We all landed near Gyor Hungary
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) No Knowledge
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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 10220

Name of crew member: **SHYGARD, Gordon K.**
 Rank: **Opl.**
 Serial number: **37674558**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Pilot)~~ **Radio Operator Gunner**

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? No Knowledge

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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? IN THE WAIST OF STRIP

Any hearsay information: I WAS TOLD BY THE GERMANS THAT HE NEVER GOT OUT OF THE PLANE. MY PILOT WAS TOLD BY THE HUNGARIANS THAT HE BAILED OUT & LANDED IN THE DANUBE RIVER AND DROWNED.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: BRA TISLAVICA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

DEC. 6, 1944 WENT TO BRESCHAMMEN, GERMANY TWICE

MACP 10220

B-24

10 man crew

AAF # 42-50962

DATE: 8 Dec. 1944 at 1100

U S A ME 3511

PLACE: Area of Raab

2nd Lt.

MOSCHE, Melvin G.

O-827731

TYPE: Liberator

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DAVIS, James Russell

O-839838

778th (H.B.) Sqd.
464th Grp. 55th Wing

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WILLIS, Judson Marshall JR.

O-2064371

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HULLINAW, Charles Lee^o

O-703496

T/Sgt.

ROGERS, Charles Allen

39648971

Cpl.

SWYGARD, Gordon K.

37674558

TARGET: Transportation
Center Raab.

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GOGLER, Charles Bryan

14178451

"

ROHRY, Harold W.

30583363

"

GROOVER, JR. William Ellis

34826463

"

WILLIAMS, William Harold

37802733

KIA

SD Case No. 5657

ISU 2511

Downing of an aircraft, type unknown, on 6 Dec. 1944.

Name: SWYGDARD, Gordon K.
ASN: 37674558 T 43-44 O
Ruth H. Swygard
Birmingham, Ia.

Dead - KIA

Interred on 7 Dec. 1944 at the Cemetery in Alsavamos.

Report on capture of an aircraft
of the USAAF.

Casualty No.: ME 2511

Date and time aircraft was shot down: 6 December 1944 at 1140
 Place of crash: Area Raab
 Type of aircraft: Liberator
 Reporting Station: Prisoner of War Transit Center Raab

C R E W :

Name and first name, Date and place of birth:	Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Disposition Name of camp
DAVIS James Russell 5 Dec. 1921 & Cochoctan, Ohio	2nd Lt.	0-830828	captured	Dulag-Luft West
WILLIS Judson Marshall 20 March 1925 Dexter, Mo.	2nd Lt.	0-2064371	captured	as above
MOULIHAN Charles Lee 24 Aug. 1922	2nd Lt.	0-703496	captured	as above
WIGERS Charles Allen 1921 Okla.	T.Sgt.	39845771	captured	as above
COOGLER Charles Bryan 27 July 1925	Cpl.	14174451	captured	as above
ROEY Harold W. 13 Jan. 1923	Cpl.	39553363	captured	as above
GROOVER William Ellis 2 May 1922	Cpl.	34826463	captured	as above
WILLIAMS William Harold 16 Febr. 1924 Republic, Mo.	Cpl.	37502733	captured	as above

Casualty No. ME 2511

1. supplement from 26 Jan. 1945

ROSGER Malvin G. 2nd Lt. 0-827731 captured Dulag-Luft West

Dulag-luft on 21 December 1944.

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C R E W :

Name and first name, Date and place of birth:	Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Disposition Name of camp
DAVIS James Russell 5 Dec.1921 W Coshocton, Ohio	2nd Lt.	O-830825	captured	Dulag-Luft West
WILLIS Judson Marshall 20 March 1925 Dexter, Mo.	2nd Lt.	O-2064371	captured	as above
BOULINAH Charles Lee 24 Aug.1922	2nd Lt.	O-703498	captured	as above
ROGERS Charles Allen 1921 Okla.	T.Sgt.	39845971	captured	as above
GOOGLER Charles Bryan 27 July 1925	Cpl.	14178451	captured	as above
ROWEY Harold W. 13 Jan.1923	Cpl.	39553363	captured	as above
GROOVER William Ellis 2 May 1922	Cpl.	34526463	captured	as above
WILLIAMS William Harold 16 Febr.1924 Republic, Mo.	Cpl.	37502733	captured	as above

Casualty No. NE 2511

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ROSCHE Melvin G. 2nd Lt. O-827731 captured Dulag-Luft West

Dulag-Luft on 21 December 1944.

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Transportation of a member of a B-24 crew, shot down on 9 Dec. 1944
in the area of Gyoer.

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2nd Lt. Rosche, Melvin G. O-827731

Message:

Conceited

A perfect example of stubbornness; it appears as though the
out come of the war depends on him alone, on his heroic behavior.

MIA 6 Dec 44
POW 6 Dec 44
EUS

**Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschuß-Nr. M 2511

Abschußtag und Zeit: 6.12.44. 11.40.
 Abschlußort: Raum Raab
 Flugzeugtyp: Liberator
 Meldende Dienststelle: Krf. Weiterleitstelle Raab

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburts- und -ort:		Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
DAVIS 5.12.21.	James Russell Coshocton, Ohio.	2/Lt.	O-830828	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
WILLIS 20.3.25.	Judson Marshall Dexter, Mo.	2/Lt.	O-2064371	gef.	dito
NOULIHAN 24.8.22.	Charles Leo	2/Lt.	O-703498	gef.	dito
ROGERS 1921	Charles Allen Okla.	T/Sgt.	39845971	gef.	dito
COOSLER 27.7.25.	Charles Bryan	Cpl.	14178451	gef.	dito
NOBLEY 13.1.23.	Harold W.	Cpl.	39553363	gef.	dito
GROOVER 2.5.22.	William Ellis	Cpl.	34826463	gef.	dito
WILLIAMS 16.2.24.	William Harold Republic, Mo.	Cpl.	37502733	gef.	dito

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DULAG-LUFT, den 21.12.44. V.F.