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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.

ORGANIZATION: Location Pantanello Air Base, Italy Command or AF 15th AF
Group 464th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 778th Bombardment Sq(H)

SPECIFY: Point of Departure Pantanello Air Base, Italy Course 90°
Target BLECHHAMMER Type of Mission Bombing
GERMANY

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
3/10 to 4/10 CUMULUS TOP, 16000' TARGET

GIVE: (a) Date 7 July 1944 Time app 1105B Location app 49°15'N; 18°40E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: () Last Sighted () Last Contacted by Radio
() Forced Down () 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 () Enemy Anti-Aircraft () Other circumstances as follows: Unknown

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B 24 H AAF Serial No 42-52489

ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R 1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) BP 400722
(b) BP 303289 (c) 42-43748 (d) GP 303317

INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) BROWNING 50CAL L Nose 951166 (b) BROWNING 50CAL R Nose 951340
(c) BROWNING 50CAL L Upper 951489 (d) BROWNING 50CAL R Upper 951705
(e) BROWNING 50CAL L Ball 951818 (f) BROWNING 50CAL R Ball 951224
(g) BROWNING 50 CAL Waist 950071 (h) BROWNING 50CAL R Waist 951261
(i) BROWNING 50CAL L Tail 952130 (j) BROWNING 50CAL R Tail 951715

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

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers none Total 10
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 10 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	MARK	RELATION (Last Name First)	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH	RELATION SHIP, AND ADDRESS
Pilot						
P ✓	GREEN	✓	EARCEL	H ✓	2d Lt O-813690	Albert E Green, father RFD #1, Campbell, Mo
CP	GULLEDGE	✓	ROY	✓	L	2d Lt O-818145 Mrs Kaile F (Stewart) Gulledge, 828 E Duffy St, Savannah, Ga. Wife
N	WINBERG	✓	GEORGE		O	2d Lt O-703355 Marie E Winberg, mother, 2825 Yosemite Ave, Alameda, Calif
B	COBB		NEAL	✓	T	2d Lt O-699510 Mr Cornelius H Gobb, father 1804 LaPorte Ave, Whiting, Ind
EG	DAVIS	✓	CLAUDE	✓	H JR	T SGT 34708368 Claude H Davis, Sr, father 605 Cotton Ave, Eufaula, Ala
ROG	ELLIOTT	✓	JACK		E	T SGT 13119201 Jane A. Elliott, wife, 110 N Anburn Ave, Richmond, Va
AG	HOWLAND	✓	GERALD		E	S SGT 37109806 Gertruda A Howland, mother, 331, 2nd Ave West, Cresco, Iowa

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AG	✓ HOUSTON	JESSE	C	S SGT 13064943	Mrs Annie L. Rothwill, mother	RTD
				2320 Fairmount Ave, Richmond, Va		
AG	✓ SCHLANCA	JOHN	J	S SGT 31106819	Enrico C. Schianca, father	RTD
				131 High Street, Thompsonville, Ct		
AG	✓ PARKER	ANDREW	C	S SGT 34776541	Esther T Parker, mother,	
				311 2nd St, N Wilkesboro, NC		

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
Sherman F. Martin	1st Lt	0-64156		X		

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) No reports whatsoever on this airplane and crew.

- ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 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. Plane not seen or heard from.

Date of this Report: 9 July 1944

Signature of Officer: Carl V. Hardy

CARL V. HARDY
 Capt, AC
 Adj

- 2 Incls:
 Incl 1-Statement Martin
 Incl 2-Sketch



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✓
2nd Lt. Marcel H. Green

Mr. Albert S. Green, (father)
R. F. D. #1,
Campbell, Missouri.

✓
2nd Lt. Roy L. Gullidge

Mrs. Katie S. Gullidge, (wife)
828 East Duffy Street,
Savannah, Georgia.

✓
2nd Lt. George G. Winberg

Mrs. Marie K. Winberg, (mother)
2825 Yosemite Avenue,
Alameda, California.

