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

SPECIFY: Point of Departure PANTANELLA AIR BASE Course WIENER NEUDROF
Target WIENER Type of Mission BOMBING
NEUDROF

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

GIVE: (a) Date 16 JULY 1944 Time 1025 Location 47°57'N 16°45'E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: (X) 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)
(X) Enemy Aircraft () Enemy Anti-aircraft () Other circumstances as follows: _____

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H AAF Serial No 42-52502

ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R 1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) CP-302287
(b) CP-302561 (c) CP-302580 (d) CP-302568

INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)

(a) <u>BROWNING 50 CAL M1</u>	<u>951467</u>	(b) <u>951469</u>	<u>951664</u>
(c) <u>951589</u>	(d) <u>951778</u>	<u>951356</u>	
(e) <u>951332</u>	(f) <u>110605</u>		
(g) <u>951689</u>	(h) <u>951286</u>		

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 & RELATION- SHIP, AND ADDRESS
P Pilot	WILLIAMS, RICHARD A.	2D LT	0750907	WIFE MRS MARY WILLIAMS, 1811 AVE D., GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA
C CO-PILOT	WEBER, JOSEPH L.	2D LT	0819900	WIFE MRS MARY WEBER, 26 COHASSET ST., BOSTON, MASS.
N NAVIGATOR	GLEICHER, MERED (NMI)	F/O	1124710	MOTHER MRS HELEN R. GLEICHER, 1001 PRESIDENT ST., BROOKLYN
B BOMBARDIER	WALSH, JAMES	2D LT	0703493	FATHER WILSON WOOD ST., LOWELLVILLE, OHIO
E ENGINEER	JOHNSON, RICHARD C.	T/SGT	20948100	WIFE MRS MARY JOHNSON, BOX 159, HOQUIAM, WASHINGTON
E ENGINEER	TRIZ, [unclear]	SGT	37478225	MOTHER MRS MARY TRIZ, ST., OMAHA, NEBRASKA
E ENGINEER	KIRKPATRICK, FORREST R.	S/SGT	38474892	MOTHER MRS MOLLIE KIRKPATRICK, RT #1, JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

(See Reverse Side)

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ARMORER GNR ~~M/M~~ LOAR, GLENN E. S/SGT 16076111 WIFE MRS NELLIE MAE LOAR, BOX 95, ALTAMONT, ILLINOIS.

ARMORER GNR ~~M/M~~ SEALY, JULIUS M JR S/SGT 34779393 WIFE MRS VIRGINIA B. SEALY, 127 S. TORRENCE ST., CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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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

WILLIAM P. CORNELL CPL. 15119151 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 CHUTES WERE SEEN TO OPEN.

- 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 WAS MADE AS AIRCRAFT WAS SEEN TO GO DOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.

Date of this Report: 18 JULY 1944

Signature of Officer Alderson Timmons
ALDERSON TIMMONS,
CAPT., AIR CORPS,
ADJUTANT

