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Classification change:

to **RESTRICTED**  
by E. A. BRADONIS, Lt. Col., AC  
by F. M. MURPHY, Capt., AC  
Date MAR 15 1946

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 BOMB SQ (H)

SPECIFY: Point of Departure PANTANELLA AIR BASE Course PROSTEJUV, CZECHOSLAV  
Target PROSTEJUV Type of Mission BOMBING AKIA  
CZECHOSLAVAKIA

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
1/10 CIRRUS AND A FEW SCATTERED CUMULUS. VIS 25 MILES

GIVE: (a) Date 25 AUG 1944 Time 1219 Location AUSTRIA  
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: AIRCRAFT RAN LOW ON GAS AND CREW BAILED OUT.

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H AAF Serial No 41-29351

ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R 1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) BP-428060  
(b) BP-428454 (c) BP-446024 (d) CP-226666

INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)  
(a) BROWNING 50 CAL M2 973977 (b) 631886 631754  
(c) 974185 (d) 631408 973831  
(e) 631865 (f) 973217  
(g) 974091 (h) 369110

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
<u>Pilot</u>	<u>KALGREEN, LAWRENCE N.</u>	<u>2D LT</u>	<u>0820761</u>	<u>MOTHER MRS RTO</u> <u>B. L. KALGREEN, 413 MORNINGVIEW AVE, AKRON, OHIO.</u>
<u>CO-PILOT</u>	<u>HOWARD, ROBERT S.</u>	<u>2D LT</u>	<u>0823864</u>	<u>MOTHER MRS RTO</u> <u>NORA R. HOWARD, 5726 LOWE AVE, CHICAGO, ILL.</u>
<u>BOMBARDIER</u>	<u>DEWICKI, ZDZISLAW B.</u>	<u>2D LT</u>	<u>0717881</u>	<u>MOTHER MRS RTO</u> <u>BRONISLAWA M. DEWICKI, 412 N. WAYNE ROAD, WAYNE, MICH.</u>
<u>NAVIGATOR</u>	<u>GRETSINGER, JAMES H.</u>	<u>2D LT</u>	<u>0717393</u>	<u>MOTHER MRS RTO</u> <u>JAMES O. GRETSINGER, 1601 SO. GREEN, LONGVIEW, TEXAS.</u>
<u>ENGINEER</u>	<u>JERNIGAN, FLETCHER P.</u>	<u>SGT</u>	<u>34671610</u>	<u>WIFE MRS LETHA RTO</u> <u>F. JERNIGAN, GENERAL DELIVERY, E. LUMBERTON, N. C.</u>
<u>RO GNR</u>	<u>DALEY, JAMES H. JR</u>	<u>SGT</u>	<u>11073624</u>	<u>MOTHER MRS RTO</u> <u>LUCILLE W. DALEY, 28 1/2 HANCOCK ST, NEWBURYPORT, MASS.</u>
<u>RO GNR</u>	<u>KOLENIC, ANDREW M.</u>	<u>T/SGT</u>	<u>35530233</u>	<u>WIFE MRS MARIAN RTO</u> <u>KOLENIC, 12408 SOIKA AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO</u>
<u>AERIAL GNR</u>	<u>FREEMAN, GEORGE L. JR</u>	<u>SGT</u>	<u>34365099</u>	<u>WIFE MRS RUBY RTO</u> <u>A. FREEMAN, 238 KING ST, CHARLESTON, S. C.</u>

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(See Reverse Side)

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RTD

MOBER GNR ✓ DUCATT, CHARLES J. SGT 39207051 FATHER MR JULIUS  
J. DUCATT, BOX 21, ALGONA, WASH.  
AERIAL GNR ✓ HALL, JOHN L. CPL 36660494 MOTHER MRS  
ANNABELLE HALL, 1208 3RD AVE, STERLING, ILL.

IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-  
CRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL RANK SERIAL NO by Radio Sighted Crash Forced Landing

ANGELO (NMI) KYRMAS T/SGT 113031254 X

2. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
(X) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash  
( ) Any other reason (specify) NO PARACHUTES WERE SEEN TO OPEN FROM THE AIRCRAFT.

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.

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  
CREW BAILED OUT OF AIRCRAFT OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.

Date of this Report: 28 AUGUST 1944

Signature of Officer Arthur E. Chambers  
ARTHUR E. CHAMBERS  
MAJOR, AIR CORPS,  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- 2 Incls:  
INCL 1 - STATEMENT OF T/SGT ANGELO (NMI) KYRMAS. (SEPTUP)
- INCL 2 - MAP OF AREA WHERE CREW WAS LAST SEEN (SEPTUP)

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OCT 2 1944

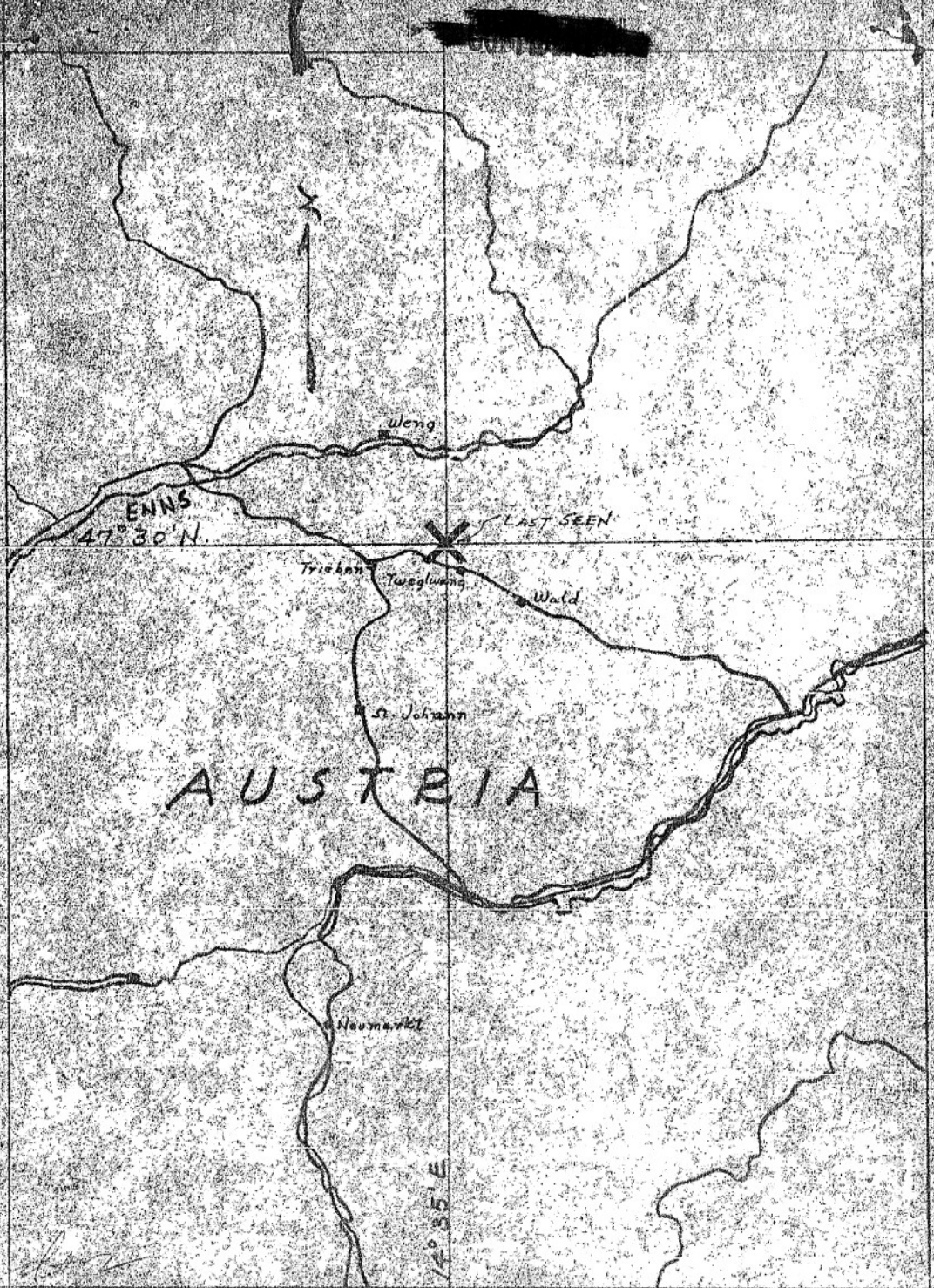
779TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

UPON RETURNING FROM A BOMBING MISSION ON PROSTEJOV, CZECHOSLAVIA, ON 25 AUGUST 1944 LT. KALGREEN, FLYING "BLACK JIG", AND HIS CREW BAILED OUT OF THEIR AIRCRAFT. ABOUT 15 MINUTES AFTER BOMBS AWAY THE CREW BEGAN TO THROW OUT AMUNITION, DITCHING EQUIPMENT, CAMERA, ETC. THEY KEPT FLYING FOR ABOUT AN ADDITIONAL 30 MINUTES. THEN I NOTICED NUMBER ONE PROPELLOR WINDMILLING. ABOUT THE SAME TIME THE CREW BEGAN TO BAIL OUT. I COUNTED TEN (10) CHUTES. ALL OF THEM BAILED OUT SAFELY.

*Angelo Kyrmas*  
ANGELO KYRMAS, T/SGT  
13031254  
779TH BOMB SQ. (H)  
464TH BOMB GP (H)

*And... 1*

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ENNS  
47° 30' N.

LAST SEEN

AUSTRIA

14° 35' E

SOMEBODY OF PROSTEJOU  
AUG. 25, 1944

COORDINATES  
47° 30' N - 14° 35' E

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63/12/11/44

1. **1st Lt. Nicholas E. Dunfield**

Mrs. Fredalena M. Dunfield, (mother)  
412 North Wayne Road,  
Wayne, Michigan.

2. **1st Lt. James M. Grodzinger**

Mrs. Alice M. Grodzinger, (mother)  
1441 South Green Street,  
Longview, Texas.

3. **1st Lt. Robert E. Howard**

Mrs. Sara E. Howard, (mother)  
9724 East Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

4. **1st Lt. Lawrence H. Halgreen**

Mrs. Marie A. Halgreen, (mother)  
413 Huron Avenue,  
Knox, Ohio.

5. **1st Lt. Andrew S. Holman**

Mrs. Fernia Holman, (wife)  
12475 South Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

6. **1st Lt. Fletcher F. Jernigan**

Mr. Henry F. Jernigan, (father)  
General Salberry,  
East Rochester, North Carolina.

7. **1st Lt. Charles J. Kerzke**

Mr. Julius J. Kerzke, (father)  
Box 11, 6th Street,  
Aigun, Washington.

8. **1st Lt. George L. Freeman, Jr.**

Mr. G. L. Freeman, Sr., (father)  
2310 Martin Road,  
Chickasha, Oklahoma.

9. **1st Lt. James H. Raley, Jr.**

Mr. James H. Raley, Sr., (father)  
241 Hancock Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

10. **Cpl. John L. Hall**

Mrs. Annelle Hall, (mother)  
1208 1st Avenue,  
Shelby, Illinois.

Model B

Enclosure 1)

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Admin. Office 10/XVII  
Air Base Zeltweg/Stmk (Styria)

Zeltweg, 28 Aug 44

Statement of Capture of (an) Enemy Aircraft

1. Time of downing: 25 Aug 44 1230 Hours
2. Place of crash: at altitude of 2100 Meters, Strasser halt (street car stop?) 8 KM south (of) Predlitz, in the Mur Valley.
3. Manner of capture: Pursuit (fighter)
4. Crew, number: (not discovered, presumably elished out before)
5. Aircraft model: Liberator
6. Assigned number: 129351
7. Condition of wreck: 90% wrecked, crashed and burned
8. Photo. equipments: could not be found
9. Engine model: Pratt & Whitney Twin Wasp & No:
10. Radio equipment: damaged  
Radio Receiver BC 348 L  
Radio Compass Unit BC 433-0
11. Propeller model: 3-bladed, metal, variable pitch - destroyed
12. Armament: partly damaged  
11(Pieces)Machine guns, cal. 12.7 mm (2) cal)
13. Other equipment:
14. What other flight operations material is there: none
15. Markings and location of recovered 10000 parts: for forwarding action, sent to Air Base Zeltweg.
16. Description of terrain: slope, partly wooded Alpine meadow
17. How wreck is guarded: 1 Night (State Guard)
18. Who is in charge (Admin. Office 10/XVII Zeltweg)
20. If salvaged by comm. (ship), name of mayor..... Phone.....

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10 man crew  
AAF # 41-29351

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21. Loading station: Ladin Bichl
22. Start of salvage: 27 Aug 44
23. End of salvage: 29 Aug 44
24. Difficulties and restraints: Because of difficulty in approaching location of crash, only armament and smaller parts could be recovered. Partly impassable terrain so that can only be reached by 2-wheeled mountain carts.

On 29 Aug 44 transmitted by phone to Command Air Base Zogg, Received by Cpl Arnold.

(signed) IAKHA  
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Signature of Commander

ix Evaluation Station West-Oberursel

Air Base Command A (o) 10/XVII  
Air Field Command Algen 1.E.  
Concerning: Transmittal of recovered papers

Algen 1.E. 29 August

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To  
Dulag (Transient Camp)  
Oberursel

Air Field Command Algen 1.E. (herewith) hands over in the enclosure 8 papers which on 25 Aug 44 had been buried in the spot where the American PW Lt James H Gretzinger had bailed out, in the vicinity of Admont. These papers had been found by thorough search of (above) spot.

Enclosures - 3 -

Signed (illegible)  
Major and Commander

Air Base Command A (o) 10/XVII

27 Aug 44

Air Field Command Algen 1.E.

List of confiscated articles of PW Lt BENICKY Zdzislaw B

No. Of Identl Tags: O 717881 T 34 44 O

Bailed out of 4-motored bomber at Admont on 25 Aug(44) at 1215 Hours with 8 other men. Crash of aircraft not observed.

1 Ident. tag card  
1 Photo  
3 Keys  
3 Ident. tags  
1 pocket knife  
50 centimes  
2 Flight Cards

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN

25 August 1944 - 1230

CASUALTY NO. 2001

PLACE OF CRASH

Bethmann

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Division VII

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED- DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
KALASHIN 1924	Ladymon Komara USA	2nd Lt	0-530761 captured	Belag-Lauf
HOWARD --	Robert Samuel Chicago, Ill.	2nd Lt	0-532884 captured	Belag-Lauf
GREENBERG 25 Jan 24	James Robert	2nd Lt	0-717028 captured	Belag-Lauf
BRICKI	Stanislaw Kozminski USA	2nd Lt	0-717081 captured	Belag-Lauf
JERIGAN --	Fletcher Patterson USA	2/SGT	24071619 captured	Belag-Lauf
ELLY	James Henry Jr	2/SGT	11076891 captured	Belag-Lauf
KOLWIS	Arthur Michael	2/SGT	3880988 captured	Belag-Lauf
HALL 15 Sept 40	John Lewis Steving, Ill.	2/SGT	38826484 captured	Belag-Lauf
FREEMAN Jr 11 Dec 30	George Lee Kerok, Tenn.	2/SGT	34822330 captured	Belag-Lauf
SWART 1 Dec 34	Charles Joseph Bethmann, N.Hk.	2/SGT	38807021 captured	Belag-Lauf

REMARKS:

Belag-Lauf 11 September 1944 No.

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DATE: 8/25/44 - 12.30 hrs.  
PLACE: Rottmann.  
TYPE: Liberator

779 (H.H.) Sqd.  
444 Group - 55 Wing.

THEATER: Air District XVII,  
Maintenance Group 10/  
XVII.

Rank NAME : U.S.A. No: SN 2921

- 2nd/Lt. Kalgreen, Laurence, Norman 0-820761 . #
- 2nd/Lt. Howard, Robert, Franklin 0-823464 .
- 2nd/Lt. Carolsinger, James, Hubert 0-717393 .
- 2nd/Lt. Devicki, Edrialaw, Bronialaw 0-717861 .
- S/Sgt. Jernigan, Fletcher, Patterson 14671610 .
- S/Sgt. Dalay, James, Henry Jr. 11073624 .
- T/Sgt. Kelenis, Andrew, Michael 38530233 .
- S/Sgt. Hall, John, Luman 34660494 .
- S/Sgt. Freeman, George, Lee 34365099 .
- S/Sgt. Dozath, Charles, Joseph 39207061 .

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Meldung über den Abschub eines  
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschub-Nr. ME 2021

Abschubtag und Zeit: ..... 25.8.44 - 12.30 .....  
 Abschubort: ..... Rottmann .....  
 Flugzeugtyp: ..... Liberator .....  
 Meldende Dienststelle: ..... Lg. XVII .....

**Besatzung:**

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsjahr und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erl- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwendung Ortsbezug
KATZIKEN 1924	Lawrence Norman USA	2.Lt.	0-820761	gef. Dulag-Luft
HOWARD —	Robert Samuel Chicago, Ill.	2.Lt.	0-823864	gef. Dulag-Luft
GRUBSINGER 23.1.24	James Hubert Tex. USA	2.Lt.	0-717333	gef. Dulag-Luft
NEWICKI	Edislaw Bronislaw	2.Lt.	0-717881	gef. Dulag-Luft
JENNIGAN —	Fletcher Patterson USA	3/Sgt.	34671610	gef. Dulag-Luft
DALEY	James Henry Jr.	3/Sgt.	11073624	gef. Dulag-Luft
KOLENYO	Andrew Michael	2/Sgt.	35530233	gef. Dulag-Luft
HALL 13.9.23	John Laman Sterling, Ill.	3/Sgt.	36660494	gef. Dulag-Luft
FREEMAN Jr. 11.12.20	George Lee Hawah, Tenn.	3/Sgt.	34365099	gef. Dulag-Luft
SWATT 1.12.24	Charles Joseph Rottineau, N. Dak.	3/Sgt.	39207061	ge. Dulag-Luft

Bemerkungen: .....

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DULAG-LUFT, den 11.9.44 No. ....

# Fragebogen

über Angehörige der US amerikanischen Luftwaffe

1. Name: .....

Vorname: .....

Dienstgrad: .....

Geboren am: .....

Geboren in: .....

Erkennungsmarke Nr.: .....

2. Tag, Zeit und Ort der Gefangennahme (Todes-Hergang) kurz gefaßt:

3. Weitere Besatzungsmitglieder:

4. Meldende Dienststelle bzw. Meldung von: .....

5. Tag der Einlieferung in DULAG-LUFT: .....

6. a) Verwundet:

Art der Verwundung: .....

seit: ..... im Lazarett (Krankenhaus): .....

Befinden: .....

Voraussichtliche Krankheitsdauer: .....

b) Unverwundet-Verbleib: .....

c) Tot:

Todesursache: .....

Beigesetzt am: .....

Grablage: .....

7. Bemerkungen: .....