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REPORT: 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 AAB, Italy Command or AF 15th Air Force  
 Group 464th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 777th Bomb Sq (H)
- 2 SPECIFY: Point of Departure Pantanello AAB, Italy Course Northeast  
 Target BLEICHHAGEN Type of Mission BOMBING  
NORTHERGERMANY
- 3 WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Clear with Scattered cumulus in vicinity
- 4 GIVE: (a) Date 7 August 44 Time 1131 Location 50° 21'N 18° 18' 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-G AAF Serial No 42-78318
- 7 ENGINES: Type, Model & Series B-1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) BP 432499  
 (b) CP 325646 (c) BP 432489 (d) BP 432471
- 8 INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)  
 (a) RM 1249128 (b) LE 978127 RB 978391  
 (c) LN 1248378 (c) RE 978556 LB 978542  
 (e) RT 973325 (f) RM 978781  
 (s) LT 973349 (h) LM 979059
- 9 PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty ( ) Non-Battle Cas.
- 10 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)

	NAME IN FULL CREW POSITION (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEAREST OF KIN, RELATION- SHIP, AND ADDRESS
<i>FUB</i> 1	Pilot <u>TUDOR, JAMES R.</u>	<i>FUB</i> Capt	<u>0-421794</u>	Constance L. Tudor (W) <i>RTD</i>
<i>FUB</i> 2	Co Pilot <u>RYAN, JAMES J.</u>	<i>FUB</i> 2nd Lt.	<u>0-751040</u>	John F. Ryan (F) <i>RTD</i>
<i>RMC</i> 3	Navigator <u>HOLLMANN, WILLIAM H.</u>	<i>RMC</i> 2nd Lt.	<u>0-697863</u>	Frances L. Hollmann (W) <i>RTD</i>
<i>RMC</i> 4	Bombardier <u>VALENTE, LOUIS V.</u>	<i>RMC</i> 2nd Lt.	<u>0-755133</u>	Louis J. Valente (F) <i>RTD</i>
<i>DEDS</i> 5	Eng G. <u>Anderson, Lawrence N.</u>	<i>DEDS</i> T/Sgt	<u>0-11027282</u>	Olga Anderson (M) <i>RD</i>
<i>RVA</i> 6	Eng G. <u>Patrick, Henry C.</u>	<i>RVA</i> T/Sgt	<u>6394928</u>	Alma W. Patrick (M) <i>RD</i>
<i>KIA</i> 7	ROG <u>Hickson, Robert E.</u>	<i>KIA</i> S/Sgt	<u>32910340</u>	Charles S. Hickson (F) <i>RD</i>
<i>KIA</i> 8	Arm G. <u>Kolzer, Joseph E.</u>	<i>KIA</i> S/Sgt	<u>35518903</u>	Matilda Kolzer (M) <i>RD</i>
			<u>15603 Sarenac Rd.</u>	<u>Cleveland, Ohio</u>

incl #1

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No. 369

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EUS 9. Arm G. Kramer, Kenneth A. S/Sgt 32833903 Walter Kramer (F) 60 Arden Avenue, Buffalo, N.Y.  
 KIA 10 Eng G. Adams, George E. S/Sgt 33409412 Melverson Adams (F)  
R.D. #3 Saegertown, Pennsylvania

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 Seen		
			by Radio	Sighten	Crash Forced Landing
Baker, John W.	S/Sgt	18179659		X	
Kucharek, William	S/Sgt	32745530			X
Moore, Edward D.	S/Sgt	16175856		X	
Lory, Jerome	S/Sgt	12194629		X	
Prado, John L. III	S/Sgt	39332657		X	

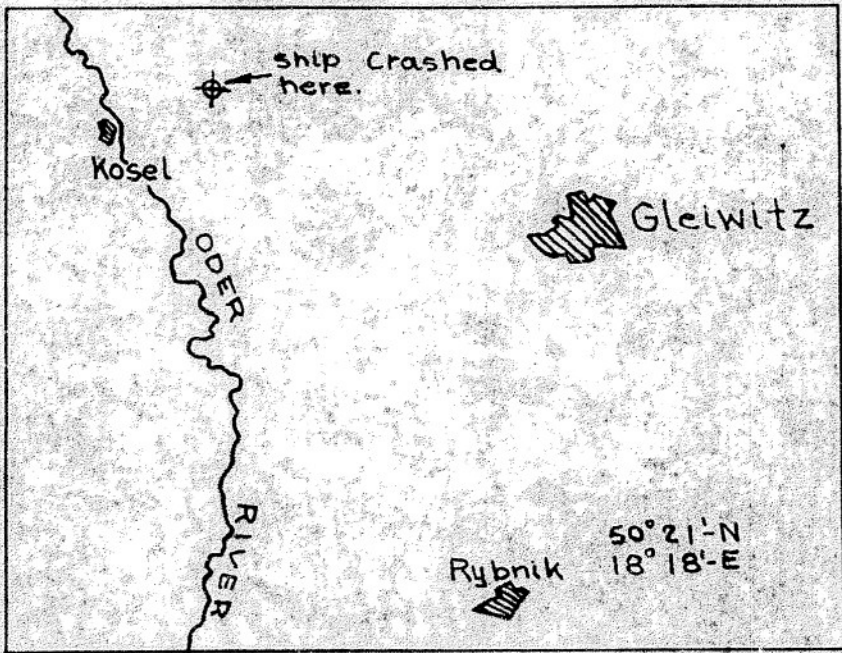
12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 ( ) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash  
 ( ) Any other reason (specify) Parachutes were not seen.
13. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
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) There was no search made as the plane went down over enemy territory

Date of this Report: 9 August 1944

6 Incls: Signature of Officer E. O'Reilly  
Capt., Air Corps  
Adjutant.

Incl 1. Statement of S/Sgt Baker  
 Incl 2. Statement of S/Sgt Kucharek  
 Incl 3. Statement of S/Sgt Moore  
 Incl 4. Statement of S/Sgt Lory  
 Incl 5. Statement of S/Sgt Prado III  
 Incl 6. Location Sketch.





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✓ Capt. James R. Tudor	0	9	Mrs. James R. Tudor (wife) 227 East Park Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
✓ 2nd Lt. James J. Ryan	0	8	Mrs. Mary Lou Ryan (wife) Benson Hotel, Pocatello, Idaho.
✓ 2nd Lt. William H. Holisann, Jr.	40		Mrs. Frances L. Holisann (wife) 107 23 114th Street, Richmond Hill, New York.
✓ 2nd Lt. Louis V. Valente	0	10	Mr. Louis J. Valente (father) 1118 Corland, Peekskill, New York.
✓ T/Sgt. Henry C. Patrick		7	Mrs. Alma V. Partick (mother) Lake Providence, Louisiana,
✓ T/Sgt. Lawrence N. Anderson		4	Mrs. Olga Anderson (mother) 17 Franklin Street, Wakefield, Massachusetts.
✓ S/Sgt. George E. Adams		1	Mrs. Agnes J. Adams (mother) Route Three, Seagertown, Pennsylvania.
✓ S/Sgt. Kenneth A. Kramer	0	6	Mr. Walter Kramer (father) 60 Arden Avenue, Buffalo, New York.
✓ S/Sgt. Joseph F. Kolzer		5	Mrs. Matilda Kolzer (mother) 15603 Saranac Road, Cleveland, Ohio.
✓ S/Sgt. Robert E. Hickey		3	Mr. Charles S. Hickey (father) 184 Glenwood Avenue, Leonia, New Jersey.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name RYAN, JAMES, J. Rank 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Serial No. 0-751040
2. Organization 464<sup>th</sup> Bp Commander Schroder Rank Col Sqn Cdr Moore Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Blechhammer Ger target  
time, 11:30, altitude, 21,000 route scheduled, Direct,  
Except for known flight areas. route flown As Briefed
5. Where were you when you left formation? Approx. 30 seconds After Bombs Away
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". Pilot: Capt. J.R. Tudor, wounded Baled while in Severe Spin at 18,000' Nav. Lt W. Hallmann Bailed out Bomb bay Ahead of Pilot. Bomb bay Bailed out Nose 1 m immediately After Plane Spun. Nose Gunner: S/Sgt K.A. Kramer, Filled Red Bomb Out.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Approx 1 Mile from 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) I Don't 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? I last seen them Before Take off.
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: ANDERSON, Lawrnece N. File Nr. 7534  
 Rank: T/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 11027282  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight Engineer~~: Engineer / Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? WAS KILLED BY FLAK BURST

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just Before  
ENTERING TARGET AREA

Was he injured? NOT AT TIME OF CONVERSATION

Where was he when last seen? LAST SEEN BY PILOT, CO-PILOT + NAVIGATOR, SITTING  
LIFELESSLY IN UPPER TURRET

Any hearsay information: PILOT, COPILOT + NAVIGATOR TOLD ME THAT  
JUST BEFORE BAILING OUT THEY SAW ANDERSON SITTING  
LIFELESSLY IN HIS TURRET, THE UPPER TURRET. THEY  
ASSUMED THAT HE WAS KILLED BY THE BURST  
OF FLAK.

Source: PILOT - CAPT. TUDOR - COPILOT - LT RYAN - NAVIGATOR - LT HOLLIMAN

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROXIMATELY 35

Dates and destinations if possible: NOT KNOWN

Statement by Valente, Ben

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HICKSON, Robert E.** File Nr. 7534  
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**  
 Serial number: **3291040**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~: **Radio Operator / Ganner**

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Because of The spin.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: About  
5 Min Before Target.

Was he injured? I don't know.

Where was he when last seen? In plane

Any hearsay information: That he was Thrown out of  
Plane when it crashed and was killed

Source: Capt. J.R. Tudor told me that a German told him.

Any explanation of his fate based ~~in~~ wholly on supposition: I think  
the spin was so sudden & severe that he was  
Unable to get out. Possibly knocked unconscious.

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX: 20

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **PATRICK, Henry C.** File Nr. 7534  
 Rank: **T/Sgt.**  
 Serial number: **6594928**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER/GUNNER~~: **Engineer / Gunner**

Did he bail out? I do not know.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Probably Because of centrifugal Force.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Approx  
5 min before Target Time: Routine check on them

Was he injured? I don't know

Where was he when last seen? In the plane

Any hearsay information: That He was Thrown clear of the  
Plane and was killed

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

Any explanation of his fate based ~~to~~ wholly on supposition: That The  
Spin Threw him and possibly knock Him out.  
or he might Have been wounded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx: 37

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KOLZER, Joseph F.** File Nr. 7534  
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**  
 Serial number: **55518903**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Armorer / Gunner**

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? He was in tail turret & the spin was too  
Sever.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Approx:  
5 min Before Target.

Was he injured? I don't know

Where was he when last seen? In the plane

Any hearsay information: That he was still in Tail turret  
Dead with Two Broken legs.

Source: Capt. J. R. Tudor told me that a German told him.

Any explanation of his fate based in ~~part~~ wholly on supposition: That the  
centrifugal force from spin broke his legs & he  
was unable to get out. I leveled plane into spiral  
and called waist, but the interphone system  
was out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx: 39

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **ADAMS, George E.** File Nr. **7534**  
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**  
 Serial number: **33409412**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~: **Engineer / Gunner**

Did he bail out? I don't know.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? The Plane was in a severe spin.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Approx  
5 min Before the Target.

Was he injured? I don't know.

Where was he when last seen? In the plane

Any hearsay information: That he was still in the Ball Turret  
and was killed in crash.

Source: Capt. J.R. Tudor told me that a German told him.

Any explanation of his fate based ~~in part~~ wholly on supposition: I think the  
spin was too severe and he may have been  
wounded by Flak Fragments.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx 41

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

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William HENRY HOLLMANN Rank 1<sup>ST</sup> LT. Serial No. 0-697863-
2. Organization 464 B.G. Commander Col. MARSHALL BONNER Rank Col. Sqn CO WM. NDORF Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month AUGUST day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, OIL REFINERY, target, BLECHHAMMER GERMANY, target  
time, 11:20, altitude, 24,000' route scheduled, Italy (Pantanello)  
to BELGRADE to HUNGARY to TARGET route flown AS BRIEFED
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 - To MY knowledge 4 others and myself.
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". Bombardier - nose wheel door Pilot - Bomb bay - Navigator (myself) bomb bay - nose gunner (nose wheel door) Co pilot (nose bomb bay).
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? about 15 miles from target NW 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) No Knowledge Germans reported later that all five that are still missing were at their stations when the ship was on the ground.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Tail gunner, top turret gunner, ball gunner 2 waist gunners
12. What was their condition? no knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? The top turret gunner (Anderson) was dead when I left the ship. Our direct hit got him in the head and he was positively not alive when I left the ship. I have no knowledge of the others.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Lt. R. Miller (my group Sgt) shot down July 15 1944 was reported dead later by the Germans Source - Crew's Bombardier. not official or confirmed. Col. Marshall Bonner (group C.O.) never seen in prison. his pilot (Lt. Lawrence DeWitt (my Sgt.)) theories has chute debris open.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Kenneth A. Kramer Rank 3/sgt. Serial No. 32833903
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month Aug. day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Tobin bail fields, target, Blechhammer, target  
time, take off - approx 7:00 A.M. shot down 7:15 A.M. altitude, 21,000 ft. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? In nose turret.
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". 2nd Lt. Louis V. Vakute bailed out of nose wheel door just before myself.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 1/2 mile from small town of Annaburg approx. 20 miles from 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) 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? At take off time.
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)

OVER.

- 1.) 2nd. Lt. Louis V. Valente is the only person whom I actually saw bail out of our plane.
- 2.) The following men also bailed out, because I later saw them in prison Camps.

Capt. James R. Tudor

2nd. Lt. James J. Ryan

2nd. Lt. William H. Hollmann Jr.