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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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- Location PANTANELLA AAB, ITALY Command or Air Force 15th AF
 Group 464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) Squadron 778TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
 2. SPECIFY: Place of departure PANTANELLA AAB, ITALY Course 170°
 Target NEUBERG AIRBORNE, GERMANY Type of mission BOMBING
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 5/10 to 6/10
Strato Cumulus, tops 10000'; 6/10 Cirrus, 25000', visibility 15 miles
 4. GIVE: (a) Date 21 Mar 45 Time 1231 Last known position 46° 50'N 12° 50'E Germany
 (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 No 1 and 2 Engines feathered
 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B 24 J AAF Serial Number 42-78692
 7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None
 8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R 1830-63 AAF Serial Number (a) BP-447038
 (b) BP-446957 (c) BP-447217 (d) CP-330268
 9. INSTALLED WPAPONS: (Make, type and serial number) All Browning .50 Cal Machine Guns
 (a) Left Nose 1272163 (c) Left Waist 1272261 (i) Left Tail 1272165
 (b) Right Nose 1272171 (j) Right Waist 1272552 (ii) Right Tail 1272642
 (k) Left Upper 1272665 (l) Left Ball 978520 (k) _____
 (d) Right Upper 1272684 (m) Right Ball 1272317 (l) _____
 10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: Battle Casualty, Non Battle Casualty.
 11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers _____; 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	MC GOWAN WILLIAM J JR 1st Lt MIA 0-825215	William J. McGowan, Sr Father Versailles, New York RTD
2) CoP	BISHOP EDESEL E 2d Lt MIA 0-826859	Ruth F. Bishop Wife 135 N. 9th St, Indiana, Penn RTD
3) BN	THOMPSON EDWARD C W 1st Lt MIA 0-2058583	Ida Mae Thompson Mother 831 Bl. -low St, Peoria, Ill RTD
4) WB	ROSSINI DARIO D 2d Lt MIA 0-782963	Nicolina Rossini Mother 121 Eastman St, Plymouth, Wisc
5) PAO	CURRY LOYAL B 1st Lt MIA 0-562806	Jean S. Curry Wife 210 E. Avondale Rd, Greensboro, NC
6) WG	CAMPEN WALTER J T/Sgt MIA 36429571	Grace Campen Mother 402 Monson St, E. Peoria, Ill. RTD
7) WROG	BECKER KARL A T/Sgt MIA 32192201	Ernst P. Becker Father 73 Charles St, Albany, New York RTD
8) WAG	RAWLINGS ARTHUR L JR S/Sgt MIA 34738633	Sophie S. Rawlings Mother General Delivery, Joelton, Tenn RTD
9) WFB	BJELLAND DALE A S/Sgt MIA 16009474	Albert Bjelland Father Hixton, Wisc
10) WG	GOODSELL HAROLD E S/Sgt MIA 39576138	Ethyl Mae Goodsell Mother 162 E. Claremont St, Pasadena, Calif RTD
11) W	VALLEJO JOSEPH Col MIA 33329585	Sara L. Vallejo Wife 1642 Point Breeze Ave, Phila, Penn RTD

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 | CONTACTED LAST BY | SAW | FORCED |
|------------------------|-------|----------|-------------------|-----|--------|
| (1) ELLERTSON, EMRY G. | S/Sgt | 39129 | | X | |
| (2) BAYLSON, ROBERT M. | S/Sgt | 13154115 | | X | |
| (3) | | | | | |
13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 Parachutes were used, Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
 Other reasons (specify) None
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

3 Inclosures.
 Incl 1-Sketch Date 23 Mar 45
 Incl 2-Statements
 Signature of preparing officer
 CONFIDENTIAL SHEPHERD P. MARTIN, Maj, AC, Commanding

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22 March 1945

S T A T E M E N T

I was right waist gunner on Lt Lazebnik's crew flying White H in number 21 position, Able Box. Approximately 1115 hours, White D, commanded by Lt McCowan, flying number 22 position at our right, dropped behind about one-half mile with No 1 engine feathered. On the bomb run White D, still with No 1 engine feathered caught up with the formation and flew number 32 position over the target. There was neither flak nor fighters. After passing over the target I noticed that White D's No 2 engine was also feathered and the crew was lightening the ship by throwing out guns, ammunition and other objects. During this time White D was losing altitude and falling behind slowly. My pilot informed us that they were calling for fighter escort. There was no sign of fire on the ship and it appeared to be under control. When I saw White D last she was heading to our right.

EMRY C. ELLERTSON
S/Sgt, 39L29607
778th Bomb Sq (H)

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22 March 1945

S T A T E M E N T

I was engineer gunner occupying top turret on Lt McKee's crew flying White V in number 32 position, Able Box. Approximately 1120 hours I noticed White D drop behind the formation about 500 yards with No 2 engine feathered. Just before we reached the IP, White D's bombs were salvoed. We moved up into number 22 position and White D advanced from behind the formation to approximately number 32 position which we had formerly occupied and thusly crossed the target. Neither flak nor fighters were encountered. After the target, White D stayed in formation for about twenty (20) minutes. Her No 1 engine was smoking and finally was feathered. The ship slowly lost altitude and fell back under control, veering toward our right. I lost sight of White D approximately forty (40) minutes after target time.

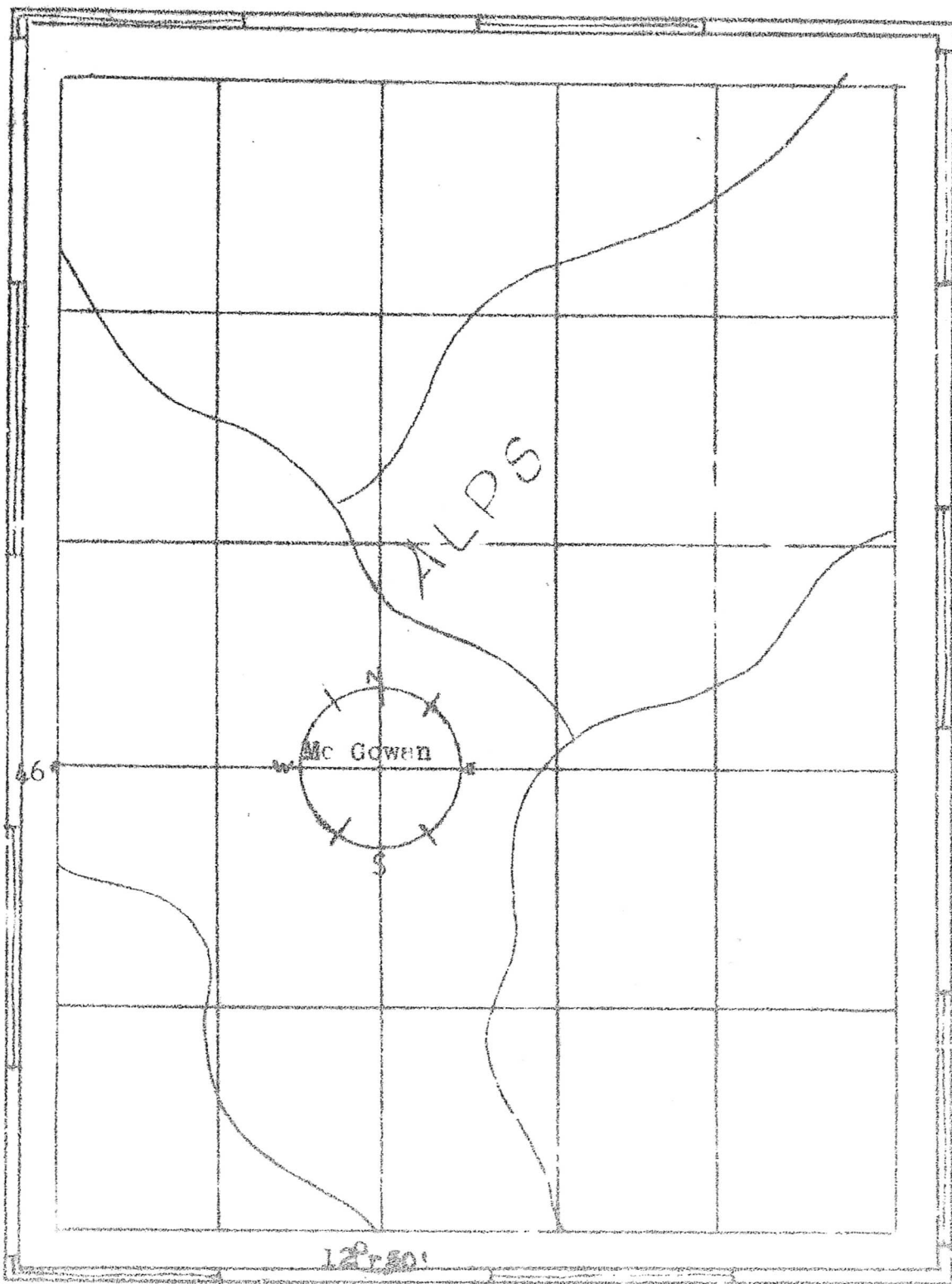
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Incl 3'

3/2/45



46° 50' N
120 50' E

1st Lt William J. McEwen, Jr.

