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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 10495

Name of crew member: JACOBSON, Jerome
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-805838
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Adony Hungary

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? Killed

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Lt Jacobson ~~was killed~~ did not pull the ripcord of his chute --- he bailed out at 4000 ft or was killed in the fall

Total number of missions of above crew member: Two

Dates and destinations if possible: Last mission To Oberta synthetic oil plant

The surviving members of the crew buried Lt Jacobson in the Sebian Cemetery in the Town of Adony Hungary - 12 kilometers South of Budapest Hungary

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 10495

Name of crew member: JACOBSON, Jerome
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: O-805838
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Pilot, Navigator~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? IN THE FORWARD BOMB BAY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WAS WITH PILOT JUST PRIOR TO BAILING OUT.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN THE BOMB BAY

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE FAILED TO OPEN HIS PARACHUTE. HE WAS FOUND THE NEXT DAY. ONE OF THE PINS IN THE PARACHUTE WAS OPEN BUT NOT THE OTHER. WE PULLED THE RIPCORD & THE PARACHUTE OPENED. WE BURRIED HIM DEC. 19 OR 20 WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS GIVEN BY THE RUSSIAN ARMY. HE IS BURRIED APPROX. 10 MILES SOUTH OF BUDAPEST IN THE CIVILIAN CEMETARY AT ADONY, HUNGARY. HE HAS A TOMBSTONE WITH HIS NAME, RANK ETC. ENGRAVED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN.

Total number of missions of above crew member: NOT SURE - 5 OR LESS.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 10495

Name of crew member: JACOBSON, Jerome
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: O-805838
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? ADONY, HUNGARY

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: In the bomb bay.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Adony, Hungary

Any hearsay information: Attended funeral given by Russians at Adony, Hungary. Buried at same place.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Possible heart attack or shock which caused him not to open his parachute.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Dates and destinations if possible: 17 Dec 1944 - Mission to Odertal, Germany Oil Refinery

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 10495

Name of crew member: JACOBSON, Jerome
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-808838
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes, but did not pull the rip cord

Where? Near Adony, Hungry; about 30 miles south of Budapest, Hungry, on the Danube R.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: The Co- Pilot was told to feather # 3 engine which was on fire, later told to bail out

Was he injured? He was killed from hitting the plane or from the fall

Where was he when last seen? In the plane alive

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was seen jumping from the plane from the bomb bay and might have hit his head or body on part of the plane. The cause of his death is unknown The Russians found his body in a field and he was buried in the Serbian graveyard in the town of Adony, Hungry. The grave is marked

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: Dec. 17 1944 Target: Odertal, Germany

Several of the crew were shot at by the Russians ground troops as there is a Serial Possibility that a Sucker shot might have hit him to prevent him pulling the rip Cord. The rip Cord was never pulled by Lt. Jackson. The next morning Lt. V. H. Kennett pulled the Cord in front of the others & it Ripped Out easily.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 10495

Name of crew member: JACOBSON, Jerome
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: O-805838
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? About 15 miles South of Budapest Hungary near Adony, Hungary along the Danube River.
If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Fighters were attacking us & the Radio equipment went out.

Was he injured? Not when he left the cock pit.

Where was he when last seen? In the bombay on the cat walk by Lt. W.V Richards. I saw his body & it went out into space.
Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It was not determined by any of the crew why he didn't open his chute but it's possible that he bumped his head on the bombay as he jumped. (Additional possibilities on the back of this page)

Total number of missions of above crew member: He was not our Regular Co-pilot so I don't know.
Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: JACOBSON, Jerome
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: O-805838
Position: Crew (Bomber) Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes; though I didn't see him bail out I heard from the Pilot that Lt. Jacobson had bailed out just before the Pilot did.

Where? Near Duna Adory, Hungary, just below Budapest, on the Danube River.

If not, why not? -----

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Lt. Jacobson asked me to fasten his G.I Shoes to the "D" ring on his parachute harness, about fifteen minutes before I bailed out, which I did.

Was he injured? The Russians found his body and brought it to DunaAdony on the 18th of December. They brought along the parachute, a back pack, which they had removed from him, and which was unopened.

Where was he when last seen? He had just gotten up out of the Co-pilot's seat after the Pilot had given the command to bail out; I was the first man on the flight deck to bail out; I think I bailed in less than a minute after the command was given.

Any hearsay information: As stated above in the first question.

Source: ----

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It is my supposition that his head was probably struck by the bulkhead as he bailed, rendering him unconscious and incapable of pulling his rip cord; when examined the next day the chute appeared to be completely intact. The small pilot chute popped out readily when the rip cord was tested. Seemingly, it did not require an unduly powerful tug to release it; however, the rip cord had been partially pulled, though I don't know by whom.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Five (this is hearsay)

Dates and destinations if possible: I don't know. This particular mission was to Odertal and took place December 17th, 1944.

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CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

Prepared by
MIS-X Section
CPM Branch

DATE: 23 Apr 45

NARRATOR	: MC GUIRE, Roy F., S/Sgt.	SQUADRON	: 743rd Bs.
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: 31417282	GROUP	: 455th Bs.
HOME ADDRESS	: 98 Hope St., Greenfield, Mass.	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: B-24
EX-REPORT NO.	: None	MISSION DATE	: 17 Dec 44

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	1st Lt. William V. Richards	RD
CO-PILOT	1st Lt. (?) Jackobson	KIA
NAVIGATOR	2nd Lt. Edwin S. Rockett	RD US
BOMBARDIER	2nd Lt. Leroy Hewitt	RD
NOSE GUNNER	S/Sgt. Leo Roberts	RD US
ENGINEER	T/Sgt. Fred G. Czerwonski	RD
RADIO OPERATOR	T/Sgt. Elden G. Amundson	RD
BALL TURRET GUNNER	S/Sgt. Gerald C. Papia	RD
TAIL GUNNER	Cpl. (?) Slomski	RD
WAIST GUNNER	S/Sgt. Roy F. McGuire	Narrator

KNOWN INFORMATION: I saw pictures of Lt. Jackobson's body and grave, which was marked by Russians and is in Adony, Hungary. These pictures were taken by the Russians and given to the navigator, who in turn delivered them to 15th Air Force Headquarters.

HERSAY INFORMATION:

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to UNLIMITED
by E. A. BRADURAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. KIRSCH, Capt., AC
Date JUN 5 1946

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Air Field, Italy Command or Air Force 15th
Group 455th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 743rd Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure San Giovanni Air Field, Italy Course Direct
Target Odertal Oil Refineries, Germany Type of mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
8/10 to 10/10 undercast

4. GIVE: (a) Date 17 Dec 1944 Time 1412 hrs Last known position 47°05'N / 16°57'E
(b) Specify whether: (x) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,
( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.

5. AIRCRAFT ~~(CRASHED)~~ (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
( ) Enemy aircraft, ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft, (x) Other Cause unknown

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 H AAF Serial Number 41-28982

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT Peace-Maker

8. ENGINES: Type, mode. & series R-1830-43 AAF Serial Number (a) 42-64754
(b) 42-64686 (c) 42-64616 (d) 42-65547.

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)

(a)	982944 Browning Cal 50	(e)	1236747	(i)	1236811
(b)	983232 M-2	(f)	983645	(j)	1237280
(c)	1237166	(g)	1237241	(k)	
(d)	1236744	(h)	1237179	(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.
(If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet.)

	CREW POSITION	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial) RANK SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS	
(1)	Pilot	Richards, William V. Jr. 1st Lt 0825985	MIA	Mr. William V. Richards (Father) 20 Dixon Ave., Dayton, Ohio	RTD
(2)	Co-Pilot	Jacobson, Jerome (NMI) 2nd Lt 0805838	MIA	Mrs. Natalie M. Jacobson (Wife) 1341 Madison Pk., Chicago, Illinois	KIA
(3)	Navigator	Rockett, Edwin S. Jr. 2nd Lt 02065830	MIA	Mrs. Ann Paxon Rockett (Mother) 37 Chatham Rd., Ardmore, Pa.	RTD
(4)	Bombardier	Hewit, Leroy H. 2nd Lt 07239714	MIA	Mrs. Esther R. Hewit (Mother) 5339 N. 15th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	RTD
(5)	Engineer Gunner	Czerwionka, Fred G. T/Sgt 6912548	MIA	Mr. Theodore Czerwionka (Father) 2541 Carmen Ave., Chicago, Illinois	RTD
(6)	Radio Op. Gunner	Amundson, Elden G. S/Sgt 37557373	MIA	Mr. Andrew Amundson (Father) 3508 - 15th Ave South, Minneapolis, Minn.	RTD
(7)	Armorer Gunner	Roberts, Leo (NMI) S/Sgt 34831799	MIA	Mrs. Emmie S. Roberts (Mother) Route 2, Ocilla, Georgia	RTD
(8)	Armorer Gunner	Slomski, Henry F. Cpl X16168467	MIA	Mr. Stanley Slomski (Father) 3016 W. 41st Pl., Chicago, Illinois	RTD
(9)	Armorer Gunner	Papia, Gerald C. S/Sgt 32929559	MIA	Mrs. Josephine Papia (Mother) 149 Chenango St., Buffalo, N. Y.	RTD
(10)	Armorer Gunner	McGuire, Roy F. S/Sgt 31417282	MIA	Mr. Roy Victor McGuire (Father) 98 Hope St., Greenfield, Mass.	RTD
(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:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	SAW LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) William H. Zimmerman	1st Lt	0710537		X		
(2)						
(3)						

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.
(x) Other reasons (specify) Ship was under control when last seen

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.

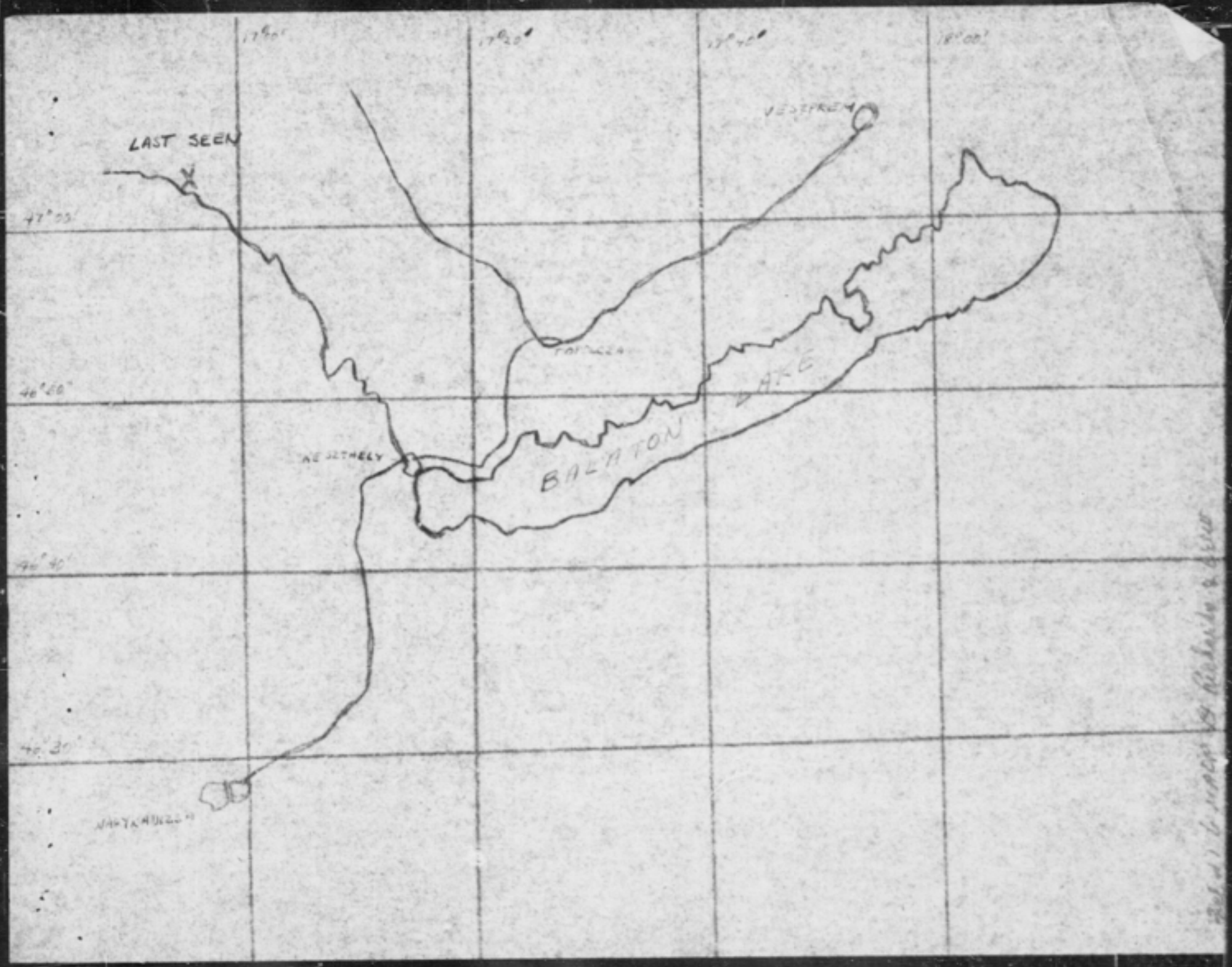
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

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 made

2 Inclosures.
Incl 1 - Sketch of area

Date 20 December 1944

Harry H. Horn
Signature of preparing officer


17°00'
17°20'
17°40'
18°00'
LAST SEEN
VESZPREM
47°00'
46°60'
46°40'
46°30'
BALATON
LAKE

1st Lt William V. Richards, Jr.	Mrs. Edna M. Richards, (Mother) 20 Dixon Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.
2d Lt Edwin S. Rockett, Jr.	Mrs. Ann P. Rockett, (Mother) 37 Chatham Road, Ardmore, Pennsylvania.
2d Lt Leroy H. Hewit	Mrs. Esther R. Hewit, (Mother) 5339 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
2d Lt Jerome Jacobson	Mrs. Natlie M. Jacobson, (Wife) 1341 Madison Park, Chicago, Illinois.
S/Sgt Fred C. Czervionka	Mr. Theodore Czervionka, (Father) 2941 Carmen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
S/Sgt Elden G. Amundson	Mr. Andrew Amundson, (Father) 1508 15th Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
S/Sgt Leo Roberts	Mrs. Mamie E. Roberts, (Mother) Route Two, Cecilia, Georgia.
S/Sgt Gerald C. Papin	Mr. Russell Papin, (Father) 149 Chenango Street, Buffalo, New York.
S/Sgt Roy T. McGuire	Mr. Roy V. McGuire, (Father) 98 Hoyt Street, Greenfield, Massachusetts.
Cpl Henry F. Slomski	Mrs. Mary Slomski, (Mother) 3016 W. 41st Place, Chicago, Illinois.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name AMUNDSON, ELDEN G. Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 37557373

2. Organization 15 AAF Gp Commander W. SNOWDEN (full name) Rank COL. Sqn CO D.S. THAYER (full name) Rank LT. COL.

3. What year 1944 month DEC. day 17 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, OIL REFINERY, target, ODERTAL, GERMANY, target time, APPROX. - 1200, altitude, 25,000 FT. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? SHORTLY AFTER BOMB RUN COMPLETED

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". TAIL GUNNER, WAIST GUNNER, BALL GUNNER, AND MYSELF WENT OUT ESCAPE HATCH IN WAIST AT APPROX. 1430 JUST SOUTH OF BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. FEW MINUTES LATER, PILOT, CO-PILOT, NAV., AND ENGINEER WENT OUT BOMB BAY. AT SAME TIME NOSE GUNNER AND BOMBARDIER WENT OUT ESCAPE HATCH IN NOSE.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? APPROX. 5 MILES SOUTH BUDAPEST.

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)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Fred George Czerwionka (now Civilian) Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 6912548

2. Organization Bomb Gp 455, Sqdn 743 Gp Commander _____ (full name) Rank ___ Sqn CO Thayer (full name) Rank Lt.Col.

3. What year 1944 month December day 17th did you go down?

4. What was the mission, _____, target, _____, target time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? We had just dropped our bombs and rallied out of the flak area.

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yess, all of them.

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". Since I was the first man on the flight deck to bail out, I do not have any knowledge, except hearsay, of how the other members bailed out. Furthermore, the interphone was "shot out" so that we were not in contact with the men in the waist of the plane.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Somewhere on the shore of Danube, near Budapest, according to what the Russians told me.

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. Though I don't understand Russian I gathered that ~~xxx~~ Lt. Jacobson's body was found a distance from the plane; how far, I do not know.

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? When the pilot gave the command to bail out the co-pilot got up out of his seat and was disconnecting his oxygen and electrical lines, the pilot was still flying the plane, and the navigator (who flew the flight deck had disconnected his lines and was right on my heels before I bailed; my heated suit cord got caught in the fuel gauge valves and it was the navigator who extricated it. As soon as he did, I crouched into a ball on the cat walk and hit the silk.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Leroy H. Heart Rank 1st Lt Serial No. O-723974
2. Organization 455th BG 74305 Gp Commander Wm. Swanson Rank Col Sqn CO David S. Thayer Rank Lt. Col.
   (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, Coastal Germany, target time, 12:30, altitude, 22000' route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? 22000' over Coastal
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". Every Crew member bailed out in front of the Russian lines just South of Budapest Hungary
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? North of Body Hungary on the banks of the Danube River
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. _____

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William V. Richards Jr. Rank 1st. Lt. Serial No. O- 825985

2. Organization 455 BG Gp Commander Snowden (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO D.E. Thayer (full name) Rank ~~Lt. Col.~~

3. What year 1944 month ~~December~~ day 17 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Altitude Bombing, target, Odertal, Germany, target time, approx. 1200, altitude, 26,000 ft. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? approx 10 minutes off the 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 but Jacobson recovered

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? ~~Approx. 10 miles south of Adony, Hungry~~

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. _____

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Leo Roberts Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 15[illegible]
   15th AAF 40-5 B.G. 743 Sq (H)
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO Hewes Rank Lt Col
   (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month December day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Combat (air), target, Central Europe, target time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Flew to front with Engines & one were failing but & we flew over area.
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". Tail gunner, Ball Gunner, Radio gunner, waist gunner, bailed out the bottom hatch. Engineer Navigator, pilot, Co-pilot bailed out together, Nose gunner & bombardier bailed out the nose wheel hole.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? About 15 miles from Budapest (South) just outside heavy flak area about 100 yards from the Danube River.
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)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name EDWIN S. ROCKETT, Jr. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-2065830

2. Organization 743d Bomb Sqdn, 455th Bomb Gp / Gp Commander SNOWDEN (full name) Rank Lt.Col Sqn CO -- (full name) Rank --

3. What year 1944 month December day 17th did you go down?

4. What was the mission, bombing, target, Odertal, Germany, target time, 1239, altitude, 20000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Odertal, Germany

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 of other crew members but all members got out of airplane and parachuted safely except the copilot, 2nd Lt. Jerom JACOBSON whose parachute failed to open. Upon examination of parachute, parachute showed it was in operating condition and had not been pulled

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In the vicinity of Adony, Hungary.

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. Knowledge not available at present; if desired, submit additional request .

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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743RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

19 December 1944.

STATEMENT

Returning from a combat mission on 17 December 1944, aircraft No. 41-28982, piloted by Lt Richards, was last seen in the vicinity of Lake Balaton at 1412 hours. The aircraft was flying about 5,000 feet below the formation with one engine afire or smoking. The aircraft was under control when last seen.

William H. Zimmerman

WILLIAM H. ZIMMERMAN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

Refers to MACR Lt Richards crew