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to **RESTRICTED**
By E. A. [redacted], Lt. Col., AG
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DEPARTMENT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

ORGANIZATION: Location APO 520, U.S. Army Command or AF 15th Air Force
Group 64th Bombardment Group(H) Squadron 77th Bombardment Sq(H)

SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF, Pantanella, Italy Type BF
Target Moravaka Type of Mission Bombing
Ostrava, Czechoslovakia.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Widely scattered middle and high clouds. Visibility 20 miles.

GIVE: (a) Date 29 August 1944 Time 1230 Location 6°35'N-18°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)
() Enemy Aircraft () Enemy Anti-aircraft (X) Other circumstances as follows: Mechanical Failure.

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-G AAF Serial No 42-78248

ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) RP-428857
(b) BP-425574 (c) RP-428389 (d) RP-428494

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

(a) Browning MG-M2 Cal. 50	977764	(b) Browning MG-M2 Cal. 50	977665
(c) " " " "	977919	(d) " " " "	977642
(e) " " " "	977985	(f) " " " "	977874
(g) " " " "	977945	(h) " " " "	977981
" " " "	391656	" " " "	977746

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	NAME OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
Pilot	Kollias, John F.	1st Lt	0687041	Mrs. Wilma Rose Kollias (Wife) 2115 Park Ave. St. Louis, Missouri. P/O. T-62256 Mr. James J. O'Keefe, (Father) 1 Main St., North Hanover, Mass.
Co-Pilot	O'Keefe, Robert G.			
Navigator	Price, Lewis F.	1st Lt	0695448	Mrs. Emma P. Price (Wife) 1903 8th St., Lubbock, Texas.
Bombardier	Jacobson, Albert E.	1st Lt	0694775	Mrs. L. Jacobson (Mother) 5918 Caster Ave., Philadelphia, Penn.
Engr-Gun	Ollikainen, Toivo J.	S/Sgt.	31267216	Mrs. Helmi Ollikainen (Mother) RFD#2, Milford, New Hampshire.
Rad-Opr-Gun	Cook, William B.	S/Sgt.	36445542	Mrs. Matilda Cook (Mother) Chandleryville, Ill.
Ball Gun	Probst, Fred L.	S/Sgt.	37615201	Mrs. Frances B. Probst (Mother) RFD#3, West Plains, Mo.
Tail Gun	Rochette, Francis C.	S/Sgt.	31116372	Mrs. Margaret Lynch (Mother) RFD, Hazardville, Enfield, Conn.

1st Gun Quellette, Dewey H. Sgt. 31318365, Mr. Demase Quellette,
 (Father) St. Francis, Rhode Island
 2nd Gun Richard, Emilio J. Sgt. 31326227, Mrs. Mary A. Richard,
 (Mother) 12 Halton St. Providence, R.I.

IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LOST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-
 CRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLLISION IMPACT BASIS NO. 5 ME:
 NAME IN FULL NAME SERIAL NO. SA. Sighted Crash Forced Landing

Gorder, Robert A. 1st Lt. 0668441 X
 Doverspike, George C. 2d Lt. 0824610 X

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

- 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, WITNESS 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 could be made due to group formation being directly over target.

Date of this Report: 31 August 1944

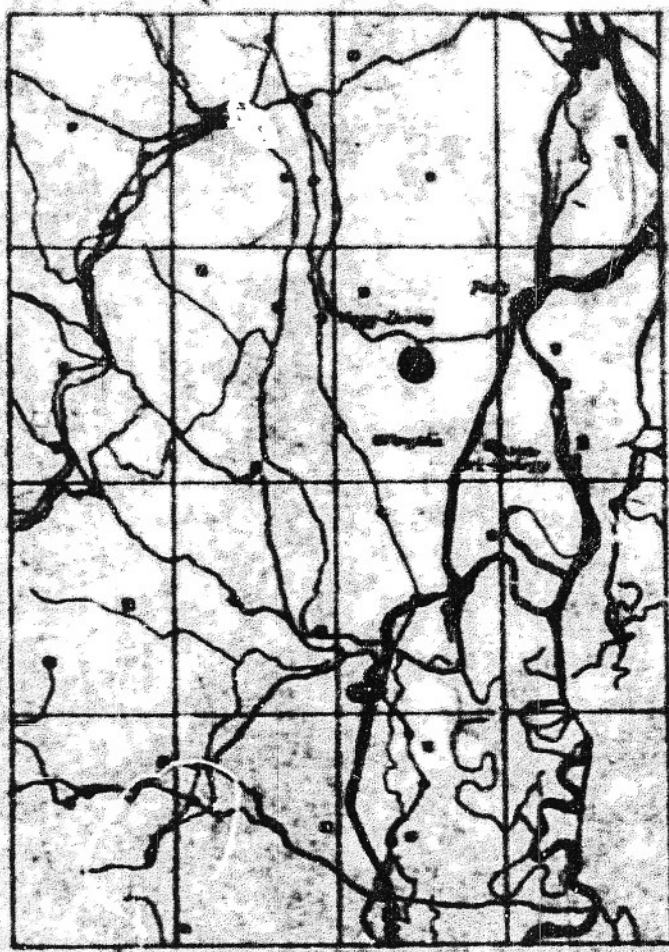
Signature of Officer William H. Reddell

WILLIAM H. REDDELL,
 Major, Air Corps,
 Commanding.