✓
2nd Lt. Neal T. Cobb

Mr. Cornelius H. Cobb, (father)
1204 Lagorte Avenue,
Whiting, Indiana.

✓
T/Sgt. Claude H. Davis, Jr.

Mr. Claude H. Davis, Sr., (father)
605 Cotton Avenue,
Birmingham, Alabama.

✓
T/Sgt. Jack E. Elliott

Mrs. Jane P. Elliott, (wife)
110 North Auburn Avenue,
Richmond, Virginia.

✓
S/Sgt. Gerald F. Howland

Mrs. Gerald E. Howland, (mother)
131 2nd Avenue,
West Groves, Iowa.

✓
S/Sgt. Jesse G. Houston

Mrs. Anna L. Howland, (mother)
2320 Fairmount Avenue,
Richmond, Virginia.

✓
S/Sgt. John J. Schianna

Mr. Enrico G. Schianna, (father)
131 High Street,
Thompsonville, Connecticut.

✓
S/Sgt. Andrew G. Parker

Mrs. Esther T. Parker, (mother)
311 2nd Street,
North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

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CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

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Prepared by
MIS-X Section
CPI Branch

DATE: 30 Oct 44

NARRATOR	: <u>1st Lt. George O. Winberg</u>	SQUADRON	: <u>778th Bm</u>
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	: <u>O-703855</u>	GROUP	: <u>464th Bm</u>
HOME ADDRESS	: <u>2626 Yosemite Ave., Alameda, Calif.</u>	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	: <u>B-24-H</u>
EX-REPORT NO.	: <u>455</u>	MISSION DATE:	: <u>7 Jul 44</u>

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	2nd Lt. R. Green	KIA
CO-PILOT	2nd Lt. R. Gulledege	KIA
NAVIGATOR	1st Lt. G. Winberg	Narrator
BOMBARDIER	1st Lt. W. L. Cobb	RD
ENGINEER	T/Sgt. C. Davis	RD
RADIO OPERATOR	T/Sgt. J. Elliot	KIA
GUNNER	S/Sgt. J. Schianca	RD
GUNNER	S/Sgt. J. Howland	MIA
GUNNER	S/Sgt. J. Houston	RD
GUNNER	S/Sgt. A. Parker	KIA

KNOWN INFORMATION: Our ship was badly damaged by flak, the tail gunner sustained a broken leg and almost everyone in the ship was wounded by shrapnel. The pilot gave the order to bail out at 5,000 feet and narrator and the nose gunner bailed out together. When the ship was at about 300 feet four others bailed out, the remaining four crashing with the ship. After landing, I was taken to the scene of the crashed plane and identified the bodies of those listed as KIA. These men are buried at Lieskove, Plovskia, near Belusa. I returned to Italy with the men marked RD. S/Sgt. Howland escaped the same day I did, but I have not seen him since.

HEARSAY INFORMATION: I heard from the peasants that S/Sgt. Howland hid out in the mountains after his escape. I also heard that the graves of the deceased crew members are marked.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name George O. Winberg Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-703355
2. Organization 464th Gp Commander Bonner Rank Col. Sqn CO Poff. Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Blechnhammer, target, Oil Refineries, target time, 1120 GCT, altitude, 23,500 route scheduled, 103°
(Bank Turn), route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? over target
6. Did you bail out? Yes, at 500 ft elevation
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". See crew list.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Hor Lieskov, Slovakia
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Lt. E. Green;
Lt. R. Gullledge; S/sgt. A. Parker; T/sgt. J. E. Hirst
11. Where were they in aircraft? In Pilot's seats, & in waist (two survivors)
12. What was their condition? Uninjured
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Lt. N.I. Cobb; T/sgt. C. Davis; S/sgt. Howland; S/sgt. Howland;
Uninjured & S/sgt. J. Schiense, broken leg, were in prison camp at Banská Štruba with me. With the exception of S/sgt. Howland (see crew list) all above have been returned to the United States.
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

1. Your name NEAL T. COBB Rank 1STLT. Serial No. 0-699510
2. Organization 464TH Gp Commander SCHROEDER Rank COL Sqn CO POFF Rank LT. COL.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 20TH, target, BLECHHAMMER OIL REF, target time, 1130, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER THE TARGET
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? SIX OF US 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". NAVIGATOR & NOSE GUNNER BAILED OUT OF FRONT HATCH. THE REST OF US BAILED OUT OF THE REAR ESCAPE HATCH
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR THE TOWN OF BELUSA (SLOVAKIA)
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) PILOT, CO-PILOT, RADIO OPERATOR, AND BALL GUNNER
11. Where were they in aircraft? RO IN NOSE P+GP. IN SEATS. OG. IN WAIST
12. What was their condition? PHYSICALLY ALRIGHT
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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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6590

Name of crew member: GREEN, BARGEL H.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-813690
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxx (Pilot) xxx~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? TRIED TO HOLD PLANE STEADY

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

BALL OUT BOYS AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU"

Was he injured? SLIGHTLY

Where was he when last seen? ON FLIGHT DECK

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE TOLD US TO

BALL OUT AND THEN TRIED TO CRASH LAND THE PLANE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: NO KNOWLEDGE

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6590

Name of crew member: GULLEDGE, Roy L.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-812145
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter) xxx~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? SLIGHTLY

Where was he when last seen? ON FLIGHT DECK

Any hearsay information: _____

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: STAYED WITH PILOT TO HELP HIM CONTROL PLANE

Total number of missions of above crew member: NO KNOWLEDGE

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6590

Name of crew member:

ELLIOTT, Jack E.

Rank:

T/Sgt.

Serial number:

13119201

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

BOG

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? AFRAID TO JUMPLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONEWas he injured? NoWhere was he when last seen? ON FLIGHT DECKAny hearsay information: NAVIGATOR AND NOSE GUNNER SAID
THAT HE WAS TO AFRAID

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 # 6590

Name of crew member:

HOWLAND, Gerald E.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

37109806

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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Did he bail out? YESWhere? OVER SLOVAKIA

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? IN PRISON CAMP

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NO IDEA ASTO HOW HE WAS KILLEDTotal number of missions of above crew member: NO KNOWLEDGE

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6590

Name of crew member:

PARKER, Andrew C.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

34776541

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Reason unknownLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: orderedto bailout station in west of B-24 BomberWas he injured? Killed in crashWhere was he when last seen? at the above positionAny hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Buried atHor. Lieskov, Slovakia by Czechoslovakian Nationals. Information given by military officials, then stationed at Trencin, SlovakiaTotal number of missions of above crew member: unknownDates and destinations if possible: Last mission was on 7 July 1944to Blechhammer Oil Refineries in Silesia, Germany

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Claude H. Davis Jr. Rank 1st Sgt Serial No. 39708368
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander Banner Rank Col. Sqn CO _____ Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Bleckhammer oil Refineries, target
time, 12:00, altitude, 22,500 ft. route scheduled, Appx 30° E.
Italy, Yugo. Air. Gen., route flown As scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? Baker Bay Charlie group
6. Did you bail out? No
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". At appx 1157 Lt. Winberg 1st Sgt Howland left the ship via nose wheel doors. At appx 1159 Lt. Cobb 1st Sgt left the ship via forward hatch door. At appx after having 1st Sgt J. Schiancia (wounded) out the forward hatch
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Relvaia (Czechoslovakia)
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Lt. Eancel Green, pilot Lt. Ray Gullledge, Co-pilot, 1st Sgt. Jack E. Elliott, radio operator 1st Sgt. Andrew C. Parker, ball gunner
Elliott in nose section
11. Where were they in aircraft? Green in pilot seat Gullledge Parker in waist
12. What was their condition? All believed to be either dead or dying
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Lt. Winberg Lt. Cobb & crew in Braie, Italy after our return, 1st Sgt. Jessie Houston, at Miami Fla. 1st Sgt. J. Schiancia was last seen near Gocovina, Slovakia on 1 Aug 44 but he has been returned to 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)