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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10748

Name of crew member: JABLONSKI, Harry R.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35312308
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? From the Camera Hatch

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I told him to bail out when I opened the bomb bay doors

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? He left for Naples from our outfit about the 12th of Feb 45

Any hearsay information:

To the best of my knowledge Sgt Jablonski was in the best of health when he left our outfit en-route to the USA. When we returned to our outfit Jablonski had only ~~XXXX~~ Two missions to go while the rest of the crew still had three to finish up. That is the reason that he departed for the USA ahead of the rest of the crew.

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 33 prior to MIA upon return to outfit he completed his tour of 35

Dates and destinations if possible:

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Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35312308
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? CAMERA HATCH

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: TALKED WITH HIM IN THE WAIST OF SHIP 1 HR PREVIOUS

Was he injured? SLIGHT LACERATIONS ABOUT THE MOUTH

Where was he when last seen? WAIST.

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: 34 SORTIES

Dates and destinations if possible: FROM AUG 21 - 1944 TO DEC. 26 1945 OVER TARGETS IN ITALY, GERMANY, AUSTRIA, HUNGARY, POLAND, GREECE, YOUGOSLAVIA, ROUMANIA, CHECO

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 20748

Name of crew member: JABLONSKI, Harry R.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35312908
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR KLOIDOICH, HUNGARY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SPOKE TO HIM OVER INTERPHONE JUST BEFORE BAILING OUT

Was he injured? SLIGHT CUT AND BRUISES FROM PARACHUTE BUCKLE

Where was he when last seen? RETURNED WITH US TO BASE IN ITALY

Any hearsay information: NO KNOWLEDGE

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: THIRTY-FIVE SORTIES

Dates and destinations if possible: —

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 10748

Name of crew member: JABLONSKI, Harry R.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35312508
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? APPROX. 30 mi E.S.E. LAKE BALATON, HUNGARY.

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE.

Was he injured? NOT PRIOR TO BAIL OUT

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: I DID NOT KNOW JABLONSKI BY SIGHT. IT WAS A PICK-UP CREW THAT DAY. IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ABANDONMENT OF AIRCRAFT THE NINE (9) MEN IN THE WAIST JUMPED. I JUMPED BY MYSELF, A MINUTE AFTER, FOLLOWED BY PILOT & CO-PILOT. I WAS BY MYSELF & HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF OTHER CREW MEMBERS

Source: PERSONAL

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: A FEW DAYS LATER I MET MOST OF THE CREW IN THE AIR FORCE (RUSSIAN) HOSPITAL IN SZEKSZARD, HUNGARY. I THOUGHT EVERYONE WAS ACCOUNTED FOR. BEFORE I GOT TO THE HOSPITAL, SOME PARTISANS (CAPT. STEVO, C.O.) SEARCHED THE AREA FOR THE REST OF THE CREW & THEIR REPORT WAS

Total number of missions of above crew member: ?

Dates and destinations if possible: ?

THAT ONE AMERICAN CREWMAN HAD BEEN SHOT BY SOMEONE — PROBABLY HUNGARIAN. I COULD NOT TRAVEL SO WAS UNABLE TO INVESTIGATE

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 10748

Name of crew member: JABLONSKI, Harry R.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35312308
Position: Crew (Bomber) Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

_____

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

_____

_____

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Source: _____

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

This man was on bombing mission to Oswiecim, Poland, on December 26, 1944. landing
with me, on which we were shot down in Hungary. However, this man was not
wounded or lost on this mission, as he returned safely to his base
with me.

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File #. 10748

Name of crew member: KLOTZ, Raymond L.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0717448
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? Lt Klotz was wounded in the right shoulder while over the target. I tied a cord to his rip cord and when it was time opened the bomb bay doors and threw him out. The Static line opened his chute.

Where? Our position was doubtfull because of ~~XXXXXXX~~ dense undercast, but it was approx 47 Kil. from Szegard, Hungary

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I did not give him any dope when he was injured due to the fact that I knew we would have to bail out so the last thing I told him was to hang on to the rip cord in case the static line broke

Was he injured? Yes He was hit in the right shoulder the flak entering near or above the bicep and coming out to the left and just above his shoulder blade.

Where was he when last seen? We left him in a Russian Field Hospital in Szegard Hungary about the 30th of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ December 1944

Any hearsay information: When we passed through Szegard on or about the 10 th of Jan 1945 Several of our crew members , fortunatly we had a flat tine on one of the trucks, went up to the hospital to see him and were informed that he had died at 9:00 that Morning. The Russian Doctor told them that his heart hadn't been able to stand the shock. However I was the last Man to see him when we took him to the hospital and Two Russian women ~~XXXXXX~~ soldiers and myself carried him up stairs to the operating room and I whatched while the surgeon cut away his clothes and give him a Hypo. Then They started to give him, what to me looked like a blood transfusion, and when I showed the Doctor his dog tags and tried to tell him what type blood he needed they made me leave the room.

Source: Personnel knowledge

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I don't know much about medicine to express myself fully but it seemed to me that it might have been the wrong type blood that killed him. That is to say they gave him the wrong type in the transfusion. The transfusions were given on the 30th or 31st of December and when we lefttwo days later he looked in pretty good condition although his color wasn't anything to brag about. I've thought about this for a long time and I can't remember any one taking a sample of his blood to compare it like they done to me when my blood was typed.

