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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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by L. A. BRADY, Lt. Col. Pantanello AAB, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF  
 by F. BRADY, Capt. 14th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 778th Bomb Sq (H)  
 Date 10 Oct 44 Group 14th Bombardment Group (H) Course Northeast

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Pantanello AAB, Italy Target Munich, Germany Type of mission Bombing

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Low cumulus 1/10 to 2/10, Visibility 25 miles

4. GIVE: (a) Date 4 Oct 44 Time 12:02 Last known position 10°50' East 48°07' North  
 (b) Specify whether: (x) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,  
 ( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.

5. AIRCRAFT ~~6066~~ (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (check one only)  
 ( ) Enemy aircraft, (x) Enemy anti-aircraft, ( ) Other

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24G AAF Serial Number 42-78340

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT Butch-M-Love

8. ENGINES: Type, m.o.d. & series R 1830-65 AAF Serial Number (a) CP-326812  
 (b) CP-326726 (c) CP-325506 (d) CP-327041

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)  
 (a) Br 50cal L Nose 985482 (c) Br 50cal R Nose 985278 (i) Br 50cal L Waist 1248652  
 (b) Br 50cal L Upper 985887 (f) Br 50cal Blipper 985169 (j) Br 50cal R Waist 1248830  
 (c) Br 50cal L Ball 952135 (g) Br 50cal W Ball 974134 (k) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) Br 50cal L Tail 985493 (h) Br 50cal R Tail 985559 (l) \_\_\_\_\_

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (x) Battle Casualty, ( ) Non-Battle Casualty.

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10. 11/4/45  
 (If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet.)

CREW FULL NAME (Last, first, initial) CURRENT NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP POSITION RANK, SERIAL NUMBER STATUS AND ADDRESS

(1) Pilot STRONG, ROBERT L. 1st Lt POW MIA Mr. Herbert L. Strong, father RTD  
0-700566 1221 S. Hawthorne, Alexandria, Miss.

(2) Co-Pilot FRINK, KENNETH R. 1st Lt POW MIA Mrs. Elizabeth R. Frink, mother RTD  
0-768504 403 E. 118th Pl. Los Angeles, Calif.

(3) Nav. HEYRICK, CLYDE V. 1st Lt POW MIA Mrs. Marjorie E. Heyrick, wife  
0-719072 RFD Book Rapids, Iowa

(4) Bombdr. MUNICH, PHILIP L. 1st Lt POW MIA Mrs. Bea Budich, mother RTD  
0-706753 333 W. 39th St. New York, N.Y.

(5) EG KATTIS, RICHARD C. T Sgt. POW MIA Mrs. Mary Kattis, mother ATD  
35060316 1544 Parkgrove Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

(6) AEG BECK, AUDRIAN L. S Sgt. POW MIA Mrs. Margaret C. Beck, mother RTD  
38136158 624 S. Vaden St. Sherman, Texas

(7) ROG DALY, CARL P. T Sgt. POW MIA Mrs. Myrtle Daly, mother RTD  
16057867 428 W. Hayford St. Lansing, Mich.

(8) AG O'CONNOR, RAYMOND J. S Sgt. POW MIA Mrs. Elizabeth Doss, mother ATD  
32312892 21825 103rd Ave. Queens Village, N.Y.

(9) AG SPINDLER, WALTER, E. S Sgt. POW MIA Walter J. Spindler, father RTD  
117162223 General Delivery, Sullivan, Mo.

(10) AG PAVELECKY, STANLEY W. S Sgt. POW MIA Mrs. Martha Pavelecky, mother RTD  
35926627 1096 E. 295th St. Wickliffe, Ohio

(11) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (12) \_\_\_\_\_

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (one only) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME: J SAW CONTACTED LAST SAW FORCED BY RADIO CONTACTED CRASH LANDING

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	BY RADIO	CONTACTED	LAST	SAW	FORCED
(1) <u>Warner C. Zieba</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>32930722</u>					
(2) <u>Charles T. Brockman</u>	<u>Cpl.</u>	<u>18123724</u>					
(3) <u>Harold Goodsell</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>39576138</u>					