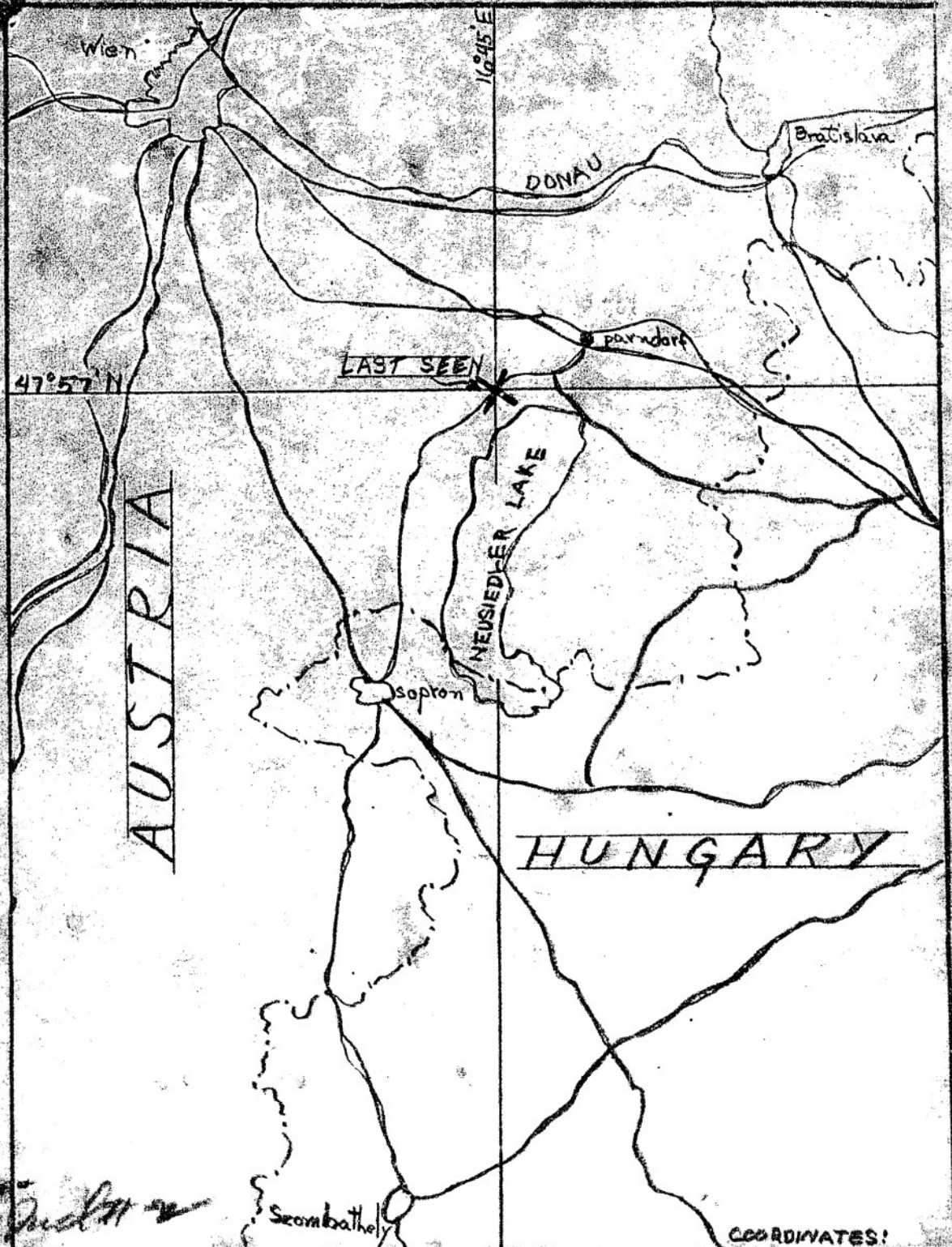
- 2 Incls:
 INCL 1 - STATEMENT OF CPL. WILLIAM P. CORNELL (OCTU)
 INCL 2 - MAP OF AREA WHERE PLANE WAS LAST SEEN (OCTU)



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16 July 1944 - Bombing of Wiener Neusdorf

COORDINATES: 47°57' N - 16°45' E

2nd Lt Richard A. Williams RTD

Mrs. Twilabelle Williams (Wife)
1411 Avenue D,
Gothenburg, Nebraska.

2nd Lt James W. Hall RTD

Mr. Fair W. Hall (Father)
24 Walnut Street,
Lancaster, Ohio.

* F/O Alfred Gleicher RTD

Mr. Herman Gleicher (Father)
62 East 38th Street,
New York, New York.

371 F/Sgt Sam Trissa KIA

Mrs. Dorothy A. Trissa (Wife)
2006 North Columbia Place,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

S/Sgt Glenn H. Lear KIA

Mrs. Mildred I. Lear (Mother)
Box 95,
Altamont, Illinois.

