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by F. M. MURPHY, Capt., AD
Date MAR 15 1946
WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

ORGANIZATION: Location PANTANELLA AIR BASE Command or AF 15TH AF
Group 464TH BOMB GP (H) Squadron 779TH BOMB SQ (H)

SPECIFY: Point of Departure QIDIA AIR BASE Course VIENNA ATZGERSDORF
Target VIENNA ATZGERSDORF Type of Mission BOMBING

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CLEAR

GIVE: (a) Date 29 MAY 1944 Time 1020 Location VIENNA ATZGERSDORF
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: () Last Sighted () Last Contacted by Radio
() Forced Down (X) Seen to Crash; or
() Information not available.

AIRCRAFT AS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
() Enemy Aircraft (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft () Other circumstances as follows:

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H AAF Serial No 42-25336
ENGINES: Type, Model & Series B-1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) GP 30-5557
(b) GP 30-5639 (c) GP 30-5730 (d) GP 30-5420

INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) BROWNING 50 CAL M2 1185440 (b) 1184534 1185712
(c) 1185628 (d) 1184530 1185483
(e) 1185298 (f) 1185600
(g) 1184858 (h) 1105414

PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty () Non-Battle Cas.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
RTD * Pilot	JONES, JOHN W.	1ST LT	60000	WIFE MRS. MARGY T. JONES, 2900 SANGER, WACO, TEXAS.
RTD * CO-PILOT	SAMBERG, HAROLD E.	2D LT	60002	FATHER MR HAROLD E. SAMBERG SR, 1813 STRATHMORE DR, TOLEDO, OHIO
RTD * BOMBARDIER	KRINZMAN, LEONARD (MM1)	2D LT	60002	MOTHER MRS. LILLIAN KRINZMAN, 321 WESTFIELD AVE, ELIZABETH, N. J.
RTD * NAVIGATOR	PRICE, ANTHONY V.	2D LT	60002	WIFE MRS MARGARET A. PRICE, 458 STEVENS AVE, RIDGEWOOD, N. J.
* ENG OBR	ELY, HARLEY S.	T/SGT	60002	FATHER MR. HARLEY S. ELY SR, EAST CHARLESTON, VERMONT.
* ENG OBR	SHIRES, NOBLE E.	S/SGT	60002	MOTHER MRS. LELA S. SHIRES, 2001 CALIFORNIA AVE, CHICKASHA, OKLA
* ENG OBR	WILEY, MORRIS L.	KTDS/SGT	60002	MOTHER MRS. OLA MOUTRAY 6206 BAILEY ST, FLINT, MICH RT #1
* ENG OBR	MURDOCH, JOHN L.	S/SGT	60002	MOTHER MRS. PEARL E. MURDOCH, 333 A BOULEVARD, REVERE, MASS.

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NAME GNS RTD URBAN, JOHN (NMI) / T/SGT [REDACTED] WIFE MRS. VIVIAN E. URBAN, 3562 HERSCHEL ST., JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
ARMORER GNS EVANS, FLOYD E. / S/SGT [REDACTED] MOTHER MRS. VIOLA EVANS, SAYBROOK, ILLINOIS

1. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
NAME IN FULL RANK SERIAL NO. by Radio Sighted Crash Forced Landing

WINGFIELD, ROBERT L. CAPT. [REDACTED] X
HOWARD, HARRY V. 2D LT [REDACTED] X

2. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
(X) Parachutes were used () Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
() Any other reason (specify) 2 CHUTES WERE SEEN TO OPEN.

- 3. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, -OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- 4. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 5. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) NO SEARCH WAS MADE AS PLANE WAS SEEN TO FALL IN ENEMY TERRITORY.

Date of this Report: 31 MAY 1944

Signature of Officer *Alderson Timmons*

- 3 Incls:
- INCL 1 STATEMENT OF CAPT. ROBERT L. WINGFIELD (SEPTL)
- INCL 2 STATEMENT OF 2D LT. HARRY V. HOWARD (SEPTL)
- INCL 3 MAP OF AREA WHERE PLANE WAS LAST SEEN. (SEPTU)

ALDERSON TIMMONS,
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,
ADJUTANT,
779TH BOMB SQ (H)
464TH BOMB GP (H).



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779TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

29 May 1944

Lt Jones' ship was flying on my right wing. Ten miles south of the target its right rudder was shot off by flak. The ship spiraled slowly down under control. Number three engine was smoking violently. The ship hit the ground and blew up. Two chutes came out to my knowledge. The others could have got out if they were not injured. It was about five minutes before it hit the ground.

Robert L Wingfield
ROBERT L WINGFIELD
Capt, A C [REDACTED]
779th Bomb Sq (H)

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464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

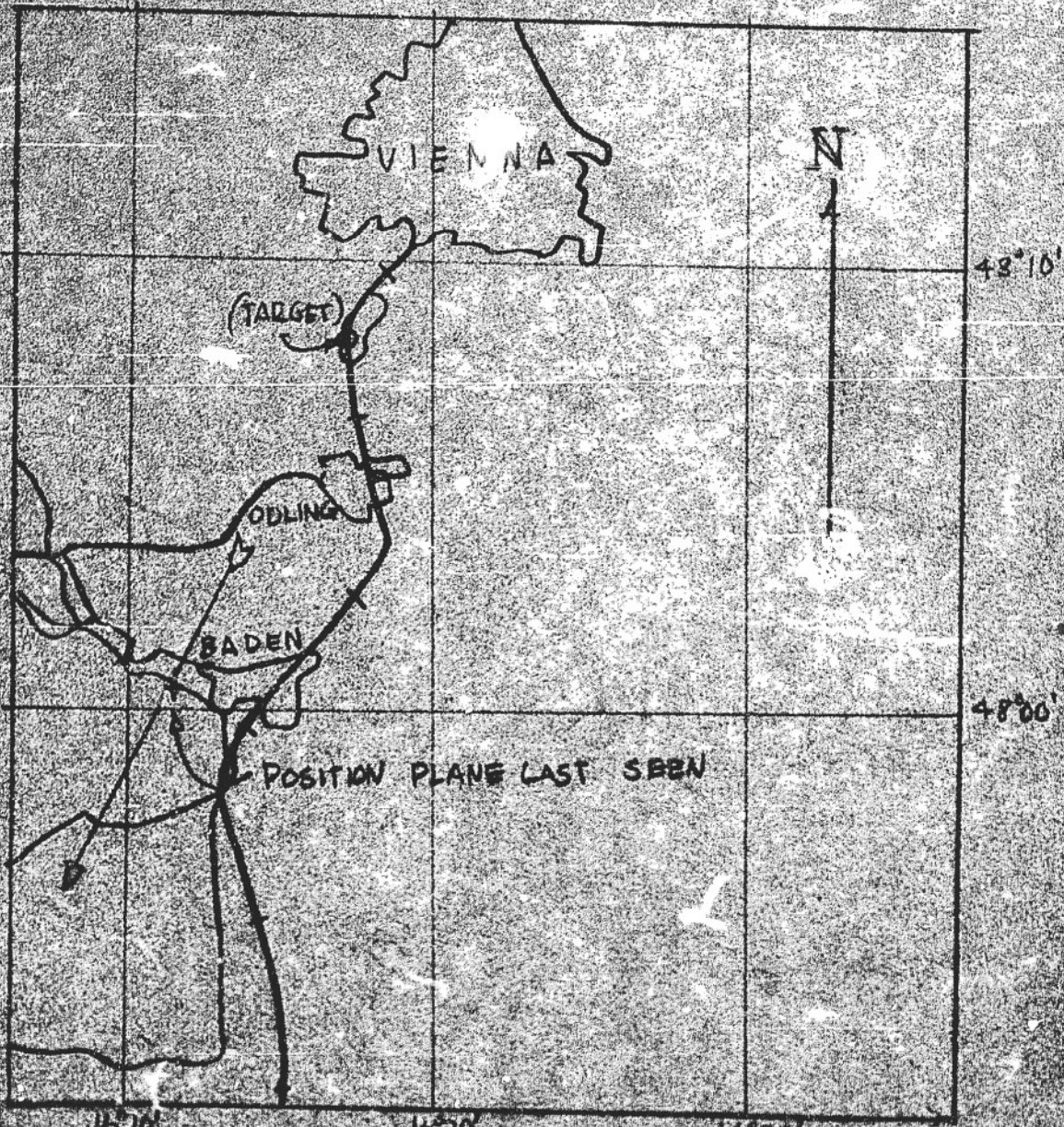
29 May 1944

At 1020 hours this morning we bombed Atzgersdorf on the outskirts of Vienna, Austria. We were flying at 19,800 feet. There was heavy flak. Ten minutes after leaving the target or maybe somewhat less I saw Lt Jones' ship spiraling slowly downward. It appeared to be under control. I saw two chutes open quite definitely. It was still spiraling when I last saw it. In my opinion everybody could have got out of the ship unless injured. They had plenty of time.

Harry V Howard

HARRY V HOWARD
2d Lt, A C ~~011001~~
779th Bomb Sq (H)

End



TARGET ATZGERSDORF AL/FTY
 DATE OF MISSION 29 MAY 1944

16°30'
 RIVERS
 ROADS
 R.R.
 SCALE 1:250,000

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN H. JONES Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-665037
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander ^{Marshall} Bonner Rank Col. Sqn CO Goodyear Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month May day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Wiener-Neustadt, target, _____, target
time, 1200, altitude, 21,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? over 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". All crew
members bailed out.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 25 miles SE of Wiener-Neustadt.
5 miles SE of Eisenstadt.
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 saw Lt. A.B. Price, Lt. L. Krinzman, Lt. H.E. Samberg,
s/Sgt. Noble Shires, T/Sgt. Harley Gly, s/Sgt. Floyd Evans,
Sgt. Wiley and Sgt. Murdock in Le Harve France on
their way home.
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 LEONARD KRINZMAN Rank 2nd LT Serial No. 0-745822
2. Organization 464th B.G. Gp Commander BONNER Rank COL. Sqn CO GOODYEAR Rank 40509
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MAY day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 8, target, VIENNA, target time, 1100, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? IN NOSE OF SWIP
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 nose gunner & I were only persons in nose. He had his chute on & was ready to jump. The plane commander gave order to bail out. I jumped out. He followed.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? I could not see
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? On June 3 of 44 The entire crew of Lt. J. J. Jones 779th Bomb Sq. 464th B.G. was together at Ft. Belvoir central & we were all as well as could be expected under the present conditions. I related my own crew left a day before we did. They went to Sighearts & me to our own camp.
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 Ausburn B. Price Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 501390
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander Col Marshall Bonner Rank 779 Sqn CO Elvins Goodyear Rank Major
3. What year 1944 month MAY day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 10, target, VIENNA NEUSTADT, target time, 12:30, altitude, 2000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? 10 miles South of VIENNA NEUSTADT
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 OF THE CREW BAILED OUT PILOT BEING THE LAST MAN OUT.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? About 30 miles South of VIENNA NEUSTADT
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? At Lucky Strike Camp Le Havre France I saw Lt John H. Jones. Lt Harold Samberg Lt Leonard Nainzman. Sgt. Noble Esquires. Sgt. Floyd Evans. Sgt. Harley S. Blv. All in good physical condition about May 4 1946, after having been recovered by Allied Armies.
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: EVANS, Floyd E.
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: [REDACTED]
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ARMORER - GUNNER~~ Armorer - Gunner

Did he bail out? YES.

Where? About 10 mi South VIENNA NEUSTADT.

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? LUCNY STRINE CAMP LEHAUVRE FRANCE

Any hearsay information: ACTUALLY SAW AND CONVERSED WITH SGT EVANS AT LEHAUVRE ON MAY 4, 1945.

HE WAS IN GOOD HEALTH AND EXPECTED TO BE SHIPPED TO THE STATES ABOUT MAY 10, 1945

Source: PERSONAL CONTACT

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HARLEY SAM BLY Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 405566
2. Organization 464^E Gp Commander BARNER Rank COL. Sqn CO Goodyear Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MAY day 29th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, AIRCRAFT factory, target
time, about 10:30, altitude, about 21,000 FT. route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA OF VIENNA
Austria.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES ALL OF THEM.
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". KRINZMAN + WILEY - NOSE HATCH.
PROCE, SANDHAR, JONES, BLY - DOWNRAY MURDOCK, EVANS,
URBAN, + SHIRES - REAR HATCH.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? THE PLANE CRASHED OUTSIDE
AFTER EVERY ONE HAD BAILED OUT.
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? EVERY MAN WAS AT HIS POSITION BY THEIR
GUNS ETC.
12. What was their condition? ALL O.K.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW EVERY MEMBER OF MY CREW
IN FRANCE AFTER WE WERE LIBERATED AND THEY
WERE ALL O.K.
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)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Noble F. Shires Rank T/Sgt Serial No. [REDACTED]
464th Bomb Gp-779th Bomb Sq.
2. Organization Gp Commander Rank Sqn CO Goodyear Rank Major
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month May day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 16 target, Vienna target
 time, 1202, altitude, 21,000 route scheduled,
 , route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? About 3 minutes past 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".
All of the crew left aircraft safe.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
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 were safe in German hands.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No knowledge.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members: .. MURDOCH, Jehn L.
 Rank: Sgt
 Serial number: [REDACTED]
 Position: Crew (Bomber) / ~~1st Lt~~ / ~~Engineer~~: Engineer - Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? Over Vienna

If not, why not?

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

When he bailed out.

Was he injured? Yes - Right foot hit with Flak.

Where was he when last seen? Somewhere on the march in Germany. Not

any hearsay information: certain of exact time or place but believed
 to have reached France safe.

Sources:

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

Total number of missions of above crew members: Sixteen

Dates and destinations if possible:

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MORRIS L. WILEY Rank T/SGT Serial No. 7611270
2. Organization 464TH Gp Commander BONNER Rank COL Sqn CO GOODYEAR Rank LT. COL.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MAY day 29TH did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, ATZGERDORF AUSTRIA target time, 10:34 A.M., altitude, 21,000 FT. route scheduled, OVER YUGO & AUSTRIA., route flown AS SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? DIRECTLY OVER TARGET.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES. ALL CREW MEMBERS
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 IN ROTATION AS ORDERED, PILOT LAST.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? APPROX. 25 MILES SOUTH OF TARGET
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 MEMBERS SAFE. LAST SEEN WERE IN GOOD HEALTH AT CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, ST. VALERY, FRANCE. JUNE 12, 1945
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

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(over)

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, ALL CREW MEMBERS
ARE SAFE AND IN GOOD HEALTH AND ARE IN THIS
COUNTRY, EITHER DISCHARGED OR STILL IN SERVICE.

Morris L. Waley

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN URBAN Rank T/SGT Serial No. [REDACTED]
2. Organization 464th Gp Commander Col. Beverage Rank Col. Sqn CO Goodyear Rank Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MAY day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, ATZGERSDORF,^{AUSTRIA} target, AIRCRAFT FACTORIES, target time, 10:30, altitude, 21000 FT. route scheduled, Along ADRIATIC COAST, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? FOX BOX
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". THEY WERE AT THEIR BATTLE STATIONS
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR WEINER-NUDSTADT
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?
SAW THEM ALL WITHIN 24 HRS AT GERMAN GUARD HOUSE AT WEINER-NUDSTADT, AUSTRIA
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

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