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 ( ) Parachutes were used. ( ) Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.  
 ( ) Other reasons (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.  
 15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.  
 16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE. No search

Date 7 Oct 1944  
 Signature of preparing officer Carl V. Hardy  
CARL V. HARDY  
 Capt, AC  
 Adjutant

S T A T E M E N T

7 OCTOBER 1944

WE HAD ALREADY DROPPED OUR BOMBS ON OUR TARGET, MUNICH GERMANY. I WAS FLYING WITH LT BORG'S CREW IN THE BALL POSITION. WE WERE FLYING OVER THE ALPS, ON OUR WAY HOME. LT STRONG'S SHIP WAS BEHIND US. I DIDN'T SEE HIS PLANE GET HIT BY FLAK, WHICH HAD BEEN HEAVY, BUT I NOTICED THAT HE WAS LOSING ALTITUDE. SMOKE WAS POURING FROM HIS NUMBER THREE (3) ENGINE. I NOTICED NO CHUTES AND I COULDN'T POSITIVELY SAY IN WHICH DIRECTION LT STRONG'S SHIP WAS HEADED. I THEN LOST SIGHT OF IT.

WERNER C. ZIEHM  
SGT. 778TH BOMB SQ(H)  
ASN 32930722

*Werner C. Ziehm*

S T A T E M E N T

7 OCTOBER 1944

ON OCTOBER 4, 1944, I WAS IN THE LEFT WAIST POSITION WITH LT. KRYNOVICH'S CREW. WE HAD ALREADY DROPPED OUR BOMBS ON THE TARGET AND WERE EN ROUTE HOME. THERE WAS ONE AIRCRAFT BELOW US AND I THINK IT WAS LT. STRONG'S SHIP. IT HAD ONE FEATHERED PROP AND WAS LOSING ALTITUDE. IT APPEARED TO BE UNDER CONTROL. WE WERE OVER THE ALPS MOUNTAINS BY THEN, AND LT. STRONG'S SHIP SEEMED TO BE LEADING TOWARDS SWITZERLAND. I THEN LOST SIGHT OF THE PLANE.