Sgt S/Sgt Beauford G. Johnson KIA

Mrs. Nellie Ann Johnson (Wife)
Route #2, Box 159,
Hoquiam, Washington.

Sgt Leigh R. Freeman RTD

Mrs. Mary E. Freeman (Mother)
4001 Charles Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Sgt Julius H. Sealy, Jr. KIA

Mrs. Virginia B. Sealy (Wife)
127 South Terrence Street,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

371 Sgt Forrest Kirkpatrick KIA

Mrs. Nellie P. Kirkpatrick (Mother)
Route #1,
Jacksonville, Tenn.

2nd Lt Joseph L. Weber RTD

Mrs. Marie E. Weber (Wife)
Converse Road,
Boston, Massachusetts.

* F/O Alfred Gleicher RTD

Mrs Helen Gleicher, (Mother)
1001 President Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name WILLIAMS, RICHARD ARNOLD Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-750297
779th Sq. Schroeder; Elvin E. Goodyear
2. Organization 416th Gp Commander Rank Col Sqn CO Rank Lt. Col
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Weiner Mordorf, target, Aircraft Engine Factory, target time, 11:15, altitude, 23,800 route scheduled, Direct
 route flown Same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Last plane in last box in the Group
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Five members did
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". Copilot, Joseph Weber, and myself bailed out the top hatch of B24H because of fire in Bomb Bay. The Bombardier, James Hall, 2nd Lt., and Navigator Gleicher, F/O, and Nose Gunner S/Sgt Leigh R. Freeman, all bailed out the nose escape hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 40 Miles South West of Vienna, 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) I believe the following members of crew were in aircraft when it struck ground, since they were never seen to bail out or to land in a chute. T/Sgt. Sam Trizza, S/Sgt Forrest Kirkpatrick, S/Sgt Glenn E. Loar, S/Sgt. Julius M. Sealy, Jr.
11. Where were they in aircraft? They were at Ball, Tail, and Waist Gun positions.
12. What was their condition? Believed to be killed or wounded by Enemy fighters
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? none
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)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name LEIGH R. FREEMAN Rank S/Lt. Serial No. 37478225
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander ? Rank ? SqN CO Goodyear Rank col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission Vienna, target, ME109 Final Assembly Plant, target time, about 10.30 AM, altitude, 23500? route scheduled, unknown, route flown not known
5. Where were you when you left formation? near the I.P.
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Saw Lt. Hall bail out of nose escape hatch.
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". only know of Lt. Hall - near I.P. no knowledge of others.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? near 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) Do not know
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 Lt. Williams on ground after he was taken prisoner not far from where I was captured.
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)

Name of crew member: JOHNSON, Beauford C.
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 20948100
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Engineer

Did he bail out? Do Not Know

Where? -

If not, why not? I Do Not Know

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

Over inner phone "Here they come".

Was he injured? Do not know

Where was he when last seen? Flight deck

Any hearsay information: none

Source: -

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: nothing known

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: Do not know

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: TRIZZA, Sam
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 20814466
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Bomber)~~: Engineer

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: none

Was he injured? Do not know

Where was he when last seen? -

Any hearsay information: -

Sources: -

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Do not know

Total number of missions of above crew member: Do not know

Dates and destinations if possible: -

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: KIRKPATRICK, Forrest R.

Rank: S/Sgt.

Serial number: 38474892

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Ball gunnerDid 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: noneWas he injured? Do not knowWhere was he when last seen? WaistAny hearsay information: noneSource: -Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Do not knowTotal number of missions of above crew member: 13Dates and destinations if possible: Do not know

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: LOAR, Glenn E.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 16076111
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as a member of the crew~~: Armorer Gunner

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: None

Was he injured? Do not know

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: None

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: SEALY, Julius M. Jr.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 34778393
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Armorer~~: Armorer Gunner

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: _____

Was he injured? Do not know

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: none

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Do not know

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____