3 Incls:

- Incl 1-Sketch of approx position ship was last sighted.
- Incl 2-Eye Witness report of 1st Lt. Gorder.
- Incl 3-Eye Witness report of 2d Lt. Doverspike.





18°10'

20'

30'

40'

50'

50'

40'

30'

20'

46°10'

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● INDICATES AREA IN WHICH LT. KOLLIAS' CREW LAST SIGHTED.

BEARING — 46°35'N. 18°45'E.

Map #1

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S T A T E M E N T

I was flying as Pilot on Ship #500 which was flying in Charlie Box 31 position on the raid over Czechoslovakia.

I noticed the ship in Charlie Box 21 position the #4 engine was smoking and shortly afterwards he feathered his #4 prop and informed the Box Leader that he could not stay with the formation at that speed. He was then seen to drop back in the formation and I filled in in his position. Somewhere between 1300 and 1315 a voice which sounded like Lt. Kollies was heard to say to an escort pursuit, words to this effect: "I only have fifteen minutes of gas left and believe I'll have to bail the crew out". The escort ship answered back that he would have to leave as he was running short of gas himself. This conversation was heard over VHF Chanel "A". I then switched back to Command. The last I saw of this ship it was dropping back out of formation.

Robert A. Gorder

ROBERT A. GORDER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Serial No. O-668411,
1st Pilot, Ship #500
776th Bomb Sq (H)
464th Bomb Gp (H).

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incl #2

S T A T E M E N T

I was flying as Co-Pilot on Ship #500 which was flying in Charlie Box 31 position on the raid over Czechoslovakia.

I was flying with VHF on Chanel "A" when I heard Red Baker calling the lead ship of the formation, telling the lead ship he was going to bail out his crew as he was running out of gas. I don't recall hearing any answer from the lead ship.

George C. Doverspike

GEORGE C. DOVERSPIKE,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Serial No. O-82,610,
Co-Pilot, Ship #500
776th Bomb Sq (H)
464th Bomb Gp (H).

1st. Lt. John V. Mallon

Mrs. Vilma E. Mallon, (wife)
2113 Oak Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

1st. Lt. Louis F. Price

Mrs. Emma H. Price, (wife)
1009 6th Street,
Lubbock, Texas.

1st. Lt. Albert I. Jackson

Mrs. Leah L. Jackson, (Mother)
2918 Center Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Pvt Robert C. O'Rourke

Mr. James J. O'Rourke, (Father)
620 Main Street,
North Haven, Connecticut.

S/sgt. Vernon J. Gilliland

Mrs. Edna Gilliland, (Mother)
Royal Post Highway Number Ten,
Milford, New Hampshire.

S/sgt. William E. Cook

Mrs. Estelle A. Cook, (Mother)
Graftonville, Illinois.

S/sgt. Fred L. Fuchs

Mr. Robert L. Fuchs, (Father)
Royal Route Number Three,
West Plains, Missouri.

S/sgt. Francis C. Kuchta

Mrs. Margaret Lynch, (Mother)
Royal Post Highway, Hamdenville,
Hartford, Connecticut.

Cpl. Henry E. Gullotta

Mr. James Gullotta, (Father)
24. Victoria, Idaho.

Cpl. Emilio J. Kahan

Mrs. Geraldine C. Kahan, (wife)
714 Center Street,
Providence, Rhode Island.

Handwritten signature

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Fred H. Probst Rank 9/Sgt Serial No. 32615201
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander Rank Col Sqn CO _____ Rank 1st Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month 8 day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Abasco-Ostera target, Oil, target time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Some where in Hungary
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". We all bailed out but in scattered line. All were safe in partisan hands except nose gunner (Darcy H. Dueltz)
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown
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. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **PRICE, Louis F.**
 Rank: **1st Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-038 048**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ **Navigator**

File # **6106**Did he bail out? YesWhere? Yugo-Slavia

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

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

Name of crew member: SOOK, William B. File # 6206
 Rank: 2/sgt.
 Serial number: 25 625 642
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~25-625-642 (Fighter)~~: Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Bomb-bay Yugo-Slavia

If not, why not? _____

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

Friendly glances before leaving ship

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

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

Name of crew member: RICHARD, Earl J.Rank: 2nd Lt.File # 0203Serial number: 22 222 227Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Base Officer WristDid he bail out? YesWhere? Bomb-bay Yugo-slavia

If not, why not? _____

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

Friendly Glances before leaving ship.Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

He was killed on later mission which I did not take part in.Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Ous Halla Daway H Rank Sgt Serial No. 31318365
776 Combat Sq
2. Organization 776 Sq Commander L Rank L Sqn CO L Rank L
3. What year August (full name) 31 1945 did you go down? (full name)
4. What was the mission, _____, target, _____, target time, _____, altitude, _____, route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? _____
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes All
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". every one bailed out and all got back to the base after 42 days in F from other Bay that we had left
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? _____
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 6 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? Good Condition
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

Dear Sir :

the best of my knowledge I have
one all I could but I talk to my crew
member when I get back they said
every body but Michael Emile J. Sgt.
A.S.N. 31386227 was home safe but Michael
was the only one killed in action. for
better information contact all other
crew member

My name ^{rank} Sgt

Jerry H. Oullette
A.S.N. 31318365