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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Pantanello Air Base, Italy Command or AF 15th Air Force
Group 164th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 777th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Pantanello Air Base, Italy Course 245 degrees
Target Oil Refinery Type of Mission Bombing
Fioricori, Austria

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear, Visibility 20 to 30 miles. 1/10 Cumulus at 5,000 Ft.
48 degrees 16' N,

4. GIVE: (a) Date 26 June 1944 Time 0952 Location 16 degrees 24' N
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: (X) Last Sighted () Last Contacted by Radio
() Forced Down (X) Seen to Crash; or
() Information not available.

5. 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:

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H AAF Serial No 42-50101

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1630-65 AAF Serial No (a) BP-435022
(b) BP-434713 (c) BP-434296 (d) BP-435028

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) RM 1249801 (b) RW 255953 LT 1251070
(c) LN 1249901 (d) LW 1250071
(e) RM 1249526 (f) RE 5225001
(g) LM 256901 (h) LE 125070

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

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 Passengers 0 Total 11
(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	MENT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
RMC 1.	Pilot	JUNE, LAWIE J.	1st Lt.	O-766751	Mrs. Maggie E. Dunn (M) Dawson, Alabama
DEO 2.	Co-Pilot	BONNER, MARSHALL (M)	Col.	O-16967	Mrs. Catherine F. Bonner General J.E. Pechet, 2230 Calif. St. N.W., Washington, D.C.
KIA 3.	Navigator	WHA, CLARENCE R.	2nd Lt.	O-698799	Mrs. James Vanc (F) 237 Lee Rd., Maple Heights, Ohio
KIA 4.	Bombardier	WRIGHT, OLIVER M.	1st Lt.	O-739234	Mrs. Hugh H. Wright (F) 113 Leroy St., River Rouge, Michigan
KIA 5.	Eng. G.	WRIGHT, DANIEL L.	S/Sgt.	17069106	Mrs. Paul McGowan (M) 342 N. Gilbert Pl., Portland, Oregon
KIA 6.	FOO	LISTER, DANIEL L.	S/Sgt.	37191475	Mrs. Mrs. Daniel L. Lister (M) 619 E. Elm St., Wichita, Kansas
KIA 7.	Eng. G.	ZIMM, EDWARD	S/Sgt.	13189199	Mrs. Edna Zimm (M) RT#1, Durant, Okla. Mrs. Marjorie Zimm (M) 2814 E. Durant, Durant, Okla.
KIA 8.	Armorer G.	VERNON, ROBERT E.	S/Sgt.	6130426	Mrs. Mrs. Robert E. Vernon (M) 429 Hill Top, Annapolis, Michigan

- KIA 9. Armorer G. TRUETT, THORNTON D., JR., S/Sgt. 13047714 Mr. Thornton D. Truett, Sr., 1709 Eilton St., Harrisburg, Penn.
- KIA 10. Armorer G. WAKERS, OSCAR (NMI) Sgt. 35269674 Mrs. Augusta Vanderpool (M) Pine Castle, Kentucky.
- PKWS 11. Co. Pilot DANGLEB, HENRY 2nd Lt. 0-727184 Mr. David Dangler (E) RT D 155 Mayflower Rd., Lake Forest, Illinois.

12. 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	Contacted Last	Saw	Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing
JOHN E. GOLDTHORP	2nd Lt.	0-698080				X		
FRANCIS W. FERRIMORE	2nd Lt.	0-808100				X		
WILLIAM A. BLACKIE	S/Sgt.	20522571				X		
ALEX (NMI) MITCHELL	Sgt.	32871443					X	
WILLIAM A. GREENE	2nd Lt.	0-751545				X		
JAMES E. PARKER	S/Sgt.	17161129				X		

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 () Parachutes were used () Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
 (X) Any other reason (specify) One (1) man seen to bail out of Bombay.
No parachute seen to open.

14. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. (X)

15. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. (X)

16. 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 as plane crashed in enemy territory.

Date of this Report: 28 June 1944.

Signature of Officer E. D. Truett
 E. D. TRUETT,
 Capt., Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

- 8 Incls:
- Incl 1- Statement of Lt. Goldthorp.
 - Incl 2- Statement of Lt. Ferrimore.
 - Incl 3- Statement of S/Sgt. Blackie.
 - Incl 4- Statement of Sgt. Michels.
 - Incl 5- Statement of Lt. Greene.
 - Incl 6- Statement of S/Sgt. Parker.
 - Incl 7- Location sketch.
 - Incl 8- Aerial photograph over Vienna.



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RTD First Lieutenant Lamar J. Dunn POW ✓ 5 Mrs. Maggie W. Dunn, (Mother) ✓
Daviston, Alabama.

Colonel Marshall Bonner DED MIA ✓ 2 Mrs. Marshall Bonner, (Wife) ✓
2230 California Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.
no info

Second Lieutenant Clarence R. Vana KIA ✓ 10 Mr. James Vana, (Father) ✓
5337 Lee Road,
Maple Heights, Ohio.

First Lieutenant Oliver M. Wright DED MIA ✓ 11 Mrs. Opal Wright, (Mother) ✓
113 Le Roy Street,
River Rouge, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Daryl P. McGowan DED MIA ✓ 7 Mrs. Bernice M. McGowan, (Mother) ✓
9146 North Gilbert Place,
Portland, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant William W. Lister KIA ✓ 6 Mr. Daniel B. Lister, (Father) ✓
619 East Elm Street,
Wichita, Kansas.

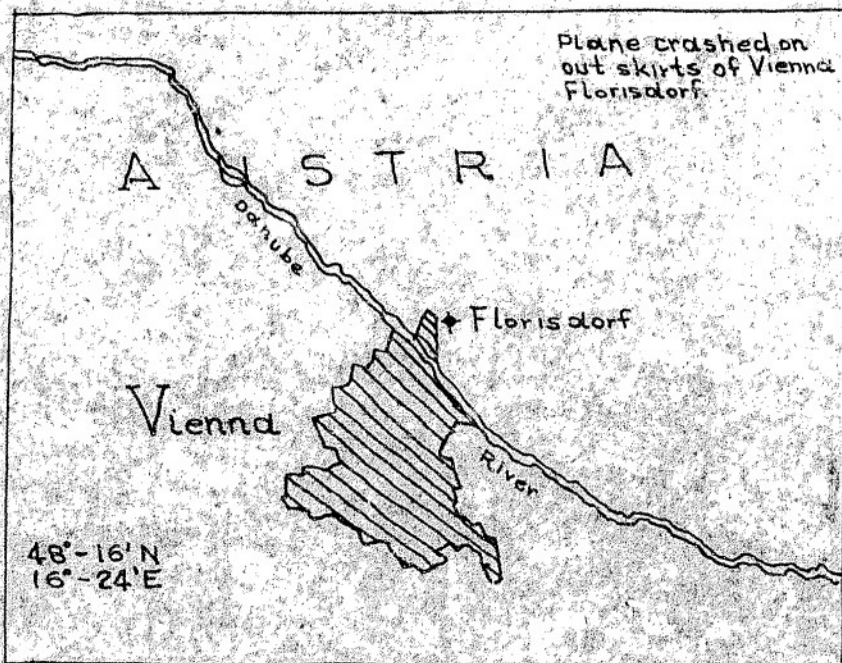
Staff Sergeant Herman E. Pyrum DED MIA ✓ 8 Mrs. Edna L. Pyrum, (Wife) ✓
Route Number Two,
Durant, Oklahoma.

Staff Sergeant Donald P. Claeys KIA MIA ✓ 3 Mrs. Martha Claeys, (Mother) ✓
Anchorville, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Thornton D. Trout, Jr. DED MIA ✓ 9 Mr. Thornton D. Trout, (Father) ✓
1709 Fulton Street,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Oscar Akers KIA ✓ MIA ✓ 1 Mrs. Augusta Vanderpool, (Mother) ✓
Fincastle, Kentucky.

RTD Second Lieutenant Henry A. Dangler KIA ✓ 4 Mr. David Dangler, (Father) ✓
155 Mayflower Road,
Lake Forest, Illinois.



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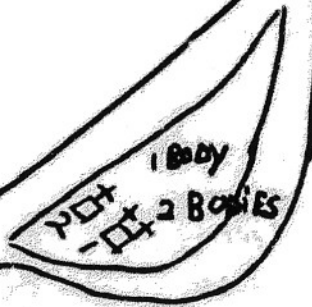
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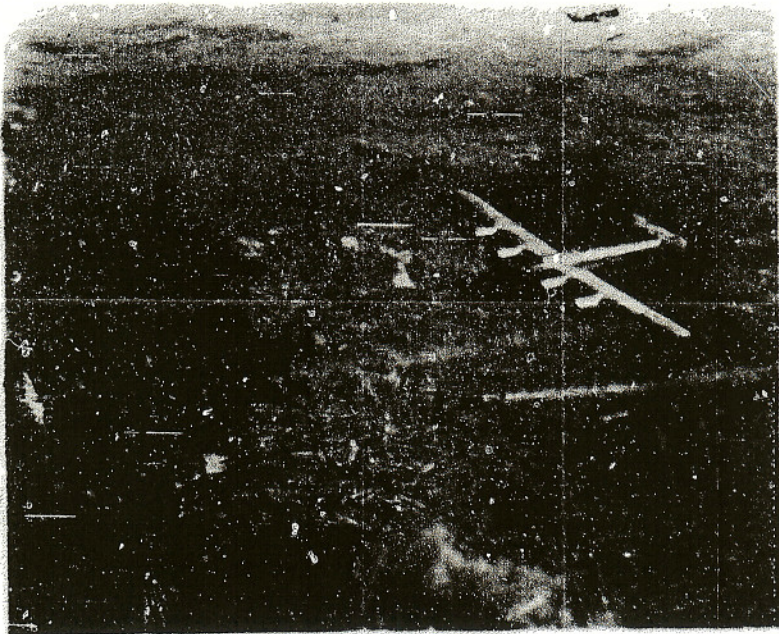
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← KLOSTERNEUBURG

SKETCH OF ISOLATED BURIALS



KLOSTERNEUBURG
0-49 / 5-30 AUST.



B-24 H PILOTED BY 1ST LT LAMAR J. DUNN SECONDS AFTER DIRECT
HIT BY FLAK OVER VIENNA.

PHOTOGRAPH BY S/SGT JOHN H. SCHUPPERT
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And # 7, 1:41

15 September 1945

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REPORT BY CAPTAIN LAMAR JACKSON DUNN:

DATE: June 26, 1944

Flying B-24 H 469 (?) (He couldn't remember the exact number of aircraft).

Target: Vienna, Austria. Altitude 2300 feet. Time: Approx 10:30

We were leading the second attack unit...18 ships. Colonel Bonner was flying as co-pilot. I was pilot. Just after we dropped our bombs, we got a hit which knocked out the windshield. There was no other damage from that hit that I know of. Ten or fifteen seconds later we received a direct hit in the vicinity of the flight deck. My regular co-pilot was on the flight deck at the time.... Lt Dangler. As soon as we were hit, fire broke out in the flight deck. Looking forward, it was on the left side of the flight deck - about the left half was on fire. Controls were out and there was no rudder, elevator, or aileron control. We started losing altitude rapidly. The ship turned to the right and started into a fairly steep dive. Colonel Bonner left his seat and started back through the flight deck. I was unable to contact the crew by inter-phone. I attempted to set up the automatic pilot to see if it might work. The automatic pilot didn't take hold. I pushed the bail out signal and held it for a few seconds. I glanced at my altimeter and we had reached approximately 1200 feet. At that time the ship came out on almost an even keel. During this time, I hadn't contacted any members of the crew. I was not aware of what was happening in any part of the ship in the pilot compartment. I removed my flying suit, stood up between the seats in the pilot compartment. The next thing I remember, I was falling through space. I opened my chute. I looked around for a sign of my airplane and I didn't see any fuselage or any large section of an airplane. I did see a few small pieces of metal around my chute, as I came down. There were two chutes below mine. Believe I could judge that they were a thousand feet below mine. One chute hit in a river; the other chute below me hit approximately three quarters of a mile from the river. I landed on the opposite bank of the river. I got out of my chute. It had hung on the limb of a tree and I wasn't able to get rid of it. I ran 50 yards or so through very thick weeds along the river. I ran into a small road - glanced up the road and there was a civilian - a boy coming down the road. I ran the opposite direction then for about 150 yards. I dropped down on my face in the grass and weeds. I stayed in this position until about 9:45 that evening. During the afternoon they had been searching for me all about me and were close enough so that I could hear them talking. Eventually they gave up the search - around 4 or 4:30 in the afternoon. I didn't hear them any more in that area. Immediately after the aircraft was hit, Colonel Bonner started to leave the aircraft and was last seen heading toward the flight deck. It is believed he passed through the fire which was in the flight deck. The next day they captured me and took me to a place where I saw my co-pilot. He got out OK. He had bailed out.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HENRY A DANGER Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 6727184
2. Organization 464B Gp Commander MARSHALL BONNER Rank Col Sqn CO THOMAS CORTER Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, FLORISDORF, target, MARSHALLING YARD, target time, 9:50 AM., altitude, 21 500 FT route scheduled, _____, route flown AS SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? IN TURN AWAY FROM TARGET
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES - PILOT - MAJ. DUNN WAS BLOWN CLEAR WHEN SHIP EXPLODED
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". No KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? — BLEW UP
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) No KNOWLEDGE
11. Where were they in aircraft? No KNOWLEDGE
12. What was their condition? No KNOWLEDGE
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? DID NOT SEE ANY CREW MEMBER EXCEPT MAJ. DUNN AFTER LEAVING SHIP
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 No. 6455

Name of crew member: B O N N E R , Marshall ,
 Rank: Col.
 Serial number: 0-18967
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxx (xxxxxxx)~~ Co-Pilot.

Did he bail out? DO NOT KNOW

Where? -

If not, why not? -

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: DO NOT

REMEMBER - NO CONVERSATION AFTER PLANE HIT - INTERPHONE
OUT

Was he injured? DO NOT KNOW

Where was he when last seen? SITTING IN CO-PILOT SEAT

Any hearsay information: RUMOR HAD IT THAT A HIGH RANKING

OFFICER WAS TAKEN PRISONER & SENT TO BERLIN. UNABLE

TO IDENTIFY THE OFFICER OR SUBSTANTIATE RUMOR

- INTERROGATOR AT DULABLUET DID NOT KNOW THE

COLONEL WAS ON BOARD - THAT IS HE WAS NOT MENTIONED

Source: ENLISTED MEN FROM CAPT LATIMER'S CREW MET AT CAMP

LUCKY STRIKE IF MY MEMORY IS CORRECT.

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

HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF ANYONE PASSING ME WHILE

ON THE FLIGHT DECK BEFORE BAILING OUT THE BOMBAY

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: -

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No. 6455

Name of crew member: VANA, Clarence R.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-698799
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~PODGORICA~~: Navigator,

Did he bail out? DO NOT KNOW

Where? —

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: REGARDING
TARGET - NO CONVERSATION AFTER HIT

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? NAVIGATOR'S COMPARTMENT

Any hearsay information: ALL CREW MEMBERS WERE KILLED
AND BURIED AT HADERSFELDT NORTH EAST OF VIENNA
NO DOG TAGS WERE SHOWN TO PROVE THIS

Source: INTERROGATOR AT OBERUSEL - DULAGLUFT

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: APP 24

Dates and destinations if possible: PARMA, BOLOGNA, FERRARA - ITALY
PODGORICA - YUGOSLAVIA; CLUJ - ROMANIA; PETFURDO - HUNGARY
VIENNA, VIENNA NEUSTADT - AUSTRIA; LYONS, GIVORS, SETE - FRANCE

Statements by: Lt. Dangler

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 6455

Name of crew member: W R I G H T , Oliver M.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: O-739234
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Bombardier.

Did he bail out? DO NOT KNOW

Where? —

If not, why not? —

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

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN THE NOSE

Any hearsay information: SAME AS APPLIES TO LT VANA

Source: —

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 No. 6455

Name of crew member: M c G O W A N , Daryl P.
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 17069106
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER / GUNNER~~ Engineer / Gunner.

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN - DOUBTFUL

Where? —

If not, why not? DIRECTLY IN FIRE OF FLIGHT DECK

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

THAT HE WAS UNHURT WHEN FLAK STRUCK SHIP JUST
PRIOR TO DIRECT HIT

Was he injured? POSSIBLY

Where was he when last seen? TOP TURRET

Any hearsay information: WHEN ON THE GROUND I FOUND

BLOOD ON MY CLOTHES - THOUGH I HAD NO ABRASIONS

ON MY BODY - JUST BURNS ON THE FACE - POSSIBLY

ACQUIRED BLOOD WHEN PASSING UNDER THE TURRET

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 22

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS LT VANA

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 6455

Name of crew member: L I S T E R , William W.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 37494475
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Radio Operator / Gunner.

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? —

If not, why not? —

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

DO NOT REMEMBER

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN THE WASTE

Any hearsay information: SEE LT VANA'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 22

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS LT VANA

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 6455

Name of crew member: PYRUM, Herman E.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 18129409
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER (ENGINEER)~~: Engineer / Gunner

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? —

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: DO NOT

REMEMBER

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? NOSE TURRET - I BELIEVE

Any hearsay information: SEE LT VANA'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Sources: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 22

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS LT VANA

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 6455

Name of crew member: CLAEYS, Donald F.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 36130486
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxx (Fighter)~~ Armorer Gunner.

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? —

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Do NOT

REMEMBER

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? TAIL TURRET

Any hearsay information: SEE H. VANA'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 22

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS H VANA

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 6455

Name of crew member: A K E R S , Oscar ,
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 3526974
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Armorer Gunner.

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

NOT REMEMBER

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? BALL TORRET

Any hearsay information: SEE H VANA'S QUESTIONNAIRE

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: APP 3

Dates and destinations if possible: _____