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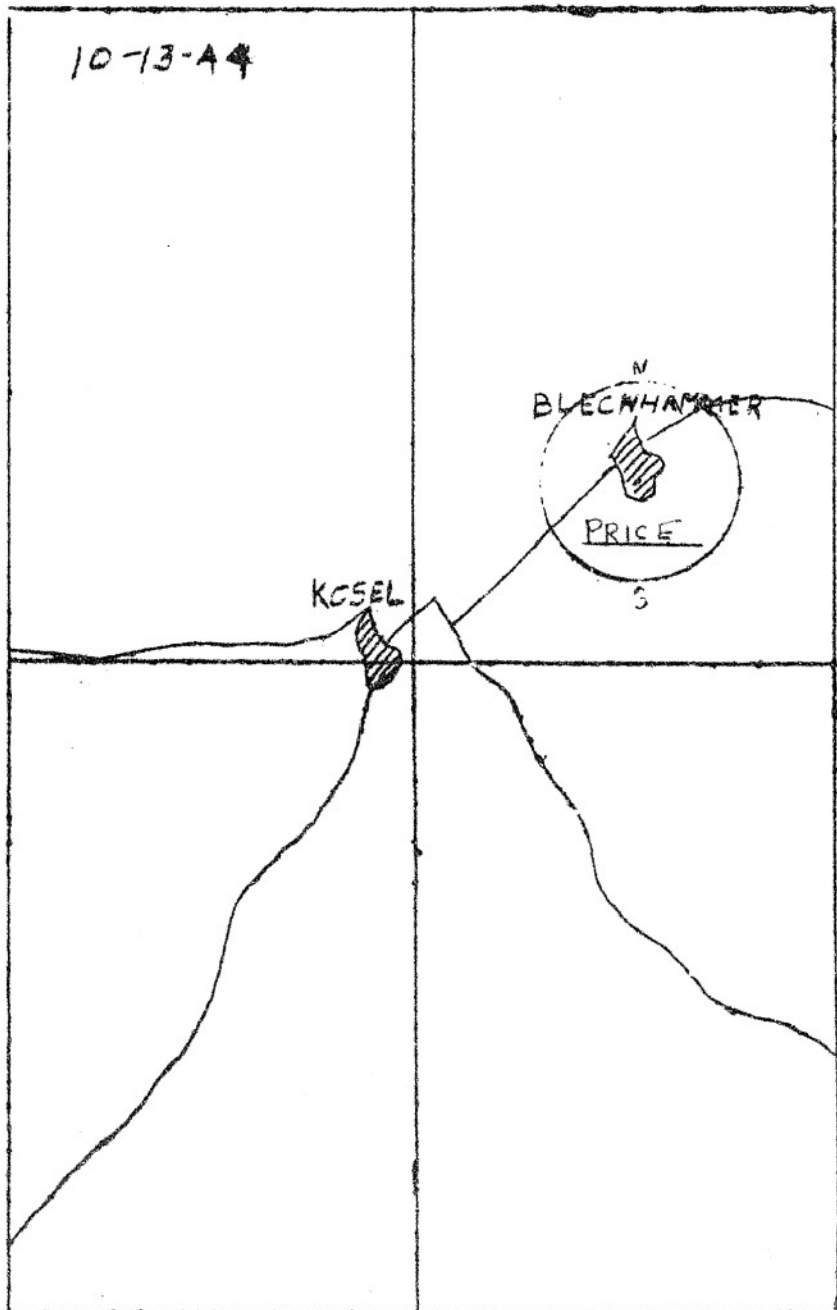
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S T A T E M E N T

16 OCTOBER 1944

I WAS WITH CAPTAIN STEVE'S CREW IN THE NOSE TURRET ON 13 OCTOBER 1944, OUR TARGET BEING BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY. THE FLAK ENCOUNTERED OVER TARGET WAS INTENSE AND VERY ACCURATE. JUST AFTER "BOMBS AWAY" I SAW "WHITE GEORGE" (LT PRICE'S SHIP) TO THE RIGHT AND BELOW ME, MAKING A WIDE RIGHT HAND SPIRAL, LOSING ALTITUDE, APPARENTLY NOT OUT OF CONTROL. IT WENT THRU A LAYER OF CLOUDS AT ABOUT 10,000 FEET. THE PLANE WAS NOT SMOKING AND ALL FOUR ENGINES APPEARED TO BE ALL RIGHT. I DID NOT SEE ANY CHUTES COME OUT OR OPEN. THIS IS THE LAST I SAW OF LT PRICE'S SHIP "WHITE GEORGE".

*William W. Skinner*  
WILLIAM W. SKINNER  
SGT 778TH BOMB SQ.  
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S T A T E M E N T

16 OCTOBER 1944

ON 13 OCTOBER 1944 OUR TARGET WAS BLECHHAMMER, GERMANY. I WAS WAIST GUNNER WITH CAPTAIN STEVE'S CREW. I SAW "WHITE GEORGE" (LT PRICE'S SHIP) AT "BOMBS AWAY" AND SNAPPED A PICTURE OF IT AT THAT TIME. IT WAS FLYING ON OUR RIGHT WING. I SAW THE PLANE FLYING ALONG AT ABOUT 10,000 FEET. A FEW MINUTES LATER I THOUGHT NO. 2 ENGINE WAS HIT BUT THE PICTURE I TOOK SHOWED NO SMOKE AND ALL FOUR PROPELLORS GOING. THE PLANE, IN MY OPINION, UNDER CONTROL AT THE TIME. THIS IS THE LAST I SAW OF THE SHIP FROM MY POSITION.

*Raymond O. Ingalls*  
RAYMOND O. INGALLS  
SGT. 778TH BOMB SQ  
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778TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
APO 520 U. S. Army

CVH/lpt

16 October 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 464th Bombardment Group (H)  
Base.

1. Transmitted herewith is the Missing Air Crew Report assigned to this Squadron reported Missing In Action 13 Oct 44, over Blechhammer, Germany.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>
2d Lt	Price, William A. Jr.	0-705795
2d Lt	Nelson, Robert R.	0-699438
F/O	Donnelly, Ralph E.	T-127045
2d Lt	Sommers, Virgil N.	0-1540402
T/Sgt	Masselli, Nicholas W.	31378320
Pvt	Holt, John	18178337
S/Sgt	Lepich, Walter J.	37343556
S/Sgt	Hardy, Charles T.	36691066
S/Sgt	Portugal, Decoroso M.	38560597
S/Sgt	Williams, Earl R.	12239954

2. Subject personnel are Battle Casualties as defined by Par 2, Section II, Circular 10 NATOUSA, dtd 24 Jan 44.

3. Battle Casualty Report, forwarded your Headquarters, 13 Oct 44

For the Squadron Commander:

1 Incl:

Incl 1-MAC Rpt, Lt Price, & Crew,  
16 Oct 44, w/3 incls (7 copies)

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CARL V. HARDY  
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Meldung über den Abschluß eines  
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschluß-Nr. 100 2087

Abschlußtag und Zeit: ..... 13.10.44 - 12,30  
 Abschlußort: ..... b/ Komorn  
 Flugzeugtyp: ..... Liberator  
 Meldende Dienststelle: ..... AW Siles

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
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✓ DONNELLY,	R.E.	F/O	T 127045	gef. Stalag-Luft 3
✓ SOMMERS,	V.N.	2.Lt.	T 3377	gef. dto.
✓ HOLT, 25.6.20	John Texas	T/Sgt	18178337	gef. Stalag-Luft 4
✓ MASSELLI,	Nicholas W Conn	S/Sgt.	31378320	gef. dto.
✓ WILLIAMS, 25.11.25	Earl, Russell Syracuse N.Y.	Sgt.	12239954	gef. dto.
✓ LEFICH, 20.6.24	Walter, Julian Walsenburg, Colo	S/Sgt.	34343556	gef. dto.
✓ PORTUGAL, 18.10.25	Dacorosa, Medina Laredo, Tex.	S/Sgt	38560597	gef. dto.
✓ HARDY, 21.10.18.	Charles, Thomas Flint Michigan	S/Sgt.	36691066	gef. dto.
✓ FRISS,	William A	2.Lt.		verw.
✓ NELSON,	Robert R.	2.Lt.		verw.

Bemerkungen: .....

DULAG-LUFT, den 30. November 44  
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