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AAF 42-78166
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	Rank:	Name:		A.S.N.:
On: Dec - 20 - 44, at 1200				
Place: Gross Jirnik Kroatien	2nd LT	B A T H A M	Rollin H.	0 - 718 844 ø.
Type: L I B E R A T O R				
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Ranks	Names		A.S.N.No:
2nd Lt	B A T H A M	Rollin H.	0 - 728 844

Batham, H. Rollin

MIA 20 Dec 44
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HQ., MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 4 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
(Att: Statistical Control Division)

Forwarding Missing Air Crew Reports carrying AG Casualty Branch Control Numbers 1201 thru 1203 inclusive.

For the THEATER COMMANDER:

JACK K. ROBERTS,
1st Lt., AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

3 Incls:
(as above)

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Air Field, Italy Command or Air Force 15th
Group 455th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 741st Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure San Giovanni Air Field, Italy Course Direct
Target Plzen, Czechoslovakia Type of mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 8/10 altostratus at 12,000 ft, tops 14,000 and 5/10 stratocumulus tops 8,000 ft

4. GIVE: (a) Date 20 Dec 44 Time 1130 Last known position 47°10'N 14°20'E
(b) Specify whether: (XX) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,
( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.

5. AIRCRAFT XXXXXX (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
( ) Enemy aircraft, ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft, (X) Other Mechanical difficulties

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 G AAF Serial Number 42-78166

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT ROSALIE-MAE

8. ENGINES: Type, mode. & series R-1830-65 AAF Serial Number (a) CP-313108
(b) CP-326907 (c) BP-455275 (d) CP-312903

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

(a)	391328 Browning Cal 50	(e)	1300679	(i)	144337
(b)	399312 M-2	(f)	1200348	(j)	1538125
(c)	370310	(g)	1152740	(k)	
(d)	391461	(h)	1153118	(l)	

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10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (XX) 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	Bone, Donald L. 1st Lt 0817384	MIA	Mrs. Elizabeth I. Bone (Wife) 322 Linmar Terrace, Aliquippa, Pa.	RTD
(2)	Co-Pilot	Batham, H (io) Rollin 2nd Lt 0718844	MIA	Mrs. Margaret J. Batham (Wife) Weaverville, California	RTD
(3)	Navigator	Phillips, Julius C. Jr. 2nd Lt 02065822	MIA	Mrs. Pollyanna Phillips (Wife) RR #1, Box #76, Fontana, Calif.	RTD
(4)	Bombardier	Ginsburg, Howard A. 2nd Lt 02056696	MIA	Mrs. Anna Ginsburg (Mother) 609 W. Washington, Chicago, Ill.	RTD
(5)	Engineer Gunner	Dalian, Allen M. Cpl 36597018	MIA	Mrs. Rosemary Dalian (Mother) 7734 Medbury, Detroit, Michigan	RTD
(6)	Radio Opr Gunner	Kemp, Andrew J. Jr. Cpl 18076586	MIA	Mr. Andrew J. Kemp Sr. (Father) 804 Axtell, Clovis, New Mexico	RTD
(7)	Armorer Gunner	Lerche, Henry G. Cpl 16189573	MIA	Mrs. Ruth Lerche (Mother) 1212 E. Mt. Morris Rd., Mt. Morris, Mich.	RTD
(8)	Gunner	Doyle, Joseph W. Cpl 12089871	MIA	Mrs. Frances Doyle (Mother) 60-48 59th Ave., Maspeth, L.I., N.Y.	RTD
(9)	Gunner	Darnall, Wayne L. Cpl 37357292	MIA	Mrs. Pauline E. Darnall (Wife) Ft. Laramie, Wyoming	RTD
(10)	Gunner	Boyd, Thomas E. Cpl 33904602	MIA	Mrs. Lucy M. Boyd (Mother) Cockeysville, Maryland	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 LAST	SAW SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	FORCED LANDING
(1) Finis H. Josey	1st Lt	0827660		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) Plane was under control when last seen

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

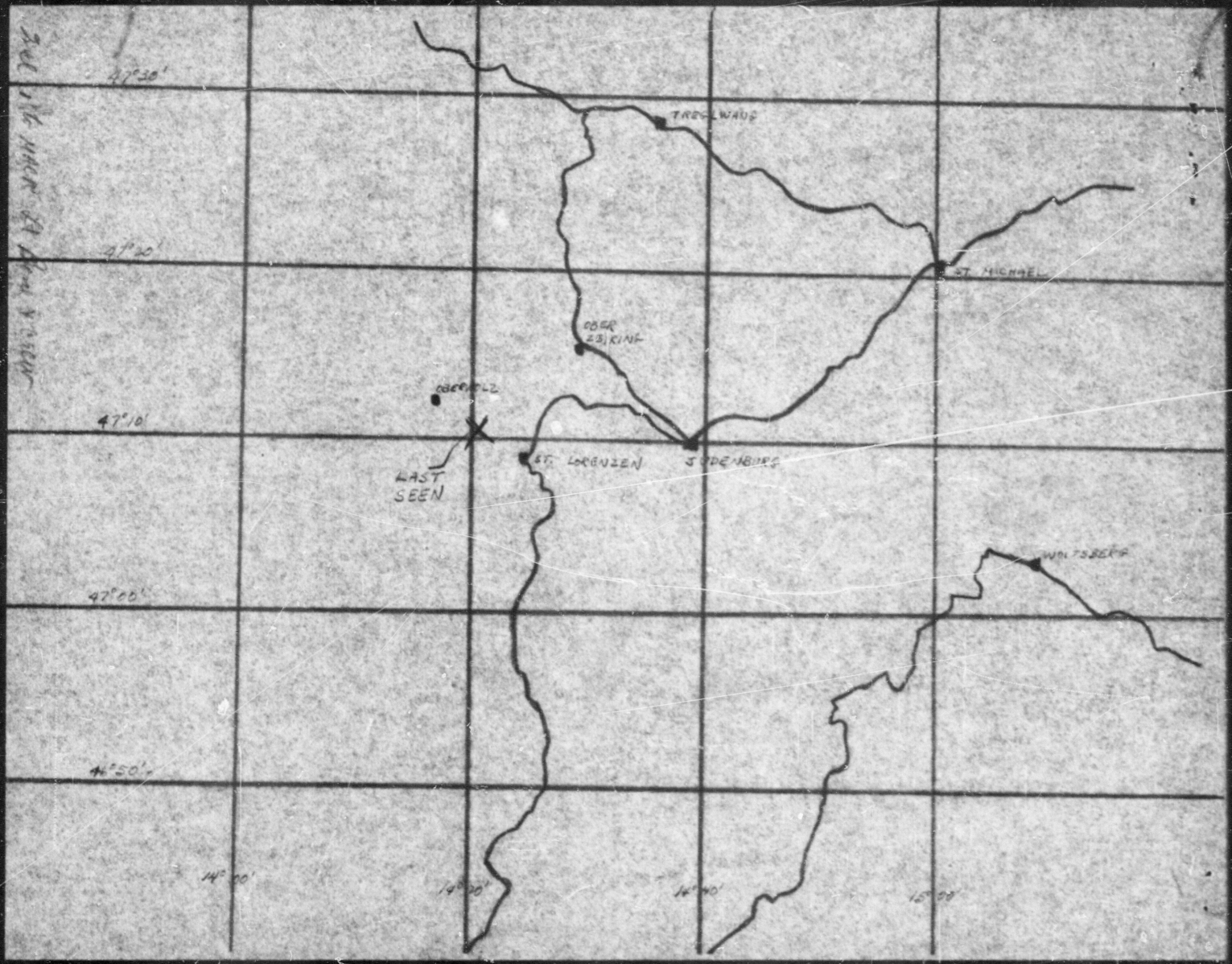
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

2 Inclosures.
Incl 1-Sketch of area Date 23 December 1944
Incl 2-Statement of Lt Josey

Harry H. Horn
Signature of preparing officer
HARRY H. HORN, Capt., Air Corps,
Personnel Officer.

