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by P. M. ...

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 PANTANELLA AIR BASE Command or AF 15TH AF
Group 464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) Squadron 779TH FOMB SQ (H)

SPECIFY: Point of Departure PANTANELLA AIR BASE Course KORENEBERG, AUSTRIA
Target KORENEBERG Type of Mission BOMBING
AUSTRIA

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH (OR WHEN LAST REPORTED):
CLEAR VISIBILITY 20 MILES

GIVE: (a) Date 22 AUG 1944 Time 1115 Location HUNGARY
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 (X) Enemy Anti-aircraft () Other circumstances as follows:

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 J AAF Serial No 42-50920

ENGINES: Type, Model & Series B 1830-43 A AAF Serial No (a) CP 313044
(b) CP 315117 (c) CP 315183 (d) 42-89211

INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish bullet Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) BROWNING 50 CAL M2 1534494 (b) 1534628 1534217
(c) 1534691 (d) 1037461 1527658
(e) 1527722 (f) 1528195
(g) 1534657 (h) 1534724

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)

	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATION- SHIP, AND ADDRESS
CREW POSITION				
Pilot	FELDT, ALBERT J.	1ST LT	0987572	MOTHER MRS
CO-PILOT	VICTORIA FELDT, PARK, KANSAS.			
	WELLBROCK, RICHARD L.	2D LT	0919438	WIFE MRS MARY
	C. WELLBROCK, 500 HANSSLER PLACE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.			
NAVIGATOR	SHUTTS, GORDON D.	1ST LT	0998153	MOTHER MRS MAYE
	K. SHUTTS, 214 SHERMAN PLACE, WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS			
BOMBARDIER	STEIN, ARCHIE R.	1ST LT	0982527	FATHER
	J. STEIN, ROUTE #1, ALKIN, MINNESOTA			
ENGINEER	BAKER, ROBERT L.	S/SGT		
	W. BAKER, 25 MAPLE STREET, ARMY			
ENGINEER	VOUGHT, WILLIAM J.	T/SGT	38164	
	E. VOUGHT, LYON LAKE ROAD, MARSHALL, MINN.			
ENGINEER	SANDERS, ROBERT W.	S/SGT	3123670	
	SANDERS, MAIN STREET, BREWSTER, MASSACHUSETTS			
BO GUNNER	NETHERCOT, ROBERT D.	T/SGT	37503267	WIFE MRS MARGARET
	L. NETHERCOT, 737 JUDSON, FORT SCOTT, KANSAS			

(See Reverse Side)

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REPORT ON INCIDENT
AT 7:30

1. AERIAL GUNNER ² CAGE, JAMES H. JR. PVT 34871902 ~~3056-4788~~ ³¹⁰
 2. FLORENCE C. CAGE, GENERAL DELIVERY P. O., FITLER, MISS.
 3. ARMORER GND ⁴ MILLS, ARTHUR P. SGT 11122527 FATHER MR JAMES
 E. MILLS, 32 RHODE ISLAND AVE., SO. PORTLAND, MAINE ¹⁷⁰

1. 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	MILITARY SERIAL NO	Contacted Last Seen		
		by Radio	Sighted	Crash Forced Landing
ELVIN R. DEAN	T/SGT 32669450		X	
FREEMAN W. GIVANS	S/SGT 35085755		X	
ROYAL W. SAYLOR	S/SGT 36441341		X	

2. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

() Parachutes were used () Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
 (X) Any other reason (specify) NO CHUTES WERE SEEN TO OPEN AS AIRCRAFT WAS UNDER CONTROL WHEN LAST SIGHTED.

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

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

5. 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 LAST SEEN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.

Date of this Report: 24 AUGUST 1944

Signature of Officer _____

Alderson Timmons

ALDERSON TIMMONS,
CAPT., AIR CORPS,
ADJUTANT

4 Incls:

- INCL 1 - STATEMENT OF T/SGT ELVIN F. DEAN (SEPTUP)
- INCL 2 - STATEMENT OF S/SGT FREEMAN W. GIVANS (SEPTUP)
- INCL 3 - STATEMENT OF S/SGT ROYAL W. SAYLOR (SEPTUP).
- INCL 4 - MAP OF AREA WHERE PLANE WAS LAST SEEN (SEPTUP)



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RENDERING OF KORENBURG
APR 24, 1944

COORDINATES
46° 40' N. 17° 10' E

1st Lt. Archie G. Stein

Mr. Arthur J. Stein (father)
Route One,
Litchia, Minnesota.

MIA

1st Lt. Gordon B. Shette

Mrs. Hays E. Shette (mother)
214 Sherman Place,
Washington, Illinois.

MIA

1st Lt. Albert J. Faldt

Mrs. Victoria Faldt (mother)
York, Kansas.

POW

2nd Lt. Richard L. Wallbrook

Mr. William V. Wallbrook (father)
800 Municipal Plaza,
Peoria, Illinois.

POW

Mrs. Mary Wallbrook (wife)
129 High Street,
Peoria, Illinois.

2/Sgt. Robert E. Eotherwest

Mrs. Margaret L. Eotherwest (wife)
727 Jackson Street,
Fort Scott, Kansas.

MIA

T/Sgt. William J. Voght, Jr.

Mrs. Anna T. Voght (mother)
Lyon Lake Road,
Marshall, Michigan.

POW

2/Sgt. Robert L. Deher

Mrs. Mary G. Deher (wife)
45 Maple Street,
Abbeville, South Carolina.

MIA

2/Sgt. Robert W. Sanders

Mrs. Ruth W. Sanders (mother)
Box 28,
East Hampton, Massachusetts.

MIA

Sgt. Arthur P. Mills

Mr. James E. Mills (father)
27 Rhode Island Avenue,
South Portland, Maine.

POW

Pvt. James E. Gage, Jr.

Mrs. Florence Coriell Gage (mother)
General Delivery,
Ft.ier, Mississippi.

POW

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HEADQUARTERS
Army Air Forces Pilot School (ATE)
Turner Field, Albany, Georgia

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Bldg.

1. In compliance with your TWI AFFFFS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty P. L. Baker
- b. Rank S/Sgt. . Crew position Eng. Gunner
- d. Date last seen Aug 22, 44 . Place last seen Mission-Vienne, Austria
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Direct flank hits causing extensive damage, fire, and finally explosion.
- g. Known information (eye witness only) None

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
Told by Germans at Interrogation on the ground that he was among dead. Identification had been found.

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving information requested above.)

Albert L. White WTAH.C
Rank and name of reporter

0-607572 96488 T294
Unit Unit

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1. In compliance with your TWI ANPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty A. G. Stein
- b. Rank 1st Lt. . Crew position Bombardier
- d. Date last seen Aug 22, 44 . Place last seen Mission-Vienna, Austria
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Direct flak hits causing extensive damage, fire, and finally explosion.

g. Known information (eye witness only) None

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)

Told by Germans at Interrogation on the ground that he was among dead. Identification had been found.

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving information requested above.)

Albert J. Fields 1st Lt
Rank and name of reporter

O-687577 4698-2 7th AF
ASN Unit

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1. In compliance with your TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty R. W. Sanders
- b. Rank S/Sgt.. Crew position Waist Gunner
- d. Date last seen Aug 22, 44. Place last seen Mission-Vienna, Austria
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Direct flack hits causing extensive damage, fire, and finally explosion
- g. Known information (eye witness only) None

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
Told by Germans at Interrogation on the ground that he was among dead. Identification had been found.

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving information requested above.)

Alfred J. Hill 1st Lt. A.G.C.
Rank and name of reporter

0-607572 764 P.M. 719 Sgt.
ASN Unit

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HEADQUARTERS
Army Air Forces Pilot School (ATS)
Turner Field, Albany, Georgia

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Bldg.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty Nethercot.
- b. Rank T/Sgt. . Crew position Radio Oper. Nose Gunner
- d. Date last seen Aug 22, 44 . Place last seen Mission--Vienna, Austria
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Direct flak hits
causing extensive damage, fire, and finally explosion.

g. Known information (eye witness only) I had been blown out of aircraft and came to myself a few seconds before I hit the ground. I saw my radio operator coming down hanging in his chute apparently lifeless. It is unknown to me whether he bailed out or was blown out also.

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
Germans told me he was in very critical condition. Interrogator reported him dead.

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving information requested above.)

Albert J. Tall 1st A.D.C.
Rank and name of reporter

T-6875 77 464 B-4 778 gfd.
ASN Unit

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Albert J Feldt Rank Capt Serial No. 0-687572
2. Organization 779 sqd Commander Forgot. Rank Col. Sqn CO E. Goodyear Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 44, bombing, target, Oil near Vienna, target time, 10:01, altitude, 2300 route scheduled, Unknown, route flown as directed
5. Where were you when you left formation? Leader of second element of Able Box.
6. Did you bail out? Was blown out. Gained consciousness in time to open chute.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Tail Gunner, Ball Gunner, CoPilot Blown out. One waist gunner.
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".
Already filled out
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Few miles from target area about 4
10. What members of crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
Unknown for sure except what was told me by Germans. Bombardier, Navigator and Engineer.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Navigator and Engineer in bombay. Bombardier unknown.
12. What was their condition? Navigator and Engineer seemed ok. Bombardier unknown.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Saw Ball Gunner and Co-pilot slightly injured at tail of airfield NE of Vienna. Also Saw Co-pilot in Prison Camp. Left Ball Gunner in hospital in Budapest in improving condition.
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)

Albert J. Feldt
Capt. R.C.
0-687572

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8108

Name of crew member: SHUTTS, Gordon D.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 0 - 69 81 83
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? Unknown.

Where? Same as above

If not, why not? Just before the plane exploded I turned around and saw him in the bombay.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: 10:30 he told me bombs away was at 10:01, we were hit at approximately at 30 seconds after 10:00

Was he injured? Not known. Was not injured prior to direct hit. Believe not.

Where was he when last seen? On the catwalk in the bombay.

Any hearsay information: Germans said his body was in wreckage. I landed approx. 50 yards from burning parts of plane.

Source: Germans that captured us. They had an outpost there.

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

Fairly sure that he hadn't bailed out prior to explosion.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 42

Dates and destinations if possible: Impossible

Last mission Outskirts of Vienna Aug. 22, 1945

Albert J. Fieldt
Capt. A.C.
O-687572

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8106

Name of crew member: STAIR, Archie G.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 0 - 68 25 27
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and flight instructor~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? Same as above

If not, why not? Unknown. He was making bomb run. Hit received on bomb release line

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: on bomb run. Everything was OK on the check he gave me. No answer on order to bail out.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Not seen. Was in the nose.

Any hearsay information: His body also was supposed to be in wreckage.

Source: Germans that captured us. They had an outpost there.

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

Don't believe he had time to bail out. At least I don't think he came to bombay to jump.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 42

Dates and destinations if possible: Impossible

Last mission outskirts of Vienna on Aug. 22, 1944

Albert J. Field
Off. S. O.
8-687572

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8106

Name of crew member: KENNEDY, Robert D.
 Rank: 2/Sgt.
 Serial number: 37 50 32 87
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator/Fighter~~: Radio Operator / Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? Outskirts of Vienna, Northeast of city

If not, why not? X

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

Checked in on bomb run UK. He reply on order to bail out.

Was he injured? Fairly sure

Where was he when last seen? Coming down. (In parachute)

Any hearsay information: I saw him coming down as I hit the ground. He was hanging in his chute and seemed to be in bad condition. Germans told me he was very bad and on my request said that they would get him to a doctor as soon as possible. I believe he died there as he wasn't transported to the hospital with me and no trace of him in the same hospital.

Source: Germans where we were captured and my own

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

Believe that he was in the plane when it exploded and was critically injured and blown out as the CoPilot and Myself.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 17

Dates and destinations if possible: Impossible.

Albert J. Felt
Capt. A.C.
8-687577

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name RICHARD L. WELLBROCK Rank 2ND LT Serial No. 0-91943E
2. Organization 464 Cp Commander McKENNA Rank COL Sqd CO HURTON Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 44 month AUG day 23 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 4, target, VIENNA, target time, 1000, altitude, 26,000 route scheduled, DIRECT, route flown DIRECT
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET
6. Did you bail out? SNIP EXPLODED, USED CHUTE WHEN BLOWN FREE.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? RELIEVE ALL BLOWN FREE.
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".

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? OUTSKIRTS VIENNA, EXACT LOCATION NOT KNOWN. ABOUT 25 MINUTE TRUCK DRIVE WEST OF CITY, SMALL VILLAGE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NOT POSITIVE, BELIEVE ALL BLOWN FREE AT TIME OF EXPLOSION
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? BUDAPEST INTERROGATION, AUG 30TH, NOT ABLE TO SPEAK, VAUGHT, MILLE, SGT. IN GOOD CONDITION, PVT CAGE VIENNA, BROKEN LEGS, FROG INJURY
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. CAPT. RAY PALMER, GROUP NOT KNOWN, INFORMED HE WAS KILLED BY UNKNOWN P.W. WHO SAW HIS BODY.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Voght, William J. Jr. Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 36164949
2. Organization 464 Co Commander P Rank Col. Sqn CO ? Rank 4t. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Aug day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Dip Tanks, target, _____, target
time, 16:55 A.M., altitude, 2300 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? On the bank turn near Vienna A/c.
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". No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near 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 Navy, Shults - Bombadier Stein, - Top turret operator, Baker, - and the left waist gunner, Sanders
11. Where were they in aircraft? Bomb - in Nose - Main turret operator on flight Deck and Sanders in waist
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge Outside of Sanders and he was OK, just a Second before I left.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I have already described them all
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)