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by [REDACTED] Capt., AG  
Date [REDACTED]

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location Pantanelle, Italy Command or Air Force 15th Air Force  
 Group 464th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 777th Bombardment Sq (H)  
 2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Pantanelle Air Base, Italy Course Northeast  
 Target Lira Com. Installations, Austria Type of mission Bombing  
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Clear 20 miles visibility.

4. GIVE: [a] Date 20 Jan 45 Time 1236 Last known position Reischach, Germany  
 [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]  
 [ ] Enemy aircraft, [ ] Enemy anti-aircraft, [X] Other Mechanical Failure

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series PE-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-52070

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None  
 8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-65-A AAF Serial Number [a] CP-328020  
 [b] CP-327468 [c] CP-329189 [d] BP-136152

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number]

[a] <u>AW 1752774</u>	[e] <u>RW 1549023</u>	[i]
[b] <u>LW 1752827</u>	[f] <u>LW 1549175</u>	[j]
[c] <u>RI 1757988</u>	[g] <u>RT 1757750</u>	[k]
[d] <u>LW 1758011</u>	[h] <u>LT 1757965</u>	[l]

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: [X] Battle Casualty, [ ] Non Battle Casualty.

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers 0; Total 11  
 [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>LECHNER, AUGUST H. JR.</u> 1st Lt. 0-808434	<u>Frieda M. Lechner (Mother)</u> RFL#2, Box 117, Bound Brook, New Jersey <b>RTD</b>
✓ (2) CP	<u>PRITCHETT, HARRY E. JR.</u> 1st Lt. 0-520821	<u>Dr. Harry E. Pritchett (Father)</u> Forest Hills, Danville, Virginia <b>RTD</b>
✓ (3) NAV	<u>COSTELLO, JAMES J.</u> 1st Lt. 0-709297	<u>Jane E. Costello (Wife)</u> 3520 Jasper St., Phila, Pa. <b>RTD</b>
✓ (4) NAV	<u>POHL, JOSEPH B.</u> 2nd Lt. 0-2060578	<u>John F. Pohl (Father)</u> 701 Horner Street, Johnstown, Pa. <b>MIA</b>
✓ (5) BOMB	<u>BERGMAN, JEROME L.</u> 2nd Lt. 0-768924	<u>A. D. Bergman (Father)</u> 327 Kenilworth Memphis, Tenn. <b>MIA</b> <b>RTD</b>
✓ (6) EG	<u>O'DONERTY, JOHN E.</u> T/Sgt 11012078	<u>Mary E. O'Donerty (Mother)</u> 30 Willow St., Auburn, Mass. <b>MIA</b>
✓ (7) ROOF	<u>DARLEY, CLIFFORD A.</u> T/Sgt 35217784	<u>Millie Darley (Mother)</u> Kimholton, Ohio <b>MIA</b> <b>RTD</b>
✓ (8) AG	<u>CARTER, ROBERT L.</u> S/Sgt 37721814	<u>Joseph M. Carter (Father)</u> 2310 E. 44th St., Terrace, Kansas City, Mo. <b>MIA</b> <b>RTD</b>
✓ (9) EG	<u>SMELHAMMER, FRANKERICK R.</u> S/Sgt 33813778	<u>Mary A. Smelhammer (Mother)</u> 220 Railroad St., Tamaqua, Pa. <b>MIA</b>
✓ (10) EG	<u>WELLS, WILLIAM R.</u> S/Sgt 18092693	<u>Nellie Mae Wells (Mother)</u> 400-A East Bright St., Marshall, Texas <b>MIA</b> <b>RTD</b>
✓ (11) ARMG	<u>HARRIS, MELVIN C.</u> S/Sgt 20812389	<u>Bliss Harris (Mother)</u> 2028 So. Sculin Ave., Denison, Texas <b>RTD</b>
(12)		

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	FORCED CRASH	SAW LANDING
[1] <u>STORR, ROGER H.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>16077019</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.  
 [X] Other reasons [specify] Aircraft 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, aircraft last seen over enemy territory.

2. Inclosures.

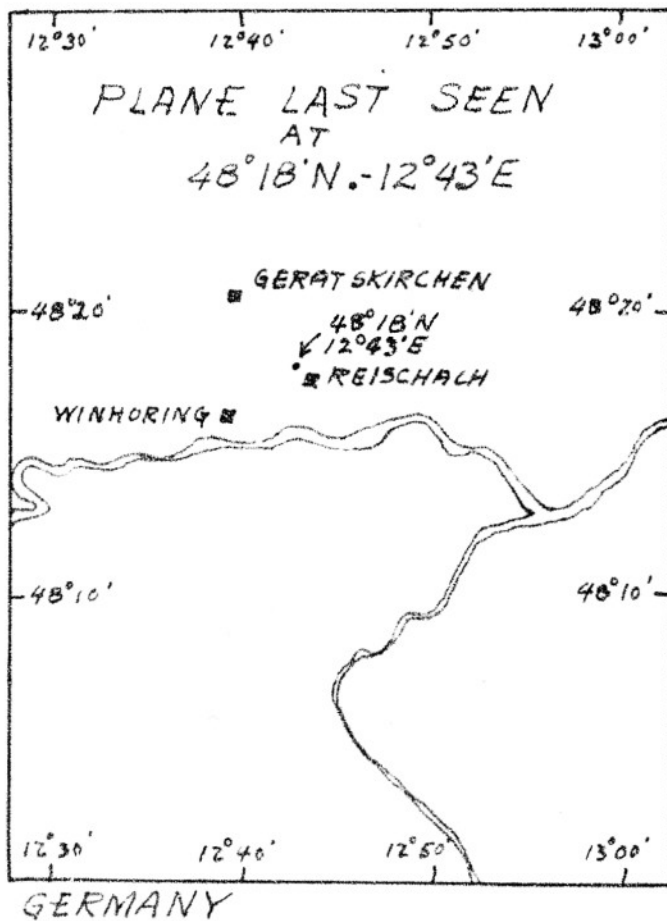
Incl 1. Location Sketch Date 22 January 1945  
 Incl 2. Statement Stor.

Signature of preparing officer

K. F. BOWEN  
 Capt., AC, A1J.

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 by P. W. BRENCH, Capt., AC  
 Date 01-15-1981  
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777TH BOMBARDMENT S. SQ. (H)  
APO 520 U.S. ARMY

22 January 1945

On 22 January 1945 we were on a bombing mission to Linz, Austria. I was flying in Yellow Queen position number 21, and Lieutenant Lechner was piloting Yellow Able, position number 12. Lieutenant Lechner appeared to be having trouble keeping abreast of the formation. Although all four engines were operative he seemed to lack power, dropping back to number 22 position. Unable to maintain formation speed he turned his aircraft to the right and started back to his base. We were about twenty (20) minutes prior to the IP, and flying at 26000 feet a fast time.

When last seen the aircraft was under control, the four engines appeared to be operative. I did not see any smoke or fire.

*Roger R. Storm*

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

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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name AUGUST H. LECHNER JR. Rank CAPT. Serial No. 0-808434
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander A.T. BIRD Rank COL Sqn CO W.B. MOORE Rank Lt. COL  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month JAN. day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 16th., target, LINZ AUSTRIA target time, UNKNOWN, altitude, ABOUT 25,000 route scheduled, UNKNOWN, route flown NOT AS BRIEFED DUE TO WEATHER
5. Where were you when you left formation? APPX. 48° N. Lat. 13° 45' E Long.
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". ENTIRE CREW BAILED OUT TOGETHER, BETWEEN TRIESTE & POLA
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? APPX. 1/2 MILE FROM WHERE I LANDED
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? EXCEPT FOR THE TWO CREW MEMBERS WHO ALSO EVAPORATED THE ENEMY I LAST SAW CREW ON THEIR WAY DOWN IN THEIR CHUTES.
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 File # 11388

Name of crew member: POHL, Joseph B.  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 0-2060578  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and flight instructor~~: Navigator.

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR TRIESTE ITALY

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

NO KNOWLEDGE OF CONVERSATION WITH OTHER CREW MEMBERS

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE, BEFORE BAILING OUT

Where was he when last seen? NEAR TRIESTE

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

I WAS INFORMED BY CIVILIANS IN LOCALITY THAT  
SEVERAL OF MY CREW MEMBERS WERE INJURED

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

HIS PRESENT RESIDENCE IS:  
634 COLEMAN AVE, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11388

Name of crew member: O'DOHERY, John E.  
 Rank: T/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 11018078  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~: Engineer.

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR TRIESTE ITALY

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

NO KNOWLEDGE OF CONVERSATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF MY CREW

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE, BEFORE BAILING OUT.

Where was he when last seen? NEAR TRIESTE

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

I WAS INFORMED BY CIVILIANS IN LOCALITY THAT  
 SEVERAL OF MY CREW MEMBERS WERE INJURED

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

~~HE IS AT PRESENT RESIDING AT~~

HIS PRESENT RESIDENCE IS 30 WILLOW ST.

WOBURN MASS.

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11388

Name of crew member: SHELLHAMMER, Frederick R.  
 Rank: S/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 33023778  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flight (Fighter)~~: EG

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR TRIESTE ITALY

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

NO KNOWLEDGE OF CONVERSATION WITH OTHER CREW  
MEMBERS

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE, BEFORE BAILING OUT.

Where was he when last seen? NEAR TRIESTE

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

I WAS INFORMED BY CIVILIANS IN LOCALITY THAT  
SEVERAL OF MY CREW MEMBERS WERE INJURED

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

HIS PRESENT RESIDENCE IS:  
1718 N. FRANKLIN ST., PHILA. (22) PA.

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name PRITCHETT, HARRY W. JR Rank 1st LT Serial No. 0-820821
2. Organization 4848 Gp Commander SCHROEDER Rank COL Sqn COWG. MOORE Rank LT. COL.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month JAN day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, \_\_\_\_\_, target, LINZ, target  
time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, 28,000 FT route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? REICHSTADT # \_\_\_\_\_
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". THE WHOLE CREW WENT OUT ABOUT 30 MILES NORTH OF POLA, ITALY
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? SAME LOCATION AS 8
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? IN THE SHIP. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN ANY WAY
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)

OVER

The Italian partisan who kept me said  
the Germans captured eight men of our crew.  
The other three of us came back to Italy  
together.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 11388

Name of crew member: **P O H L, Joseph E.**  
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
 Serial number: **O-2060578**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flight (Fighter)~~ **Navigator.**

Did he bail out? YES

Where? 30 MILES NORTH OF POLA ITALY

If not, why not? —

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

JUMPED IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF ME

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN THE AIR IN HIS CHUTE

Any hearsay information: TAKEN PRISONER

Source: PARTISAN

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: —

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE - File # 11388

Name of crew member: O'DOHERTY, John E.  
 Rank: T/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 11018078  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flight (Engineer)~~: Engineer.

Did he bail out? YES

Where? 30 MILES NORTH OF POLA, ITALY

If not, why not? ---

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

HIM TO JUMP AND SAW HIM DO SO

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN HIS CHUTE WHICH WAS OPENED

Any hearsay information: HE WAS TAKEN PRISONER

Source: ITALIAN PARTISAN

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

MY MOTHER RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HIS  
FOLKS SAYING HE WAS CAPTURED AND ANOTHER  
LETTER LATER SAYING THIS MAN HAD BEEN  
LIBERATED AND WAS WAITING TRANSPORTATION HOME

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: ---

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE . File # 11388

Name of crew member: SMELLHAMMER, Frederick R.  
 Rank: S/SGT.  
 Serial number: 3523778  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of Flight (Fighter): EG

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ~~PO~~ 30 MILES NORTH OF POLA ITALY

If not, why not? ---

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

IMMEDIATELY BEFORE JUMPING

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? ---

Any hearsay information: TAKEN PRISONER

Source: PARTISAN

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: ---

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Jerome L. Bearman Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-768924
2. Organization 464 BGGp Commander Schroeder Rank Col. Sqn CO Moore Rank Lt. Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month January day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Linz, Austria, target  
time, 1240, altitude, 26,000 route scheduled, unknown  
, route flown don't remember
5. Where were you when you left formation? southern Germany
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".  
the entire crew bailed out in order at the same time, or within a few seconds
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? near Pisina, Italy
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? I counted 11 chutes, thereby accounting for everyone on board. However, the pilot, Lt. Lechner, the co-pilot, Lt. ?, and the tail-gunner, were not taken prisoner. No one was wounded when we were in flight.
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 File # 11388

Name of crew member: P O H L, Joseph B.  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 0-2060578  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Navigator)~~ Navigator.

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Pisina, Italy

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

bail out

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? German POW camp

Any hearsay information: no

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: no knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 11388

Name of crew member: O'DOHERTY, John E.  
 Rank: T/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 11018078  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and flight engineer (navigator)~~: Engineer.

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Pisina, Italy

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

bail out

Was he injured? he was wounded by German soldiers firing at us from the ground with rifles as we were coming down in our chutes.

Where was he when last seen? he was taken prisoner with us

Any hearsay information: no

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: no knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11388

Name of crew member: SHILLHAMER, Frederick R.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 33623778  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~ (Fighter): Eg.

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Pisina, Italy

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

bail-out

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? German POW

Any hearsay information: no

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: no knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name CLIFFORD ALLEN ODINLEY Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 35217784
2. Organization 464 B. GP. 777 B. GP. Up Commander UNKNOWN SHROEDER Rank W/Cd. Sqn CO UNKNOWN MOORE Rank Lt Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month JANUARY day 20 did you go down?  
8-500 LB BOMBS
4. What was the mission, P.P.F. Bombing, target, Linz, Austria, target time, UNKNOWN, altitude, 2200-2300, route scheduled FROM PANTENELLA  
to turn point on ADRIATIC (WEST OF BARI, ITALY) STRAIGHT UP  
ADRIATIC SEA TO TARGET.
5. Where were you when you left formation? SOME FORTY ODD MINUTES 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". EVERY ONE BAILED OUT  
AS PROCEDURE CALLS FOR - NO FAILURES ON  
PARACHUTES.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? ABOUT 8/10 K/M. FROM PISSINO, ITALY
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. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11388

Name of crew member: O'DOHERY, John E.  
 Rank: T/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 11018078  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~: Engineer.

Did he bail out? YES

Where? 8 to 10 KLM. from Pissino, Italy

If not, why not? —

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

— UNKNOWN —

Was he injured? YES — SHOT WHILE IN PARACHUTE, THREE TIMES Hit

Where was he when last seen? PRISON CAMP, MOOSEBURG, AUSTRIA.

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: 16

Dates and destinations if possible: — UNKNOWN —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 11388

Name of crew member: SHELLHAMMER, Frederick, R.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 33623778  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flightman (Flightman)~~: EG.

Did he bail out? YES  
Where? 8 to 10 KLM. FROM PISSINO, Italy (Direction UNKNOWN)  
If not, why not? -

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

Was he injured? No  
Where was he when last seen? PRISON CAMP AT MOOSEBURG, AUSTRIA.

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: 15

Dates and destinations if possible: - UNKNOWN

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Carter, Robert, L. Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 37721814
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander Schroeder Rank Col. Sqn CO Moore Rank Lt. Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month Jan day 20th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Linz, Austria, target, oil refinery, marsh, landing yards, target  
time, 12:30, altitude, 28,000 route scheduled, up Adriatic  
over Alps, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? when target was reached
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". Lechner (Pilot)  
Pritchard (Co-Pilot) Hergrove (tail gunner). all three  
escaped & returned to base. Did not see them after I bailed out.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 30 kilometers S.E. of Trieste, Italy
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? \_\_\_\_\_ x
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_ x
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Danley (radio operator) last seen at  
Moosbrug, Germany. Condition: Gen Physical, leg  
Welp (Steward) injured leg when he hit ground.  
Last seen when liberated at Moosbrug. Still limping.  
Costello (navigator) last seen Moosbrug, Germany. Gen Physical  
condition bad. Bergman (Bombardier) injured leg when he  
hit ground. Duley, Capt. C. Wetzler, Germany P.O.W.
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

File # 11388

Name of crew member: P O H L, Joseph B.,  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-2060578  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on flight (Eighth)~~: Navigator.

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Trieste, Northern Italy

If not, why not? X

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

Less than 5 minutes before bailing out.

Was he injured? Believe he suffered injury when he hit the ground.

Where was he when last seen? Dulag Luft, Wetzlar, Germany P.O.W.

Any other information: \_\_\_\_\_

Wish him when captured

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: Lang Austria Jan 20/45

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11338

Name of crew member: O'DOHERY, John E.  
 Rank: T/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 11013073  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Engineer.

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Trieste northern Italy

If not, why not? X

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

15 min before leaving ship

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? Moosburg, Germany P.O.W.

True facts  
~~Any other information:~~ shot three times, once through the lung & twice through the arm. I witnessed this.

~~Reason:~~ German soldier shot him in his chute.

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

Liberated at Moosburg, Germany. I also was liberated at same time.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 22

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug. (2) Austria, Munich, (2) Budapest,

Verona, Athens, Cassinium, Poland, Vienna, Magendorf, Austria,

Graz, Salzburg, Can not remember rest.

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 11363

Name of crew member: SHELLHAMER, Frederick, R.  
 Rank: S/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 33623778  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~: EG.

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Frieste, Italy (Northern)

If not, why not? X

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

5 min

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? Muerenburg, Germany P.O.W.

Some facts.  
~~Any necessary information:~~ Taken sick & put on hospital  
train at Muerenburg, Germany. Last time  
I seen him.

Fate  
~~any necessary information:~~ unknown (Germans took him away)

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 22

Dates and destinations if possible: ling<sup>(31)</sup> Austria, Munich<sup>(21)</sup>, Budapest,  
Verona, Athens, Casimir, Poland; Vienna, Klagenfurt, Austria  
Graz, Salzburg, cannot remember rest

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William A. Wells Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 36655233
2. Organization 96th Bomb Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Col. Sqn CO S. Topor Rank Capt.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 9th, target, Osnobruk, Germ., target  
time, approx 1 PM, altitude, 2500 ft. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Osnobruk, Germ.
6. Did you bail out? No.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No.
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". None of the men on the attached questionnaire were on my crew nor did I meet any of them in prison life.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Appledorn, Holland
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Complete Crew -  
L. R. Warden, Pilot - S. Wells, Nav - H. Bonkat, Bomb - P. Blackburn, Co. Pilot - R. Snyder  
Cox - R. Jones, Radio - K. Hestiby, Waist - D. Hrusel, Ball
11. Where were they in aircraft? Yes.
12. What was their condition? Alive
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Appledorn, Holland - No serious injuries
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)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MELVIN C. HARGROVE Rank S/SGT Serial No. 20B12389
2. Organization 464 BG Gp Commande. Schroeder Rank Col Sqn CO William Moor Rank Lt Col  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month January day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, (15) Linz, Austria target, Armament Factories, target time, App. 1:30 PM, altitude, Briefed Alt 24000 route scheduled, Up the Adriatic over the Udine area route flown Alt flown 29000  
As Briefed
5. Where were you when you left formation? At the I.P. that was briefed
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 bailed out immediately before the crash. August H. Lechner Jr., James J. Costello, Harry W. Pritchett Jr., Clifford A. Danley all jumped from front bomb-bays. Jerome L. Bearman from rear bomb-bay. William R. Wells, Robert L. Carter & myself (Melvin C. Hargrove) all jumped from the rear camera hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? On the side of a mountain, approximately twenty miles north east of Pola, Italy
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? All men who were captured were last seen coming down in their parachutes. August H. Lechner, Harry W. Pritchett, & myself were contacted by a civilian Partisan who kept us hid for four days, at which time we were able to get through the German sentry post at night. They guided us across country till we reached a British Agent who had a C-47 flown in after us. We arrived back in Allied country February 13, 1945.
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 # 11388

Name of crew member: P O H L, Joseph B.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-2060578  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~: Navigator.

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Approximately twenty (20) miles north east of Pola, Italy

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Discussed our  
general location

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Leaving the plane

Any hearsay information: Partisan information given to me was that: The Germans  
had captured seven (7) of the crew. One of the captured men had a broken leg, another  
had been shot in the shoulder before reaching the ground. Three (3) of us were in  
Partisan hands. This left one man unaccounted for at the time I left the bail out  
area. After returning to my Group I heard through their relatives that all were  
prisoners of war.

Source: Yugoslavia Partisans

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

That he was a prisoner of war

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11388

Name of crew member: O'DOHERTY  
 Rank: T/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 11018078  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter):~~ Engineer.

Did he bail out? YES

Where? APPROXIMATELY THIRTY (30) MILES NORTH EAST OF POLA, ITALY

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He asked that the gunners not use the turret power no more than necessary since the generators had quit working and the interphone was going dead

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? LEAVING THE PLANE THROUGH THE FRONT BOMB - BAY

Any hearsay information: Partisan information given to me was that: The Germans had captured seven (7) of the crew. One of the captured men had a broken leg, another had been shot in the shoulder before reaching the ground. Three (3) of us were in Partisan hands. This left one man unaccounted for at the time I left the bail out area, which was four (4) days later. After returning to my Group I heard through their relatives that all were prisoners of War.

Source: YUGOSLAVIA PARTISANS

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

THAT HE WAS A PRISONER OF WAR

Total number of missions of above crew member: FIFTEEN(15)

Dates and destinations if possible: Sept 1, 1944, Szabol, Hungary; Sept 2, Supocer, Yugo. Sept 5, Szab, Hungary; Sept 13, Covesium, Poland; Sept 17, Budapest, Hungary; Sept 20, Hatvan, Hungary; Sept 24, Saramago, Greece; Oct 4, Munich, Austria; Nov 3, Munich, Austria; Nov 6, Vienna, Austria; Nov 15, Linz, Austria; Dec 11, Vienna, Austria Dec 17, Maribor, Yugo.; Jan 8 Klagenfurt, Austria; Jan 20, Linz, Austria.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11388

Name of crew member: S H E L L H A M M E R, Frederick R.  
 Rank: S/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 33823778  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flight instructor~~: EG

Did he bail out? YES

Where? APPROXIMATELY TWENTY (20) MILES NORTH EAST OF POLA, ITALY

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

WAS ASSISTING HIM IN THROWING AMMUNITION AND OTHER LOOSE AND HEAVY ITEMS FROM THE WAIST OF THE PLANE

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? LEAVING THE PLANE THROUGH THE REAR BOMB-BAY

Any hearsay information: Partisan information given to me was that: The Germans had captured seven (7) of the crew. One of the captured men had a broken leg, another had been shot in the shoulder before reaching the ground. Three (3) of us were in Partisan hands. This left one man unaccounted for at the time I left the bail out area, which was four (4) days later. After returning to my Group I heard through their relatives that all were prisoners of War.

Source: YUGOSLAVIA PARTISANS

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

THAT HE WAS A PRISONER OF WAR

Total number of missions of above crew member: FIFTEEN (15)

Dates and destinations if possible: Sept 1, 1944; Szabol, Hungary; Sept 2, Sapovar, Yugo.; Sept 5, Szab, Hungary; Sept 13, Osevoium, Poland; Sept 17, Budapest, Hungary; Sept 20, Hatvan, Hungary; Sept 24, Szarango, Greece; Oct 4, Munich, Austria; Nov 3, Munich, Austria; Nov 6, Vienna, Austria; Nov 15, Linz, Austria; Dec 11, Vienna, Austria; Dec 27, Maribor, Yugo.; Jan 8, Klagenfurt, Austria; Jan 20, Linz, Austria

Place: North north east of  
Bogliuno/Istria

20 Jan. 1945, 12.15 h.

ME 2744

Liberator  
777 H.B. Sqd., 464 Gr.  
55 Wing  
Air Base: Pantanella  
Target: A.B. Basaldella

1st Lt.	LECHNER	.	.
1st Lt.	Robert Armin HEROLD	0-708036	capt.
1st Lt.	PRITTSCHARD	.	.
1st Lt.	CASTELLO James Joseph	0-709297	capt.
2nd Lt.	POHL Joseph Bernard	0-2060578	"
2nd Lt.	BEARMAN Jerome Lionel	0-768924	"
T/Sgt	O'DOUGHERY	.	Hospi.
T/Sgt	DANLEY Clifford Allen	35217784	capt.
S/Sgt	SHELLHAMMER Frederick	Richard 33623778	"
S/Sgt	WELLS William Euland	18098693	"
S/Sgt	CARTER Robert Lee	37721814	"

MACR NO.  
11376

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS DOWN

20 Jan 45

CASUALTY NO. ME 2744

PLACE OF CRASH

Bogliuno, Istria

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE

Airbase HQ Basaldella

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
BEAFMAN Jerome Lionel Memphis, Tenn.	2nd Lt	O-768924	captured	Dulag-Luft West
COSTELLO 19 Aug 19 James Joseph Phila.	1st Lt	O-709297	"	"
FOHL 19 Oct 19 Joseph Bernard	2nd Lt	O-2060578	"	"
HEROLD Robert Armin	1st Lt	O-708036	"	"
WELLS 10 May 23 William Richard La.	S/Sgt	18098693	"	"
SHELLHAMMER 11 Feb 11 Frederick Richard Pa.	S/Sgt	33623778	"	"
DANLEY 1925 Clifford Allen Cambridge, Ohio	T/Sgt	35217784	"	"
CARTER 1 Aug 25 Robert Lee Nebr.	S/Sgt	37721814	"	"
O'DOUGHTY	T/Sgt		wounded	Hospital

REMARKS:

Dulag-Luft, 19 Feb 45 Wo.

237 Inf. Division Ic

Quarters, on 22 - Jan. - 1945

SUBJECT: Downing of a four engined American bomber on 20 - Jan - 45 at 1420,  
1Km. North of Boylivno

TO COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE GERMAN AIRFORCE IN ITALY

Enclosed a photographic copy of a map will be sent on which is to be found the flight route of the plane downed on 20 - Jan. - 45

Illeg.  
Captain

1- Enclosure

The four engined bomber (Liberator)  
Downed to crash and fire in Istrien (OO-2b). 8 Men of the crew were captured and transferred to the Airbase Command 5/ VII Pordenone

Order of the 4 engined , on the 20 Jan. 45 400 4 engined with 200 fighters

TARGETS: Linz, Nitrogen plants, Herman Goering - Plants Freightstation, Salzburg  
Rail installations  
Regensburg, Oil port, - Industry - Barracks. Strafing assault of the accompanying fighters on the Airfields Lechfeld and Ingolstadt.

Side point South

9. Febr. 45

Reference to: This days report to 1st.Lt. Petri on 4. Febr. 45

to EVALUATION POINT WEST OBERURSEL: The above mentioned report will be sent later if above mentioned report is of any interest for the offensive section for the history of the squadron.

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## STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: **Restricted** DISTRIBUTOR: **Draft copy**  
**Commanding General, 1c**  
**Flight Command, 1c**  
**Evaluation Center West**

OFFICE OR STATION: **Airbase HQ E (v) 213/VII**

LOCATION: **Basaldella/Udine on 25 Jan 45** OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED )  
 EMERGENCY LANDINGS ) **4-engined** DATE AND TIME: **20 Jan 45 (time not reported)**  
 CRASH : **by antiaircraft**

AT: HEAR: **northnortheast of Bogliuno (Istria)**

## PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME ) **COSTELLO** Year of birth: **1919**  
 LAST NAME )  
 FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME ) **James Joseph** Last residence before war:  
 GIVEN NAME ) **3520 Jasper-Street**  
**Philadelphia, Pa.**

RANK: **1st Lt**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL **0-709297**  
 SERVICE

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
 DATE OF CAPTURE: **20 Jan 45**  
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: **same place**  
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:  
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:  
 CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:  
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD  
 ASCERTAINED?

**Emergency parachuting**

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:  
 GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE  
 G.F.P. OR S.O., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY  
 PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:  
 DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
 PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: **1 wounded (Hospital), remaining 7 crew members captured together**  
 (ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

**signed: Granier**  
**Lt. Colonel and airbase**  
**commander**

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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OFFICE OR STATION: Airbase HQ E(v) 213/VII

LOCATION: Basaldella/Udine on 25 Jan 45

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED )  
EMERGENCY LANDINGS ) 4-eng ned DATE AND TIME: 20 Jan 45 (time not reported)  
CRASH ) by antiaircraft

AT: HEAR: northnortheast of Bogliuno (Istria)

## PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME ) POHL Year of birth: 1919  
LAST NAME )  
CHRISTIAN NAME ) Joseph Bernhard Last residence before war:  
FIRST NAME: GIVEN NAME ) 701 Horner-Street  
Johnstown, Pa.

RANK: Lt

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 0-2060578  
SERVICE

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
DATE OF CAPTURE: 20 Jan 45  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: same place  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:  
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:  
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

Emergency parachuting

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:  
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD  
ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:  
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE  
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY  
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:  
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: 1 wounded (Hospital), remaining 7 crew members captured together.

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

signed: Granier  
Colonel and airbase  
commander

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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OFFICE OR STATION: Airbase HQ E (v) 213/VII Evaluation Center West  
Draft copy  
LOCATION: Basaldella/Udine on 23 Jan 45 OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED )  
EMERGENCY LANDINGS) 4-engined DATE AND TIME: 20 Jan 45 (time not  
CRASH ) by antiaircraft ~~reported~~ reported)

AT: NEAR: North-northeast of Rogliane (Istria)

## PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME ) BEARMAN Year of birth: 1922  
LAST NAME )  
FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME ) Jerome Lionel Last residence before war:  
GIVEN NAME ) 327 Kenilworth  
Memphis/Tenn.

RANK: Lt

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 0-768924  
SERVICE

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
DATE OF CAPTURE: 20 Jan 45  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: same place  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:  
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:  
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:  
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD  
ASCERTAINED?

Emergency parachuting

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:  
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE  
G.F.P. OR S.O., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY  
PAYORAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:  
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: 1 wounded (Hospital), remaining 7 crew members captured together  
(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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Colonel and airbase  
commander

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OFFICE OR STATION: Airbase HQ E (v) 213/VII Evaluation Center West  
Draft  
LOCATION: Basaldella-Udine on 25 Jan 45 OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED )  
EMERGENCY LANDINGS) 4-engined DATE AND TIME: 20 Jan 45 (time not reported)  
CRASH )

AT: HEAR: northnortheast of Bogliano (Istria)

## PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME ) DANLEY Year of birth: 1925  
LAST NAME )  
FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME ) Clifford Allan Last residence before war:  
GIVEN NAME ) Box 15  
Kimbolton/Ohio

RANK: E/Sgt

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 35217784  
SERVICE

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE: bailed out STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:  
DATE OF CAPTURE: 20 Jan 45 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: see above CONDITION OF BODY:  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:  
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD  
ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:  
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE  
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY  
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:  
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: 1 wounded (Hospital), remaining 7 crew members captured together.

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

signed: Granier  
Colonel and airbase  
Commander

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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Flight Command 5/VII, Ic  
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LOCATION: Basaldella/Udine on 25 Jan 45

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED )  
EMERGENCY LANDINGS) 4-engined      DATE AND TIME: 20 Jan 45 (time not reported)  
CRASH )

AT:      NEAR: northnortheast of Bogliuno (Istria)

## PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )      CARTER      Year of birth: 1925  
LAST NAME )  
FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )      Robert Lee      Last residence before war:  
GIVEN NAME )      2310 East 48 Terrace  
Kansas-City, Missouri

RANK: S/Sgt

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL      37721814  
SERVICE

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
DATE OF CAPTURE: 20 Jan 45  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: same place  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:  
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:  
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

Emergency parachuting

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:  
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD  
ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:  
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE  
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY  
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:  
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: 1 wounded (Hospital), remaining 7 crew members in capture.  
(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

signed: Granier  
Colonel and airbase  
commander

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## STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

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OFFICE OR STATION: Airbase HQ E (v) 213/VII

LOCATION: Basaldella/Udine on 25 Jan 45

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED )  
EMERGENCY LANDINGS ) 4-engined DATE AND TIME: 20 Jan 45 (time not reported)  
CRASH ) by anti-aircraft

AT: NEAR: northnortheast of Bogliuno

## PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
LAST NAME )

SHELLHAMMER

Year of birth: 1911

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
GIVEN NAME )

Frederick Richard

Last residence before war:  
220 Rail-Road  
Tamaqua, Pa.

RANK: s/Sgt

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 33623778  
SERVICE

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 20 Jan 45  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: same place  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:  
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

Emergency parachuting

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:  
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD  
ASCERTAINED?DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:  
GRAVE LOCATION:POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE  
G. F. P. OR S. D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY  
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:

DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: 1 wounded (Hospital), remaining 7 crew members captured together.

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

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FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
 LAST NAME )

WELLS

Year of birth: 1923

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)  
 GIVEN NAME

William Richard

Last residence before war:  
 400a East Wright-Street  
 Marshall/Texas

RANK:

S/Sgt

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

SERIAL

SERIAL 18098693

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<u>NAME OF CAPTURED</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PLACE OF RESIDENCE BEFORE THE WAR</u>
Costello, James Joseph	1919	1st Lt.	3520 Jasper St., Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.
Identif. Tag O-709 297			

Place and exact time of downing: M. E. Bogliano (Istria) 20 January 1945  
(Time of day not reported)

Place and exact time of capture: About 20 January 1945

Further date on capture: Parachuted

Type of plane: 4 Motor

Whereabouts of the crew: One wounded (Hospital) the other seven locked up in  
a prison camp.

Colonel of the Command

ME-KSU-2744

Post: Air Force Base Command E (V) 213/VII

Place: Basaldella/Udine

Date: 25 January 1945

Name of Captured:	Born:	Rank:	Place of Residence before the War
Bearman, Jerome Lionel	1922	Lt.	327 Kenilworth, Memphis, Tenn. U.S.A.

Identification Tag: O-768 924

Place and exact time of downing: N. E. Bogliuno (Istria)

How downed: Anti-Aircraft 20 January 1945 (Time of day not reported)

Further date on capture: Parachuted

Type of plane: 4 Motor

Whereabouts of the crew: One wounded (Hospital) and the other seven locked up in a prison camp.

Colonel of the Command.

Post: Air Force Command E (V) 218/VII  
 Place: Bassidella/Udine  
 Date: 25 January 1945

<u>NAME OF CAPTURED</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>RESIDENCE BEFORE THE WAR</u>
Carter, Robert Lee Serial No. 37 721 81	1925	S/Sgt	2310 E. 48th St., Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri; U.S.A.

Place and exact time of downing:

Shot down through pursuit or flak - N. E. Bogliano (Istria)  
 (Istria) 20 January 1945 (time of day not reported)

Place and exact time of capture: About 20 January 1945

Further date on Capture:

Crash?      Emergency landing?      Parachuted?      Parachuted

Type of plane: (Marking on)      4 - Motor

Whereabouts of the crew: One wounded (Hospital), the other seven locked up in a  
 prison camp.

Colonel of the Command.

Post: Air Force Base Command E (V) 213/VII

Place: Basaldella/Udine

Date: 25 January 1945

Name:	Birth:	Rank:	Residence before the War
Shellhammer, Fredrick Richard	1911	S/Sgt.	220 Railroad, Yonahqua, Pa., U.S.A.

Identification Tag: 33 625 778

Place and exact time of downing: N. E. Bogliuno (Istria)

How downed: Antiaircraft 20 January 1945 (Time of day not reported)

Further date on capture: Parachuted

Type of plane: 4 Motor

Whereabouts of crew: One wounded (Hospital) the other seven locked up in a prison camp.

Post: Air Force Base Command E (V) 213/VII

Place: Basaldella/Udine

Time: 25 January 1945

Name:	Birth:	Rank:	Residence before the War:
Wells, William Richard	1923	S/Sgt.	4001 East Wright St., Marshall, Texas U.S.A.
Identification Tag: 18 098 693			

Place and exact time of downing: N. E. Bogliano (Istria)

How shot down: Anti-aircraft 20 January 1945

Further date on capture: Parachuted

Type of plane: 4 Motor

Whereabouts of the crew: One wounded (Hospital) the other seven locked up in a prison camp.

Receipt Certificates and return to L-40 368 - Camp Post Office, Munich 2

TRANSFER - CONFIRMATION

Through Evaluation Station, West Oberursel/Taunus were transferred from  
Air Force Base Command R (V) 213/VII

1. Package
1. Letter
2. Certificates from Medical Officer
1. Memo of Prisoner of War
10. Prisoners

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:</u>	
Brock	37 246 736	
Armstrong	0-823 231	
Lord	11 051 651	
Bearman	0-768 924	
Costello	0-709 297	
Hells	18 080 693	
Carter	37 721 814	KSU-2744
Danley	35 217 784	
Shellhammer	33 623 778	
Pohl	0-2 060 578	

An Ex-Ray has already been taken of the fractured ankle of Brock

Transferred: Evaluation Station, West Oberursel/Taunus

Post: Air Force Base Command E (V) 213/VII

Place: Basaldella/Udine

Date: 25 January 1945

Name:	Birth:	Rank:	Residence before the War:
Pohl, Joseph Bernard	1919	Lt.	701 Horner St., Johnstown, Pa. U.S.A.

Identification Tag O-2 060 578

Place and exact time of downing: N. E. Bogliuno (Istria)

How downed: Anti-Aircraft 20 January 1945 (exact time of day not given)

Place and exact time of capture: 20 January 1945

Further date on capture: Parachuted

Type of plane: 4 Motor

Whereabouts of the crew: One wounded (Hospital) the other seven locked up in a  
prison camp.

Post: Air Force Base Command E (V) 213/VII

Place: Pasadella/Udine

Date: 25 January 1945

Name:	Birth:	Rank:	Residence before the War:
Danley, Clifford Allen	1925	T/Sgt.	Kimbolton, Ohio, Box 15, U.S.A.

Identification Tag - 35 217 784

Place and exact time of downing: N. E. Boglano (Istria)

How downed: Anti-aircraft 20 January 1945 (exact time of day not given)

Place and exact time of capture: Parachuted

Type of plane: 4 Motor

Whereabouts of the crew: One wounded (Hospital) the other seven locked up in a prison camp.

Liberator B-24  
 A 777 - 464 55 W  
 Pantaneila

20 January 1945 - 14:15 o'clock

N. N. E. Bogliano Istrien

Air Base Command Bazaldella/Udine

P.	1st Lt.	Lechner
CP.	1st Lt.	Prittschard
N.	1st Lt.	Coslollo, James Joseph
N.	2nd Lt.	Pohl, Joseph Bernard
B.	2nd Lt.	Bearman, Jerome L.
E.	T/S	O'Doughty
R.	T/S	Danley, Clifford Allen
G.	S/S	Shellhammer, Frederick Richard
G.	S/S	Wells, William Richard
G.	S/S	Carter, Robert Lee
G.	S/S	Hargrove

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

11388

Abschuß-Nr. ME 444

Abschußtag und Zeit: 10.1.45  
 Abschlußort: Bogliano, Istrien  
 Flugzeugtyp: Liberator  
 Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. 1. Basaldella

**Besatzung:**

Name und Vornamen: Geburstag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
BRAUN Jerome Lionel Memphis, Tenn.	.Lt.	0-768974	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
CONTALDO 19.8.19 Joseph Phila.	1.Lt.	0-709297	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
FINE 19.10.19 Joseph Bernard Pa.	2.Lt.	0-2060578	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
HEROLD Robert Armin	1.Lt.	0-708036	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
WELLS 10.5.23 William Richard La.	3/1gt.	18098693	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
WILLIAMS 11.2.11 Frederick Richard Pa.	3/Sgt.	33623778	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
WILLY 1915 Clifford Allen Cambridge, Mio	3/Sgt.	35217784	g f.	Dulag-Luft West
WILLIAMS 1.8.25 Robert Lee Hebr.	3/Sgt.	37721214	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
WILSON 1/3 Lt.			verw.	La.

**Bemerkungen:**

DULAG-LUFT, den 10.2.45 No.