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47°30'
47°20'
47°10'
47°00'
14°50'
14°00'
14°00'
14°00'
15°00'
TREFLWANG
ST. MICHAEL
OBER ZEBRING
OBERFELD
LAST SEEN
ST. LORENZEN
JUDENBURG
WALTERSDORF

1st Lt. Donald L. Bone RTD	Mrs. Elizabeth I. Bone (Wife) ✓ 322 Linmar Terrace Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
2nd Lt. Rollin H. Batham POW	Mrs. Margaret J. Batham (Wife) ✓ Weaverville, California
2nd Lt. Julius C. Phillips Jr. RTD	Mrs. Pollyanna Phillips (Wife) ✓ Route Number One Box 76 Fontana, California
2nd Lt. Howard A. Ginsburg RTD	Mrs. Anna N. Ginsburg (Mother) ✓ 609 West Washington Boulevard Chicago, Illinois
Cpl. Allen M. Dalian RTD	Mrs. Rosemary Dalian (Mother) ✓ 7734 Medbury Street Detroit, Michigan
Cpl. Andrew J. Kemp Jr. RTD	Mr. Andrew J. Kemp Sr. ✓ 804 Artell Street Clovis, New Mexico
Cpl. Henry O. Lerche RTD	Mrs. Ruth E. Lerche (Mother) ✓ 1212 East Mount Morris Road Mount Morris, Michigan
Cpl Joseph W. Doyle RTD	Mrs. Frances Doyle (Mother) ✓ 60-48 59th Avenue Maspeth, Long Island, New York
Cpl. Wayne L. Darnall RTD	Mrs. Pauline E. Darnall (Wife) ✓ Fort Larmie, Wyoming
Cpl. Thomas E. Boyd RTD	Mrs. Lucy M. Boyd (Mother) ✓ Cockeysville, Maryland

CASUALTY #KSU 161-A

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: Dec. 20, 1944 Noon

PLACE OF CRASH: Gross Jirnik (Croatia.) 5 km. NE of Terčić

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: 4 motor Bomber

REPORTING OFFICE: Airport Hdq. A (o) 111/ XVII
Agram - Stenk Dec. 28, 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: B A T H A M
Rollin

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: O - 718844

CAPTURED: Dec. 25, 1944 WOUNDED: DEAD:
Gross Jirnik

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

A true copy:
/s/ Illegible
Major

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6/ 8618

CASUALTY NO. ME 161 A

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 20 December 1944

PLACE OF CRASH: Gross Jirnik

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Headquarters A (o) 11./XVII

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: BATHAM, H. Rollin

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 August 1918

RANK: 2nd/Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 0-718844

CAPTURED: captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: Dulag-Luft, West TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Dulag-Luft, 24 January 1945 v.S.

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KSU 161 -A

Tersische, Dec. 26, 1944

Subject: Capture of an American Flyer Lieutenant.

To:
Air Port Headquarters

CIRKLE

The American flyer Lt. B A T H A M , Rollin, Ident. No. O - 718844 ? 43 - 44 A was captured by our own patrol on Dec. 25, 1944 near the village of Gross Zirnik, 5 km. N.W. Tersische. B. refuses to make any other statement with the exception of name and Ident. No. It is believed, that Batham belongs to the plane (4 motor Bomber) which crashed Dec. 20, 1944 west of Tersische. According to statements made by the civilian population, the remainder of the crew, 6 men strong, was murdered by Gandists and are supposedly buried in St. Helena, 1,5 km. N.E. of (Neudegg or Neudegg ??). (Illegible)

/s/ Lanzer
S.S. Captain and
Captain of the Rifle Co.

Enclosures: 1 envelope.
Contents: Ident. Tag No. same as above
Bracelet with name & Ident. Tag No.
Money bag containing 37 American Dollars.

741ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

22 December 1944.

S T A T E M E N T

On the combat mission of 20 December 1944, plane No. 42-78166, piloted by Lt BONE, was observed to turn back at 1130 hours. The only discernable difficulty was a runaway prop on #1 engine. Plane was last seen at 47°10'N, 14°20'E.

Finis H. Josey

FINIS H. JOSEY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

Encl 2 to MACR #4 Bone crew