Total number of missions of above crew member: I only flew with Klotz once or twice

Dates and destinations if possible: The Mission On which we were shot down was to Oswiecim Oil Refinery, Poland.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 30748

Name of crew member: KLOTZ, Raymond L.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0717448
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Navigator

Did he bail out? WAS PUSHED OUT of [redacted] BOMB-BAY SECTION

Where? of SHIP WITH STATIC LINE ATTACHED

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WAS TREATED FOR WOUNDS JUST BEFORE [redacted] ABANDONING SHIP

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? UNDER FLIGHT DECK

Any hearsay information: ✓

✓

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: DIED — PROBABLY BECAUSE MEDICAL AID WAS GIVEN TOO LATE. BELIEVE HE WOULD HAVE BEEN SAVED IF PILOT LOOKED FOR EMERGENCY LANDING FIELD WHEN PLANE WAS CRIPPLED INSTEAD OF TRYING TO RETURN TO BASE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 34 SORTIES

Dates and destinations if possible: OVER EUROPE, — FROM SEPT 44 TO DEC '45.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 10748

Name of crew member: KLOTZ, Raymond L.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0717418
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Navigator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR KLOIDOICH, HUNGARY

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? YES, SERIOUS FLAK WOUND IN SHOULDER & BACK

Where was he when last seen? RUSSIAN HOSPITAL SZEKZARD, HUNGARY

Any hearsay information: HE WAS LEFT AT THIS HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL CARE. WE PASSED THROUGH THE TOWN AGAIN ABOUT ONE WEEK LATER, AND HE WAS REPORTED DEAD.

Source: CAPTAIN HENRY KELLY, 455 BOMB GP. 742 BOMB SQD.

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

DUE TO OUR CIRCUMSTANCES WE WERE UNABLE TO FIND MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR LT. KLOTZ FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THIS PROBABLY LESSENED ANY CHANCE FOR RECOVERY.

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROXIMATELY 31 SORTIES

Dates and destinations if possible: —

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 20748

Name of crew member: KLOTZ, Raymond L.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0717448
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Navigator

Did he bail out? YES.

Where? APPROX. 30 mi E.S.E. LAKE BALATON · HUNGARY.

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? YES. FLAK WOUND (ON RALLY) IN SHOULDER.

Where was he when last seen? HOSPITAL (AIR CORPS, RUSSIAN) SZEKSZARD, HUNGARY

Any ~~hearsay~~ information: BOTH KLOTZ & MYSELF WERE BROUGHT TO HOSPITAL DEC 28. 1945 & PUT BY OURSELVES IN A ROOM. THIS WAS 2 DAYS AFTER BAILOUT. AND KLOTZ WAS FEELING HIS WOUND; AFTER THE OPERATION KLOTZ GOT SUCCEEDINGLY WORSE HE GOT EXCELLENT ATTENTION — 24 HOURS A DAY. THERE WAS SOMEONE BY HIS BEDSIDE CONTINUOUSLY. HE WAS IN A SEMI-CONSCIOUS CONDITION UNTIL JAN 4TH WHEN THEY MOVED ME TO ANOTHER ROOM. THE NEXT MORNING, I WENT TO

Source: ~~Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:~~

SEE HOW HE WAS GETTING ALONG. THEY TOLD ME HE PASSED AWAY DURING THE NIGHT. THE DOOR WAS LOCKED TO HIS ROOM. I DID NOT SEE HIM. THEY TOOK INFORMATION ON HIM FOR THEIR RECORDS. BUT WOULD NOT GIVE ME CONFIRMATION, IN WRITTING, OF HIS DEATH. THEY SAID THEY'D TAKE CARE

Total number of missions of above crew member: OF IT THRU THEIR OFFICES & NOTIFY

Dates and destinations if possible: U.S. OFFICES THRU CHANNELS. I BROUGHT HIS DOG-TAGS BACK TO BARI, ITALY.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE · File # 10748

Name of crew member: KLOTZ, Raymond L.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0717448
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? To the best of my knowledge, within a radius of 25 miles of, and in the general northwest quadrant from the city of Szekszard, Hungary.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I personally dropped this man from the bomb bay of the plane.

Was he injured? Severe flak wound, piece entering right shoulder and coming out in center of back.

Where was he when last seen? In Russian hospital in city of Szekszard, Hungary, where he subsequently died on January 5th, 1945.

Any hearsay information: Actual information is, that we were not able to get this man to a Russian hospital until two days had elapsed, during which time he received little except what might be termed first aid, by a Hungarian village doctor.

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

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to RESTRICTED
by E. A. BRADUHN, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date JUN 15 1946

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 10748

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Air Field, Italy Command or Air Force 15th
   Group 455th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 742nd Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure San Giovanni Air Field, Italy Course Direct
   Target Oswiegen, Poland Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
   Clear - visibility six miles in haze
4. GIVE: (a) Date 26 Dec 1944 Time 1320 Last known position 47°40'N - 17°40'E
   (b) Specify whether: (xx) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,
   ( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.
5. AIRCRAFT ~~LOST~~ (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
   ( ) Enemy aircraft, ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft, (xx) Other Mechanical difficulties
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 L AAF Serial Number 44-49377
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT NONE
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-43 AAF Serial Number (a) CP-318810
   (b) CP-318674 (c) CP-319207 (d) CP-319360
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
   (a) 1548641 Browning Cal 50 (e) 1317475 (i)
   (b) 1549372 M-2 (f) 1316727 (j)
   (c) 1549993 (g) 1549919 (k)
   (d) 1754498 (h) 979811 (l)
10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (xx) