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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 10221

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Pantanella AAB, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
Group 464th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 778th Bombardment Sq(H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Pantanella AAB, Italy Course Northeast
Target Devinska Nova Ves M/Y, Czechoslovakia 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° 10' N - 17° 05' E (Devinska Nova Ves, Czechoslovakia)
[b] Specify whether: [X] 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]
[X] Enemy aircraft, [] Enemy anti-aircraft, [] Other

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24-J AAF Serial Number
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT White -J

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-65A AAF Serial Number [a] BP 446966
[b] BP 447076 [c] BP 447165 [d] BP 446992

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] All Browning Cal .50
[a] Left Nose 1758827 [c] Left Ball 1272582 [i] Left Tail 1272711
[b] Right Nose 1750774 [f] Right Ball 1272397 [j] Right Tail 1469434
[c] Left Upper 1272323 [g] Left Waist 1282397 [k]
[d] Right Upper 1272298 [h] Right Waist 1282226 [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

Table with columns: CREW POSITION, FULL NAME [Last, first, initial], RANK, SERIAL NUMBER, CURREN STATUS, NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS. Lists crew members 1-10 including Stevens, Pace, Thomas, Crooker, Penman, Cavallo, Shonfield, Roslefske, McLaughlin, and Edwards.

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:

Table with columns: NAME IN FULL, RANK, SERIAL No., CONTACTED BY RADIO, SAW, FORCED SIGHTED, CRASH, LANDING. Lists William W. Skinner, Vincent P. Cerilli, and Raymond O. Ingalls.

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
[X] Parachutes were used. [] Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
[] Other reasons [specify]

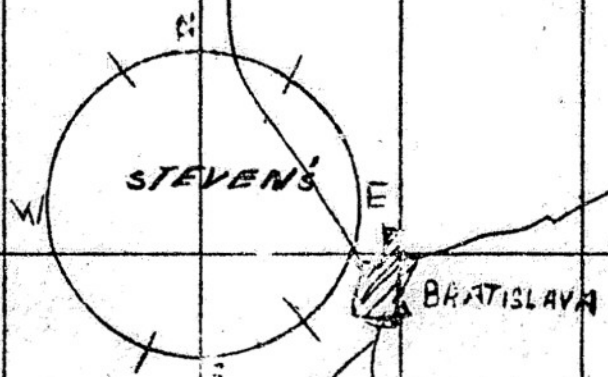
14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.
16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE. No search

4 Inclosures. Incl 1- sketch Date 9 December 1944
Incl 2-statement(Skinner)
Incl 3-statement(Cerilli)
Incl 4-statement(Ingalls)
Signature of preparing officer: CARL V. HARDY, Capt., AC Adjutant

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12-6-44
48°-18'-N
170-06'-E



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8 December 1944

S T A T E M E N T

I was Left Waist Gunner on Capt Steve's plane 6 December 1944. I saw 4 enemy fighters (ME109's) attack Lt Stevens' plane at 0600 level. Then No. 3 engine of Lt Stevens' plane caught fire and I saw 2 chutes come out of his plane, then the plane went into a dive and spun for about 1000 to 3000 feet, then I saw 2 more chutes leave the plane and then the plane exploded.

William W. Skinner

William W. Skinner
S Sgt 778th Bomb Sq(H)
18163597

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Incl 2'

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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. I saw 5 ME109's dive down at Lt Stevens' plane, I saw one of the enemy fighters firing from the wing-at Lt Stevens' plane, then levelling off and firing at the rest of the formation. I noticed that Lt Stevens plane was crippled and falling back of formation. I was busy firing when I lost track of Lt Stevens' plane. It was still firing when hit by enemy fighters.

Vincent P. Cerilli
Vincent P. Cerilli
Sgt 778th Bomb Sq(H)
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2nd. 3'

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8 December 1944

S T A T E M E N T

I was Tail Gunner On Capt Steve's plane 6 December 1944. We had made the bomb run and started the turn when ME 109's attacked us. The formation immediately closed up and in doing so left Lt Stevens' plane the last to move in. 4 ME 109's attacked Lt Stevens' plane at 5 O'clock high and broke away at 4:30 low in a stall out. Lt Stevens' plane stayed with us for about 20 seconds then lost air speed, No. 1 engine cut out and lost about 4000 feet turning to the left, at this point the tail, upper and right waist gunners were still firing. I saw 5 to 8 chutes leave the plane in delayed jumps. When Lt Stevens' plane broke formation 2 ME109's jumped it. This is the last I saw of the plane.

Raymond O. Ingalls
Raymond O. Ingalls
Sgt 778th Bomb Sq(H)
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Incl 4'

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2nd Lt. Thomas S. Thomas III	Doctor Thomas S. Thomas Jr., (father) 7 Alford Road Morristown, New Jersey
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Sgt. Howard Snowfield	Mr. John S. Snowfield (father) 134 Edgemore Road Lynn, Massachusetts
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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Robert M. Stevens Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-839096
2. Organization ^{13th A.F.} 4648th Cp Commander Schroder Rank Col Sqn CO _____ Rank Lt Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Dec. day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 6, target, Devinske Czech., target time, 1145, altitude, 18,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Few miles ^{EAST} south of 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". CO-PILOT & ASST ENG
BAILED THROUGH BOMB BAY A FEW SECONDS BEFORE I did. A FEW MILES EAST OF BRATISLAVA CZECH NO KNOWLEDGE OF OTHERS
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? BETWEEN TARGET AND TRNAVA
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. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Penman, Robert J.
 Rank: Sgt
 Serial number: 378224
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Engineer (Fighter): Engineer

FILE 10821

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge.

Where? _____

If not, why not? According to radio oper. He was still aboard without chute on when ship blew up. After throwing radio man out.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Presumed to be on way to fix superchargers which went out prior to attack.

Was he injured? No knowledge as to his condition.

Where was he when last seen? On board ship

Any hearsay information: See above, "according to" Also Navigator who was evader states he was near graves of Penman and Edwards.

Source: Lt. Thomas S. Thomas, Morristown N. J. (Navigator)
Sgt. A. J. Cavallo, (Radio Oper.)
 Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

If the radio man is correct in his statement, than I suppose Penman was killed in the ship, as it blew up while I (pilot) was going out through the bomb bay.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: Nov. 6, 1944-Florisdorf; Nov 7 Aibes;

Nov. 15 Linz; Nov. 18, Udine; Nov. 20, Blechhammer; Dec. 6, Devinska

One other with another pilot. Date unknown to me.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Stanfield, Howard File 10221
 Rank: Sgt
 Serial number: 110750
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on flight (Fighter)~~ Armed Gunner

Did he bail out? No information.

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? On board ship

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: Nov. 6, 1944, Florisdorf; Nov. 7, Aibes;

Nov. 15, Linz; Nov. 18, Udine; Nov. 20, Blechhammer; Dec. 6, Devinska

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Roslefske, Edward A/ File 10321
 Rank: Sgt
 Serial number: 92215073
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of B-24 Liberator: Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge of such.

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? On board ship

Any hearsay information: During Interigation in Trnava, Czech. A wallet and watch were exhibited to us. they belonged to Sgt. Roslefske Lt. W. A. Pace (Co-pilot), Lt. W. B. Crooker (Bomb) and Myself were the ones that witnessed this.

Source: _____

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

The fighters attacked our ship from 6 o'clock level so my supposition is that Roslefske was at least injured on the first pass.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Dates and destinations if possible: Nov. 6, ¹⁹⁴⁴ Florisdorf; Nov. 7, Aibes;

Nov. 15, Linz; Nov. 18, Udine; Nov. 20, Blechhammer; Dec. 6, Devinske

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Richards, Robert C.File 10221

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

375004Position: Crew (Bomber) of Flight (Fighter): CrewDid he bail out? Unknown.