*Charles T. Brockman*

CHARLES T. BROCKMAN  
CPL. 778TH BOMB SQ.  
ASN18123724

*End 3'*

S T A T E M E N T

7 OCTOBER 1944

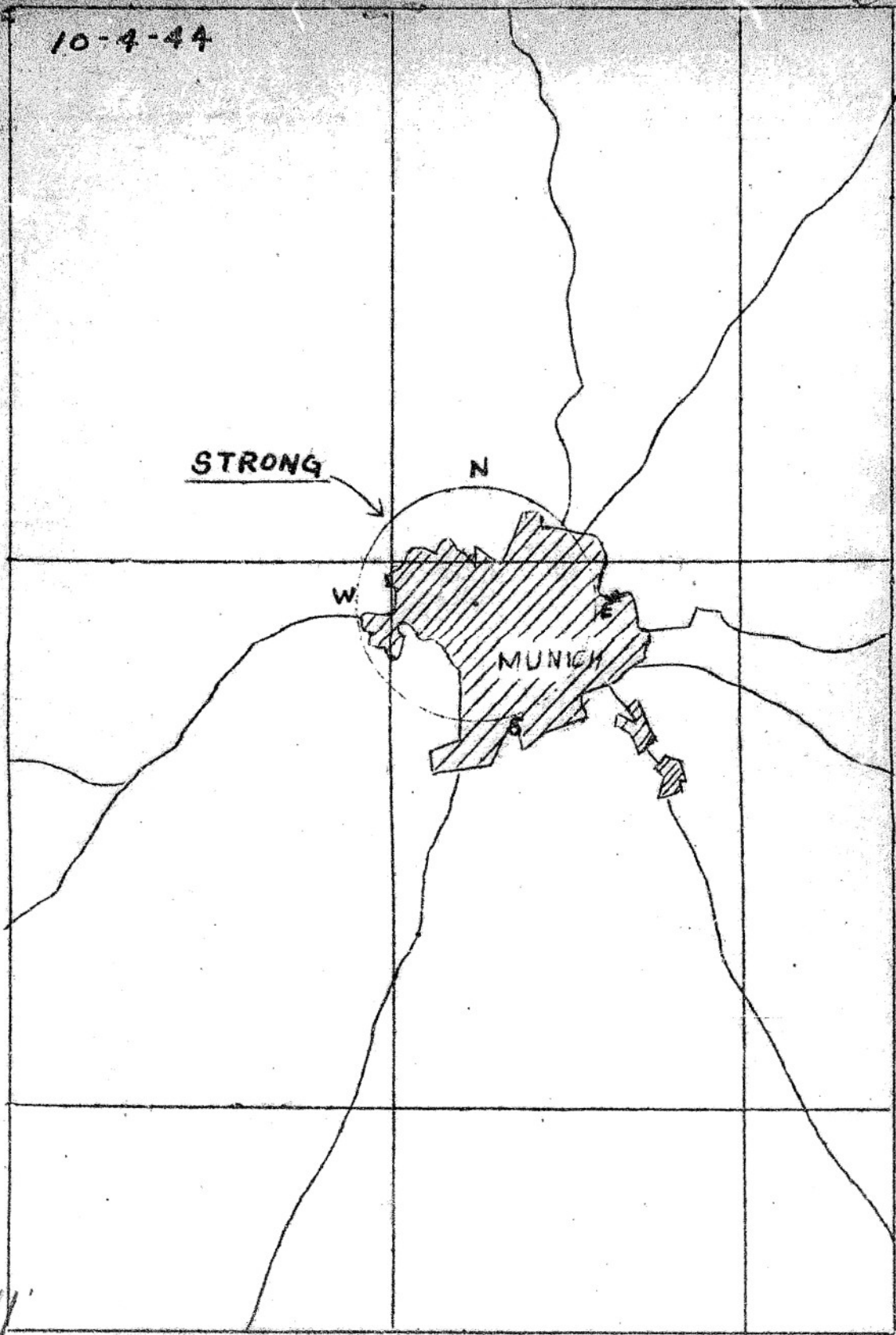
ON OCTOBER 4, 1944, I WAS TAIL GUNNER ON LT. EILER'S CREW ON A BOMBING MISSION. ON RETURN FROM TARGET LT. STRONG'S SHIP WAS BEHIND US. THE DISTANCE MUST HAVE BEEN ABOUT ONE AND A HALF (1-1/2) MILES. THE PLANE WAS SMOKING AND LOSING ALTITUDE. IT WAS TOO FAR FOR ME TO GET A GOOD LOOK AT IT, BUT IT APPEARED TO BE IN CONTROL, THIS IS THE LAST I SAW OF THE PLANE.

*Pvt Harold E Goodsell*

HAROLD GOODSSELL  
PVT. 778TH BOMB SQ.  
ASN 39576138

*Goodsell*

10-4-44



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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name KENNETH R FRINK Rank 1ST LT. Serial No. 0-768504
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO REE Rank Lt. Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month OCT. day 4 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, RAILROAD-YARDS, target, MUNICH, target time, 12:00, altitude, 19,500 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? 30 SEC. FROM TARGET
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". ALL CREW MEMBERS BAILED OUT WITHIN THREE MINUTES ABOUT 3.5 MILES WEST OF MUNICH AT 12:13 OCT 4-1944
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? ABOUT 3.5 MILES WEST OF MUNICH
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. NO KNOWLEDGE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Philip L. Budich Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0-706753
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander Schroeder Rank 1st Lt Sqn G.W. Carney Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Oct day 4 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Munich, target, marshalling yards, target time, 1200, altitude, 23,000 ft route scheduled, up Adriatic over Alps, route flown As scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? just turned over Initial Point
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". Richard Kaitis, engineer  
Broken leg. no other casualties. no other knowledge.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? east bank Isch river near Landsberg
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? 1st Lt. Glen V. Hetrick. Stalag VIII D Murnberg, Germany  
1st. Hetrick seemed in good spirits and well. Broken ankle as result of bail out, not satisfactorily healed. Made trip from Stalag Luft III by train with other PW's incapable of walking. Believed to have made subsequent trip to Stalag VII A Moosberg, Germany also by train
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. no-pilot named Schlerp  
(believed to have been attached to 465th Bomb Grp) died of injuries suffered in action while in hospital with 1st. Hetrick.  
Contact Richard C. Kaitis, 15414 Parkgrove Ave., Cleveland, O.  
form rank and ASN of aforementioned