Mr. William J. McEwen, Sr. (Father)
Yonkville, New York

1st Lt Edward C. Thompson

Mrs. Ida Thompson (Mother)
103 North University
Peoria, Illinois

1st Lt Royal D. Curry

Mrs. Jean Curry (Wife)
210 E. Avondale Road
Greensboro, North Carolina

2nd Lt Edsel H. Bishop

Mrs. Ruth P. Bishop (Wife)
126 North 9th Street
Indiana, Pennsylvania

2nd Marie B. Rossini

Mrs. Nicollan Rossini (Mother)
121 Eastman Street
Plymouth, Wisconsin

T/Sgt Walter W. Campen

Mrs. Grace Campen (Mother)
602 Hanson Street
East Peoria, Illinois

T/Sgt Karl A. Becker

Mr. Ernest P. Becker (Father)
78 Charles Street
Albany, New York

S/Sgt Arthur L. Hurlings, Jr.

Mrs. Sophia W. Hurlings (Mother)
General Delivery
Joplin, Missouri

S/Sgt Harold B. Goodsell

Mrs. Emily W. Goodsell (Mother)
122 W. Chestnut Street
Pittsburg, Kansas

Sgt Dale A. Bjelland

Mr. Albert Bjelland (Father)
Pittsburg, Wisconsin

Cpl Joseph Vallega

Mrs. Rosa L. Vallega (Wife)
1642 Saint Francis Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name McGowan, William J. Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0-825215
2. Organization 448th Sp Commander Bird Rank Col Sqn CO Sherman Mastin Rank 1st Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month MARCH day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Newberg, target, Airdrome, target time, APPROX. 1130, altitude, 22,000 ft. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? 20 minutes N.W. KLAGENFURT
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 CREW Members Bailed Out & Landed Safely in The Area of Spittal Austria APPROX. 40 Miles N.W. of KLAGENFURT, AUSTRIA
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? IN Mts. a little North of Spittal
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? Twice in Prison Camp with all members of the CREW EXCEPT 2nd Lt Edsel Bishop, The CO-Pilot; 1st Lt. LORAL B. CURRY, the Observer; & 1st Sgt. Walter Campbell The ENGINEER. Have found out since that all members of The CREW ARE SAFE & in The U.S.
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: ROSSINI, Dario D.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-782963
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): ~~Extensive~~ Bombardier

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? SPITAL, AUSTRIA

If not why not? —

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

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? LUCKY STRIKE CAMP, Le Havre FRANCE

Any hearsay information: HAVE HAD SEVERAL LETTERS
FROM HIM SINCE WE BOTH RETURNED TO THE
U.S.

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE WAS
UNINJURED & WITH ME IN STALAGHUST 3, STALAG
TA, & LUCKY STRIKE CAMP

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

name of crew member: CURRY, Loyal B.
 rank: 1st Lt.
 serial number: O-562806
 position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Pilot (Bomber)~~ AO

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? SPITZAL, AUSTRIA

If not, why not? —

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

Was he injured? Not Prior to Bailout,

Where was he when last seen? —

Any hearsay information: The first member of the crew
To be heard from. His wife wrote that he
was safe & on his way back to the U.S. In June 1945
Probably home now.

Sources: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Just the
letter from his wife.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BJELLAND, Dale A.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

16009474

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~:

Gunner

Did he bail out? YesWhere? SPITAL, AUSTRIA

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? NOWhere was he when last seen? LUCKY STRIKE CAMP, Le Havre, FranceAny hearsay information: He is Married & living near
Pasadena, Calif at the Present Time.Source: S/SGT. NARRY Goodsell, The Tail Gunner

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 Edsel E Bishop Rank 1st LT Serial No. 0826857
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander Al Schoeder Rank Col Sqn CO Martin Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month March day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, Munich JET Andromed target
time, 1231, altitude, 21000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown as scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? Near Germany - Austria Border
6. Did you bail out? Yes
- 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".
Eight members were taken prisoner first day March
W. Campen - Mar. 24 captured
L. B. Curry - captured about Mar. 11
I was with Lt. Curry back to New York
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Some mountain track
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 2 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? None
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw W. Campen (Capt) last in Newberg
prison before he was marched out
toward Mannheim
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Every member of crew captured
captivity in U.S.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BOSSINI, Dario D.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-782963
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? North West Villach (Spittal) Austria

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? _____

Any hearsay information: He was with 7 other crew members who were taken prisoners March 21, 1945. He was also released by American Troops near Mooseburg.

Source: Other members of crew - letters since return to U.S.

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: - He was in another crew and was substituted in our crew the day we went down

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CURRY, Loyal B.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 0-562806
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Eighteen)~~ AO

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Northwest of Villok (Spittal) Austria

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any ^{correct} ~~known~~ information: He was taken to Kloten FORT, Austria

prison where I was being held prisoner. We were

transported together into Germany - to Nurnberg

camp. We were liberated by 7th Army Troops.

He was in Miami Beach RDX. Center in July

source: He now lives in Montgomery, Alabama.

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

404 Windsor Drive

Birmingham (9) Ala

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BELLAND, Dale A.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

16009474

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

Cannon

Did he bail out? YesWhere? North of Villach (Spittal) Austria

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: was with 7 other crew members
taken prisoners March 21, 1945. He was released
by American troops near Massburg. I heard
he was in California last summer - left
from other crew member: Harold Goodall

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx 28

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Edward C. Thompson Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-2058583
2. Organization ^{44 BGR} ~~72885~~ 44 BGR Commander Bird Rank Col. Sqn CO Shuman F. Nantz Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month April day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Heavy Bomber target, Nueberg, Germany, target time, 1200, altitude, 19,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Near Salzburg, 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". Eight of us were gathered and taken to a STALAG at Nuremberg, Ger - 1st Lt. William J. McGowan, 2nd Lt. Dario Rossini, ~~1st Lt. William J. McGowan~~, 1st Lt. Karl A. Brewer, 1st Sgt. Arthur L. Rawlings, 1st Sgt. Harold E. Goodall, Sgt. Dale A. Bjelland, & Cpl. Joe Vellejo
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Hit mountain peak - Spittal, Austria.
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? 1st Lt. Louis B. Curry, 2nd Lt. Edsel E. Bishop, and 1st Sgt. Walter J. Campen were last seen just prior to bailing out.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. 2nd Lt. Dario D. Rossini for whom a questionnaire was included was with me in prison. I last saw at Lucerne, Swiss evacuation camp in France. He is now at his home. The other two I have learned through correspondence are also safe and now residing at their homes.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROSSINI, Dario D.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-782963
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Spittal, Austria

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? He was in prison camp and evacuated with me.

Any hearsay information: He can be reached at his home

121 Eastman St.

Plymouth, Wisconsin

Source: Correspondence

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: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CURRY, Loyal B.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: O-562806
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot (Observer)~~: AO

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Spittal, Austria

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? In the plane.

Any hearsay information: To the best of my knowledge he is safe in the United States and can be reached at his home 210 E. Avondale Road Greensboro, North Carolina

Source: Correspondence

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: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BURLAND, Dale A.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

16009474

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot/Navigator~~:

Crewer

Did he bail out? YesWhere? Spittal, Austria

If not, why not? _____

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

Just prior to bailing out

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? In the planeAny hearsay information: To the best of my knowledge he issafe in the United States and can be reached at hishome address Hixton, WisconsinSource: Correspondence

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWNDates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Ramboys Jr. Arthur Lee Rank S/1st Lt. Serial No. 34738633
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander Rank Col. Sqn CO MARTIN Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month March day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Huebergeten, target, Air drome, target time, 12:10 P.M., altitude, 26,500 route scheduled, Northern
route over Alps, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? we were about 15 minutes from the target on our way home
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All other crew members bailed out
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". Boardman, nose gunner, engine, co-pilot, top turret gunner, and Pilot left the plane by the front door. The tail gunner, observer, and radio operator left from the escape hatch in the wing.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? It hit in the mountains near Villnach
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

Name of crew member:

BRELAND, Dale A.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

16009474

Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight/Navigator~~ **Gunner**

Did he bail out? yes

Where? 10 miles from K/age n Fort, AUSTRIA, near killed

If not, why not? _____

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

time he was seen was at Murnberg, Germany prison camp.

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? I talked with him before he jumped.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: March 21, 1945 Mueberg Airbase
about 20 miles across the Austrian border into Germany.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROSSINI, Darío D.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-782963
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Boarder (Lighter)~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? yes

Where? 10 miles From Klagenfurt Austria, near Villach, Austria

If not, why not? _____

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

had contact with each other over the inter-phone

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? Mooseberg, Germany STWIA, VII/A

Any hearsay information: _____

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 20

Dates and destinations if possible: March 21, 194⁵ Hueberg Airfield
About 20 miles across the Austria border in
Germany

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CURRY, Loyal B.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: C-562806
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~ AO

Did he bail out? yes

Where? 25 miles from Klagenfurt, Austria, somewhere in the ^{mountains.}

If not, why not? _____

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

CONTACT with him before crew bailed out.

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? he was last seen by the crew ^{bailing out.} somewhere before

Any hearsay information: The Germans reported that two or three men were found dead in the wrecked aircraft, that was ~~gt~~ false, as that was meant to make us reveal the names of the three missing men.

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: about 21. 1945 Neuburg Airbase
 about 20 miles across the Austrian border into Germany.