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? On board ship

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6Dates and destinations if possible: Nov. 6, 1944, Florisdorf; Nov. 7, Aibes;Nov. 15, Linz; Nov. 18, Udine; Nov. 30, Blechhammer; Dec. 6, Devinske

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WILLIAM A. PACE Rank 2ND LT. Serial No. 0-825260
778 SQUAD.
2. Organization 464 B.G. Gp Commander COL. SCHROEDER Rank COL. Sqn CO POFF Rank LT. COL.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month DEC. day 6 did you go down?
(SLOVAKIA) MARSHALLING
4. What was the mission, BRATISLAVA, target, ~~1000~~ YARDS, target
time, ~~20,000-1200~~, altitude, 20,000' route scheduled, DIRECT,
FROM SO. ITALY, route flown SAME
NEAR MODJENICE, SLOVAKIA
5. Where were you when you left formation? ABOUT 5 MIN. S.E. OF RALLY
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". STEVENS, McLAUGHLIN
FROM BOMB BAY → BAILED OUT AFTER ME. CROOKER, THOMAS BAILED OUT
OF NOSE AT SAME TIME. CAVALLLO BLOWN FREE SHORT
AFTERWARD & LANDED SAFELY.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR MODJENICE, SLOVAKIA
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) GERMANS SAID 2
BUT WOULD NOT ALLOW ME TO SEE. PROBABLY SHONFIELD
& ROSLEFSKE.
11. Where were they in aircraft? NO KNOWLEDGE
12. What was their condition? DEAD (SAID GERMAN NON-COM)
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? No other knowledge.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. EVERYONE ACCOUNTED
FOR THAT I SAW, WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF
GUNNER OF LT. Mc DONALD'S CREW (464 GRP) WHO WE
LEFT IN HOSPITAL (GERMAN) AT PIESTANY. HE WAS BADLY
WOUNDED BUT MAY HAVE COME OUT O.K. - NEVER HAVE
HEARD.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Penman, Robert J.

File 10221

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

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

Engineer

Did he bail out? DONT KNOWWhere? NEAR MODJENICE (PROBABLE SPELLING) SLOVAKIA
CREW MEMBERIf not, why not? PROBABLY STAYED TO GIVE FIRST-AID TO ✓Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONEWas he injured? PROBABLY NOTWhere was he when last seen? IN WAIST COMPARTMENT.Any hearsay information: SGT. A. J. CAVALLO STATED THAT PENMAN
CAME TO HIS (CAVALLO'S) AID WHEN HE WAS WOUNDED &
GAVE HIM FIRST AID. PENMAN PUT CHUTE ON CAVALLO
& DID NOT PUT HIS OWN CHUTE ON. WHEN PLANE
BLEW UP- PENMAN DID NOT HAVE A CHUTE ON.Source: SGT. ANTHONY J. CAVALLO - RADIO OPERATORAny explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: BELIEVE HE
WAS BUSY FIRING AND LATER TOO BUSY HELPING
CAVALLO TO NOTICE CONDITION OF PLANE.Total number of missions of above crew member: 3 or 5Dates and destinations if possible: Nov. 1, 44 - No. ITALY - Nov. 16 - MUNI
DEC. 6, 44 BRATISLAVA ~~Nov.~~ DEC. 1, UDINE, ITALYALL DATES ARE APPROXIMATENote: - Radio and alarm bell inactive due to ~~loss~~
enemy fire - no contact with after part of ship.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Shonfield, Howard File 10221
 Rank: Sgt
 Serial number: 11037850
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ARMORER GUNNER~~ ARMORER GUNNER

Did he bail out? DONT KNOW

Where? NEAR MODJENICE (PROBABLE SPELLING) SLOVAKIA

If not, why not? PROBABLY DID NOT HEAR SIGNAL

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

Was he injured? PROBABLY NOT

Where was he when last seen? IN BALL TURRET

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

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

STAYED IN TURRET - SHIP BLEW UP BEFORE HE COULD GET OUT

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 4 or 5

Dates and destinations if possible: (APPROXIMATE) NOV. 1, NO. ITALY

NOV 16, MUNICH DEC 1. UDINE, ITALY DEC. 6. BRATISLAVA
1944

Note: Radio and alarm bell inactive due to enemy fire - no contact with crew in after part of ship.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Edward A

File 10001

Rank:

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Serial number:

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (Fighter): ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~Did he bail out? DON'T KNOWWhere? NEAR MODJENICE, SLOVAKIA (PROBABLE SPELLING)If not, why not? PROBABLY KILLED IN TURRETLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONEWas he injured? DON'T KNOW.Where was he when last seen? IN TURRET. (TAIL)Any hearsay information: LAST SEEN FIRING AT ATTACKING
PLANES WHICH WERE MAKING TAIL ATTACKSource: Sgt. ANTHONY J. CAVALLO.Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PROBABLY
KILLED IN TURRET - INTENSE FIRE DIRECTED AT
TAIL.Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 4 OR 5Dates and destinations if possible: (APPROXIMATE) NOV. 1, NO. ITALY
NOV. 16, MUNICH DEC. 1, UDINE, ITALY DEC. 6, BRATISLAVA
1944

Note: Radio and alarm bell inoperative due to enemy fire - no contact with crew in after part of ship.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Edwards, Robert C.File 10221

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter):Did he bail out? PROBABLY.Where? NEAR MODJENICE, SLOVAKIA (PROBABLE SPELLING)

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONEWas he injured? DON'T KNOW.Where was he when last seen? IN TURRET (NOSE)Any hearsay information: ONE MAN JUMPED - APPARENTLY FROM NOSE - BUT CHUTE CAUGHT FIRE & BURNED AT ABOUT 19,000 FT.Source: CPL. GROOVER - TAIL GUNNER (LT. ROSCHE'S CREW)
(WAYCROSS, GA.)Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: ~~BELE~~ BELIEVE EDWARDS JUMPED TOO LATE - CHUTE BURNED FROM FIRE IN PLANE.Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 4 OR 5Dates and destinations if possible: (APPROXIMATE) Nov. 1, NO. ITALY
Nov. 16, MUNICH DEC. 1, UDINE, ITALY DEC. 6, BRATISLAVA
1944.

Note: Radio and alarm bell inactive due to enemy fire - no contact with crew in nose of ship.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name THOMAS III, THOMAS S Rank 2 LIEUT Serial No. 0-2065105
778TH Sqn.
2. Organization 5AF Gp. Commander ? Rank COLT. COL. POFF Rank L.C.
464 Dem. Gp. (S) (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month DECEMBER day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, DEVINSKA NOVA Ves, target
time, 1115, altitude, 21500 route scheduled, ITALY -
YUGO-HUNGARY-SLOVAKIA route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? STRAGGLER
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? SOME
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".
CAVALLO RIO - BLOWN OUT WAIST WINDOW - SAVED BY PENMAN - ENGINEER
McCreeker Bomb. BAILED OUT NOSE WHEEL DOOR
McLAUGHLIN (ASST EN.G), PACE COPILOT, STEWENS PILOT - BAILED VIA BOMB BAY DOOR
4 OTHERS KIA.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? MALZENICE SLOVENSKO
10 MILES N.E. TRNAVA, SLOVAKIA
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) SLOVAKS FOUND
FOUR - 2 BURNED + 2 NOT BURNED - THIS INFORMATION
BY LETTER FROM SLOVAKS WHO HID ME
11. Where were they in aircraft? UNKNOWN - ONE UNDER PLANE - PROBABLY SEEN BY
12. What was their condition? 2 BURNED - 2 WHOLE
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I only saw the nose gunner R.C.
Edwards firing in turret and preparing to
leave ship on other turret and left via nose
wheel door. It is believed his chute caught fire
since squadron gunner said one member's chute caught
fire. He was most likely to get out of plane with bomb + not
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
JAMES C. MILLER 33711240 - RIGHT GRAVE ^{Cemetery}
OF MATTHEW T. FARROW 33705000 - LEFT GRAVE ^{near}
I believe these two gunners are buried side by side +
I believe they were down Dec 6 also. They are buried in
BUČANY, SLOVAKIA IN Slovakian Cemetery. A Catholic priest

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

give me this information. I personally
saw the graves of these two.

my crew: II Here also I got information that two
of my gunners were buried in Malzenice
Dlovakia, a village three kilometres distant.
I received Schonfeld's wallet. Penman
was listed also. I noted no others on the
death certificate possessed by the cemetery
keeper. The Russians refused to permit me
to go to this village to see the graves.
The other two casualties were not listed. This
may be significant since these two
probably were in the plane and were burned.
However this is my own supposition based on
word from letters received.

I recovered the wallet of Schonfeld here
with his picture on April 8TH 1945. This
also was surrendered by me in Caserta Italy to
Army authorities.

* LATEST DETAILS IN
LETTER HEREWITH.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **FENMAN, Robert J. #**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **33783854**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot/Navigator~~: **Engineer**

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN - DOUBTFUL - Last seen by R/O Cavallo

Where? as explosion occurred wearing no chute

If not, why not? not wearing chute, He aided Cavallo when wounded

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

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? In bomb bay at explosion

Any hearsay information: On our ammo was going off in

the bomb bay. R/O Cavallo can give better information

on Penman since it was he who aided Cavallo &

lost his life doing it. He was recommended by D.S.C.

but no word was ever received after that. [Atlanta City] ^{SEPT. 1945}

Source: R/O AJAMES CAVALLO

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

no idea of his fate other than his burial spot in

MALZENICE SLOVAKIA. A recent letter states

four are buried there. If true the following four men

are together entombed there.

Total number of missions of above crew member: I believe four

Dates and destinations if possible: Vienna - Nov. Rail yards

Bleckhamer Nov. 20 1944 Rail bridge Nov. in north Italy

munich Germany in Nov. A Capt kept him off flying status

for a few missions. I believe he made these flights.

L.A.C. INFORMATION IN LETTER

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SCHONFIELD, Howard ~~is~~
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 11037850
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot~~ (Pilot): AG

Did he bail out? Unknown but very doubtful in my mind

Where? -

If not, why not? Probably killed on first attack

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: my
last words were an invitation to all the crew for a drink in my tent

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? In Sperry Ball Turret

Any hearsay information: R/O Cavallo said his guns
never fired - many hits in bomb bay.

Burial place in Malženice Slovakia
about 8-10 miles northeast of Trnava Slovakia.

Source: Catholic Priest and a Cemetery Caretaker

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

one letter stated to me one crew member was
crushed under the plane with just his arm
reaching out. Since he was S. B. gunner it probably
was he.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 or 6

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as Penovan plus

Udine airbase in northern Italy

LATE INFORMATION IN LETTER OF 15 MARCH, 1991

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **ROSLEFSKE, Edward A.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **39215073**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot (Bomber)~~: **Gunner**

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? _____

If not, why not? Explosion of aircraft

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

personally. He shot fighters at 600 I believe.

Was he injured? Still firing when ship blew up

Where was he when last seen? In tail turret

Any hearsay information: _____

a letter I received said about four dead crew members. "A plane fell near the anomaly. Two were whole, third one was small, fourth was crushed under plane. Roslefska was number three - my opinion.

Source: Letter from: JUSTIN NADASKY SPACINCC CIR 278 SLOVENSKO
BRATISLAVSKA ZUPA

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

The above named person hid me for over three months. I gave him sufficient documentary evidence of this aid in my writing. Word received from him states the Prague Council said such evidence was insufficient. He deserves reward.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 I believe

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as others

VDINE RAIL BRIDGE ITALY

BLECHHAMMER VIENNA

MUNICH LAST DEJINSKA NOVA Ves near Bratislava

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10221

Name of crew member: EDWARDS, Robert C.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 37540047
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~: Gunner

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? 1750 BY NOSE WHEEL PAR

If not, why not? Explosion - no chute on

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: 1750

yelled me 109 high at one o'clock + fired.

Was he injured? I don't believe so

Where was he when last seen? In nose turret

Any hearsay information: Squadron gunners told crew

members in prison camp one of our men had had chute catch fire. I believe it was he.

Source: gunners who saw what happened

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as Roslefska

LATE INFORMATION IN LETTER

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William M. McLaughlin Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 33802386
2. Organization 4648 Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO 288 Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month DECEMBER day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 9, target, Brataskovia Czech. area, target time, 12:45, altitude, 26,000 Ft route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Before target (2 supper charyava out but make our run)
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES (some)
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". THE BOMB BAY DOORS WOULD NOT OPEN DUE TO HYDRAULIC SYSTEM SHOT OUT, I HAD TO FORCE THEM TO OPEN AND KICKED THE CO-PILOT OUT & FOLLOWED MYSELF. THE PILOT FOLLOWED
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? _____
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) UNKNOWN.
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? UNKNOWN
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? GROOVER (BOMBARDIER) OK. STEVENS (PILOT) CUT HAND BANDAGED FOR A FEW WEEKS. OTHERWISE OK. POPE (CO-PILOT) OK WHEN CAPTURED BY GERMANS.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. TAIL GUNNER OF ANOTHER SHIP IN OUR SQUADRON SAW A SHUTE FROM OUR PLANE OPEN AS SOON AS IT LEFT THE SHIP & WATCHED IT GO ON FIRE AND BURN IN THE AIR. HE WAS ALSO SHOT DOWN THAT DAY.
WILLIAM E. GROOVER
507 CRESSWELL AVE
WAY CROSS, GEORGIA.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? GETTING OUT OF TURRET (CROOKER)

Any hearsay information: BELIEVED TO HAVE SHOT DOWN ONE ENEMY
 FIGHTER REPORTED BY TAIL GUNNER OF ANOTHER CREW.
 WAS NOTIFIED TO BAIL OUT BY CROOKER & WAS OUT OF TURRET
 BUT DIDN'T HAVE CHUTE ON WHEN CROOKER & THOMAS
 STARTED TO BAIL OUT NOSE WHEEL POOL. (CROOKER)

Source: _____

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

COULD HAVE BEEN HIS CHUTE THAT BURNED IN AIR
 10 75th JUST INESS WORK. CHUTE REPORTED BY
 WILLIAM E. GROOVER - 507 GARDEN AVE.
 WAY CROSS, GEORGIA.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: Dec 6, 1944 Bratislava Area
 Czech

MACR 10221

B-24

10 man crew

AAF# 42-78682

U S A 8/1 ME 2510

DATE: 6 Dec. 1944 at 1100

PLACE: Malsenice, Slovakia

TYPE: Liberator

778(HSo) 464th Grp.

TARGET: HQ of airfield
E (v) 271/III

2ND Lt.	✓ PAGE, Arthur William	Cms	0-825260	.
"	✓ THOMAS, Thomas J.	1st Lt	0-206525	25
"	✓ CROCKER JR., William	Burgess	0-2051150	Cms
Sgt.	✓ PENNAN, Robert J.	Kia 12/6/44	33723854	dead
"		(buried On 6 Dec. 44, Malsenice)		
"	✓ CAVALLO, Anthony E.	(Hospit.)	11104116	Pmc
"	✓ McLAUGHLIN, William	"	33802385	Cms
"	✓ EDWARDS, Robert L.	Kia	32500047	Cms
"	✓ SHEPHERD, Howard	Kia 12/6/44	11037850	dead
"		(buried 11 Dec. 44 Malsenice)		
	✓ ROSLESYCKI, Edward	1st Lt	29215073	
2nd Lt.	✓ STEVENS, Max Robert	Cms	0-829096	.

6 Cms
3 KIA

10741
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not on list

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 Base-Headquarters I/271/III.

C R E W :

Name and first name, Date and place of birth:	Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Disposition: Name of camp
STEVENS Robert Max	2nd Lt.	0-829096	captured none	Dulag-luft West
PAGE William Arthur	2nd Lt.	0-825260	captured	Dulag-luft West
CRACKER William Burgess 2 July 1923 N.Y.	2nd Lt.	0-2061150	captured	Dulag-luft West
McLAUGHLIN William Michael	Sgt.	39802986	captured	Dulag-luft West

Dulag-luft on 11 January 1945.

*All over
 See Me 2510
 ID case 7400-1-99
 Spalding, California*

CASUALTY NO.

ESu-2510

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 6 Dec. 44 at 11:00
PLACE OF CRASH: At Kostolany/Slovakia
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:
REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 271/III

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Stevens
Max Robert

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 0-829 096 T43-44

CAPTURED: Kostolany, WOUNDED: DEAD:
Slovakia 6 Dec. 44 at 11:00
DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

ESU-2510

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 6 Dec. at 11:00

PLACE OF CRASH: At Malzenice, Slovakia

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 271/III at Piestyan
7 Dec. 44 at 17:55

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME:Pace,
Arthur William

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER:

O-825 280 T43-44 O.

CAPTURED: Malzenice/
Slovakia 6 Dec. 44 at 11:00

WOUNDED:

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 Malzenice, Slovakia

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 271/III at Pistryan
7 Dec. 44 at 18:00

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME: Crooker,
William Jr.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 0-206 1150

CAPTURED: Malzenice WOUNDED: DEAD:
Slovakia 6 Dec. 44 at 11:00
DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

CASUALTY NO.

KSU-2510

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 6 Dec. 44 at 11 O'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: At Malzenice/Slovakia

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 271 III

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME: Penzan,
Robert J.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

33 783 954 T43-44 OP

SERIAL NUMBER:

CAPTURED:

WOUNDED:

DEAD: recovered dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

Gen. at Malzenice/Slovakia on 8 Dec. 44

REMARKS:

CASUALTY NO.

KSU-2510

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

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

PLACE OF CRASH: Near Malsenice, Slovakia

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 271/III

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME: Cavallo,
Anthony C.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER: 11 104 118

CAPTURED:

WOUNDED: At Malsenice DEAD:
Slovakia 6 Dec. 44

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Field Hospital 609 Tyrnau

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 8 Dec. 44 at 11:00

PLACE OF CRASH: At Malzenice/Slovakia

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 271/III Piestyan
10 Dec. 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Howard,
Shonfield

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER: 11 037 850 T42-42

CAPTURED:

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

Gen. at Malzenice/Slovakia on 11 Dec. 44

REMARKS:

CASUALTY NO.
KSU- 2510

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

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

PLACE OF CRASH: Near Veresvar/Slovakia

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: NAir Base Command E (v) 271/III Piatyan
7 Dec. 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Mc Laughlin
William

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 33 802 385 T44-44

CAPTURED: Veresvar/Slov-UNCHANGED
skia 6 Dec 44 at 11:00

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

10-XII-44
10:30
LLEN

TELEGRAM

HVB-2510

S LOPN 24 9/12 0700

To Dulag Luft oberursel near Frankfurt/M

9 American P.W. (Air Force) were started to oberursel with escort on 9 Dec. 1 other prisoner in Field Hospital Tyrnau. 1 PW brought into Field Hospital at Pistyan 5 dead Prisoners were buried by the local commander at Pistyan. A written report will be sent with escort.

Air Base E (V) 271/III Pistyan, Slovakia

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

Abschuß-Nr. 102 2510

Abschußtag und Zeit: 6.12.44. 11.00.
 Abschlußort: Slovakei
 Flugzeugtyp: Liberator
 Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. H. Kdtr. E/271/III

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
STEVENS, Robert (ax	2/Lt.	O-829096	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
PAGE, William Arthur	2/Lt.	O-825260	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
CROOKER, William Burgess 2.7.23. N.Y.	2/Lt.	O-2061150	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
MCLAUGHLIN, William Michael	Sgt.	33802386	gef.	Dulag-Luft West

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By LEWIS (MDA) NARS, Date 9/12/83

Bemerkungen: YIPER-10221

DULAG-LUFT, den 11.1.45. v.S.