(Any additional information may be written on the back) *Wmante 2-27-49*

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Richard C. KAITIS Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 35060316  
773 B. Sqd.
2. Organization 464 B. Sqd. Commander UNKNOWN Rank — Sqn CO Clarence G. Poff Rank Lt. Colonel  
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month October day 4 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing of <sup>High Altitude Railroad Yards</sup> target, MUNICH-GERMANY, target  
 time, 11:35 A.M., altitude, 24,000 FT. route scheduled, UNKNOWN  
 , route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? WEIST POSITION
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". Plane damaged by flack while on bomb run. Tail, ball, Radio gunners & my self bailed out remote hatch. Landed by chute approx. 50 kilometers south of MUNICH NEAR large forest. All of crew taken Prisoners.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near large forest - 50 miles south of Munich
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)

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name RAYMOND J. O'CONNOR Rank S/SGT Serial No. 32312892
2. Organization see Back, Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Col. Sqn CO POFF Rank Lt. Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month OCT. day 4 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, <sup>BOMBING</sup> MARSHLING YARD, target, Munich, target time, 12.15, altitude, 23,000 FT. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? LEAD SHIP ABLE I
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All other members
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". OVER MUNICH.
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 8 above and individual questionnaires) NO
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? AUDRIAN L. BECK, WALTER SPINDLER,  
STANLY PAVALACKY, CARL DALY,  
LAST SEEN AT BARTH GERMANY  
STALAG LUFT #1
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) 9-1

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE . File number 9025

Name of crew member: **HESTRICK, Glen V.**  
Rank: **O-719072**  
Serial number: **1st Lt.**  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Navigator**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? MUNICH GERMANY

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Told  
CREW The DIRECTIONS ON How To Reach SWITZERLAND

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: NONE

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 34 OR 36

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

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Pavelchik, Stanley, Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 35916627
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander, Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO E. Poff, Rank LT. COL  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 44 month Oct day 4 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Munich, target, Marshaling Yards, target time, 11:25 (opp), altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, Unknown, route flown Unknown
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
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 Landsberg Germany
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? I saw all crew members on a truck except the Bombadier (He was trying to escape for twenty days)
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Engineer with a Broken leg. Tail Gunner was wounded in ~~front~~ left thigh. Pilot was hit by Flak in back of head, two pieces were squeezed out while getting a hair cut in Prison Camp.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN

4 October 1944

CASUALTY NO. ME 2185

PLACE OF CRASH

Area Landsberg a. Lech

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE

Airbase Headquarter X (V) 214/III

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
STRONG Ray Leo Miss.	1st Lt	0-700968	captured	Dulag Luft
FRINK Kenneth Raymond	2nd Lt	0-768504	"	"
DALY Carl P.	T/Sgt	16057867	"	"
FAVELECKI Stanley Walter	S/Sgt	35916627	"	"
O'CONNOR Raymond John Richmond, Hill, N.Y.	S/Sgt	32312892	"	"
SPINDLER Walter Elmer 3 Apr.22 Sullivan, Mo.	S/Sgt	17162223	"	"
BECK Audrian L. 26 March 12 Pilot Point, Tex.	S/Sgt	34436158	"	"
HETRICK Glen V.	1st Lt.		injured	Res.Hospital St. Ottilien
<u>Reporting Ex. ME 2185 ME</u>				1. Supplement dated 13 November 1944
BERICH Philip Louis	1st Lt	0-706753	captured	Dulag Luft West
KAITIS Richard Charles 4 Sept.24 Cleveland, Ohio	T/Sgt	35060316	"	did

Dulag Luft, 14 October 1944

REMARKS: