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 by F. M. MUECH, Capt., AG  
 Date MAR 15 1948

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 WASHINGTON

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IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Force 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 464th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 777th Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Pantanello Air Base, Italy Course 245 degrees  
 Target Oil Refinery, Floridsdorf, Austria Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Clear, Visibility 20 to 30 miles.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 26 June 1944 Time 1015 Location 47 degrees 04' N, 16 degrees 02' E  
 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.
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 42-95451
7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) CP-311018  
 (b) CP-311206 (c) CP-310525 (d) CP-311016
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number.)  
 (a) FN 1184248 (b) PM 1535726 RB 1535523  
 (c) LN 1184183 (d) LM 1536035 LN 1535856  
 (e) RM 1535983 (f) RT 1535762  
 (g) LV 1535513 (h) LT 1536123
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	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
1. Pilot	CARTER, THOMAS J.	Maj.	O-398603	Mrs. Margie J. Carter (W) 1576 Millbrook Rd., Salt Lake City, Utah. <b>RTD</b>
2. Co-Pilot	LOCKE, THOMAS W.	Capt.	O-437235	Mr. Leonard Locke (F) <b>No info.</b>
3. Navigator	LADIG, ROBERT E.	1st Lt.	O-732919	Mrs. Naomi O. Ladig (W) 2147 Fox Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana. <b>RTD</b>
4. Bombardier	BERSELLI, BRUNO (M)	1st Lt.	O-728252	Miss Brunetta B. Berselli (W) 5026 N.E. 16th Ave. Portland, Oregon. <b>RTD</b>
5. Navigator	BECKER, WILLIAM E.	1st Lt.	O-734998	Rev. William (M) Becker (W) Box 267, Ogallala, Nebraska. <b>RTD</b>
6. Eng. C.	LAVIN, ARTHUR E.	S/Sgt.	31230661	Mrs. Josephine Lavin (M) 102 Holten St., Davenport, Mass. <b>RTD</b>
7. POG	WELLS, RALPH E.	S/Sgt.	11040023	Mrs. Mabel C. Wells (M) WFD #2, S. Main St., Franklin, New Hampshire. <b>RTD</b>
8. Aerial G.	TSCHNIS, GEORGE (M)	Sgt.	32887142	Mrs. Catherine Tsouris (M) 647 Cauldwell Ave., Bronx, N.Y. <b>RTD</b>

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- 9. ROG  LAMPE, VICTOR J.  Sgt. 35787911 Mrs. Agnes Lampe (M)  
285 Hopkins St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 10. CG.  WRIGHT, ADOLPHUS R. JR.  Sgt. 37536845 Mr. & Mrs. Adolphus Wright (M)  
RT #2, Malta Bend, Missouri.
- 11. CG.  FISKE, ANTHONY R.  Sgt. 12080385 Mrs. Ginevra Fiaschetti, (M)  
592 West Prospect St., Watertown, N.Y.

11. 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	Contacted - Last			
			by Radio	Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing
RAYMOND W. DRAKE, JR.	1st Lt.	0-659263		X		
JOHN H. SCHUFFERT	S/Sgt.	15071415				X

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 Parachutes were used     Persons seen walking away from scene of crash  
 Any other reason (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

15. 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: 23 June 1944.

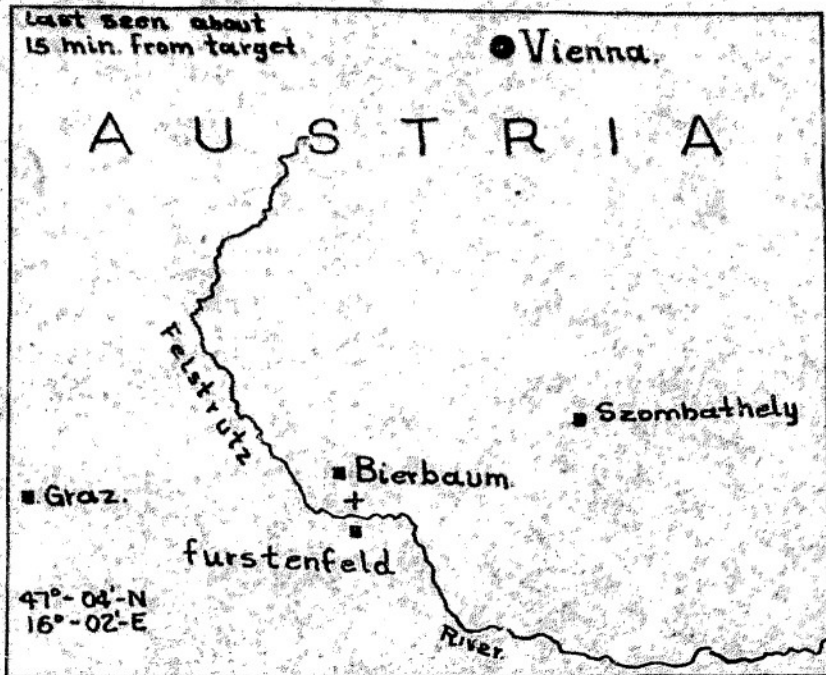
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Signature of Officer E.D. Truett  
 E.D. TRUETT,  
 Capt., Air Corps,  
 Adjutant.

- 1 - Statement of Lt. Drake.
- 1 - Statement of S/Sgt. Schuffert.
- 1 - Location Sketch.
- 1 - Aerial Photograph.

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47° 04'N  
16° 02'E

**SMOKE TRAIL AND CRASH OF B-24 H PILOTED BY MAJ. THOMAS J. CARTER**

**PHOTOGRAPHED BY S/SGT JOHN H. SCHUFFERT  
15071415**

*Incl # 4, copy 1*

✓  
Maj. Thomas J. Carter

Mrs. Margie Jamison Carter (wife)  
1576 Millbrook Road,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

✓  
Capt. Thomas W. Locke

Mr. Leonard C. Locke (father)  
213 South Fourth,  
Mount Horeb, Wisconsin.

✓  
1st Lt. Robert R. Ladig

Mrs. Robert R. Ladig (wife)  
2147 Fox Avenue,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

✓  
1st Lt. Bruno Berselli

Miss Brunetta B. Berselli (sister)  
5026 Northeast 16th Avenue,  
Portland, Oregon.

✓  
2nd Lt. William E. Becker

Reverend William Becker, (father)  
Box 67,  
Ogallala, Nebraska.

✓  
S/Sgt. George Tsounis

Mrs. Catherine Tsounis (mother)  
647 Cauldwell Avenue,  
Bronx, New York.

✓  
S/Sgt. Ralph P. Laramie

Mrs. Habel C. Wells (mother)  
South Main Street,  
Franklin, New Hampshire.

✓  
S/Sgt. Arthur E. Lavin

Mrs. Josephine Lavin (mother)  
102 Holten Street,  
Danvers, Massachusetts.

✓  
Sgt. Adolphus R. Wright Jr.

Mr. Adolphus R. Wright Sr., (father)  
Route Number Two,  
Malta Bend, Missouri.

✓  
Sgt. Anthony R. Fiske

Mrs. Genevra M. Fiaschetti (mother)  
592 West Prospect Street,  
Watertown, New York.

✓  
Sgt. Victor J. Lampe

Mrs. Agnes M. Lampe (mother)  
845 Hopkins Street,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Carter, Thomas J. Rank MAJ. Serial No. 0-398603
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander Marshall Bommer Rank Col. SqN CO Thomas J. Carter Rank MAJ.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month June day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission Strategic Bombing target, Vienna Austria, target time, 11:00 hrs, altitude, 23,500' route scheduled, Direct  
route flown Direct
5. Where were you when you left formation? 30 miles So. west of Vienna
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". 1st + 2nd Navigator, Bombardier, waist gunners, Ball + Tail gunners all bailed out 30 miles So. West of Vienna. All crew member bailed out bomb bay except waist, Ball, and Tail gunners who went out the rear camera hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 35 Miles So. West of Vienna
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? None
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. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name William E. BECKER Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-734998
2. Organization 464<sup>th</sup> BGP. 177<sup>th</sup> BSGon Gp Commander Col. BONNER Rank Col. Sqn CO T.W. CARTER Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 26 did you go down?  
FLORISDORF OIREF.
4. What was the mission, VIENNA, target, \_\_\_\_\_, target  
time, 10:50, altitude, 21,000 route scheduled, ?  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown As SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? WE WERE FLYING S.W. OF VIENNA
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes - all men 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". NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? DON'T KNOW
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. \_\_\_\_\_

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Laramie, Ralph Patrick Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 11040023  
464 Bomb Gp. 777 Bomb Sq.
2. Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Gp Commander Bonner Rank Col. Sqn W.T.J. Carter Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month June day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, oil refineries, target, Florisdorf, Austria, target time, app. 10:22 am, altitude, 23,500 ft. route scheduled, not known, route flown not known
5. Where were you when you left formation? about 45 mi. from Vienna, returning to base.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All other members of the crew was successful in bailing 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". Everyone bailed out within two minutes and by nightfall was rounded up and placed in jail in Ratten Austria, then taken the next day to Graz. The only one not immediately captured was 1st Lt. Bruno Berselli who evaded capture for a couple of days.
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) 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? The entire crew was together at Wetzler near Frankfort. The officers were sent to an officers camp and the six enlisted men were sent to Stalag Luft 4. The camp was evacuated in February and in middle May I met crew members, George Tsounis, Victor Lampe and Arthur Lavin at Camp Lucky Strike near Le Harve France.
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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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Name of crew member: LOCKE, Thomas W.  
 Rank: Capt  
 Serial number: O-437235  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Austria, about 15 minutes after we bombed Florisdorf

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

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

No knowledge

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Wetzler near Frankfort Ger.

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

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

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

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: LANPE, Victor, J.  
 Rank: Sgt  
 Serial number: 35787911  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Radio Operator~~ Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Austria about 15 minutes after we bombed Florisdorf

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

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

No knowledge

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Camp Lucky Strike, Le Harve France, May 1945

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

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I was with Lampe quite a few times at Lucky Strike and when I shipped out he was expecting to follow in a few days. As far as I knew he had returned safely to the States. I wrote to him but never received an answer.

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

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

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Wright, Adolphus P. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 37536845
2. Organization 464 H.B.C. Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Col. Sqn CO Carter Rank Maj.  
977590 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, VIENNA, target, Oil, target time, approx 11 o'clock, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, ?  
 \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Just leaving Flak Area
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 men Bailed out safely.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? P
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)  
All men bailed out safely
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? OK.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?  
I WAS IN POW. CAMP WITH ALL E.M. AND TALKED WITH ALL OFFICERS WHEN WE WERE AT LA HARVE, FRANCE.
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)



HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8

SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: FISKE Anthony R. Sgt

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in Washington and in the theaters overseas, Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Offices to collect all information from our own and enemy sources, correlate this information and furnish it to search teams in the theaters who will go to the scene of the casualty incident and investigate. These teams will question those in the area who have knowledge of the incident and trace all leads down until they have the story. The German records we have translated are excellent. We have just received the Japanese records. By combining all this data with the story available in your memory, we can tell next of kin the things that mean so much to them.

2. You may or may not have been questioned in this manner before concerning the mission on which you were shot down and the events that followed. Regardless of previous questionnaires, it is important that we have the information requested here to complete our records concerning combat crewmen remaining in a casualty status.

3. If you have been sworn to secrecy as a result of your escape, evasion or internment, you may consider yourself released from all restrictions as to disclosure or publication of experiences except:

- a. Secret intelligence activities and methods developed for use, or actually used, in prison camps.
  - b. Details of techniques employed by military intelligence organizations operating behind enemy lines to assist evasion and escape.
  - c. Negotiations conducted on high government or military level to secure release from internment in a neutral country. (See AAF Reg 46-8 dated 30 October 1945)
4. Please answer all the questions you can promptly and accurately. Re-

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quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-8, Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:



JOHN J. SMITH  
Lt. Col., Air Corps  
Chief, Notification Section  
Personal Affairs Branch  
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

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3 (a) In stalagluft 4, Gross Tychow  
prison camp.

A Lager, Barracks 2, room 20

had organization in charge of  
Sidney Porter making parts for  
radio (secretly).

Mar 9th 1946

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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D
- Your name Anthony R. Fiske Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 12080385
  - Organization 464 Bomb Gp 117 Sq. Gp Commander Bonner Rank COL, Sqn CO Jim Carter Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
  - What year 1944 month June day 6 did you go down?
  - What was the mission, 1, target, Vienna, Austria, target oil refineries  
time, 11:30 A.M., altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown from Bari, Italy, North of Vienna
  - Where were you when you left formation? just south of Vienna
  - Did you bail out? Yes
  - Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
  - 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 bailed out between Ratten & Graz, Austria
  - Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Graz, Austria
  - What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
  - Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
  - When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. ALL crew landed safely except Ralph P. Laramie who broke two ribs upon landing with parachute

(Any additional information may be written on the back)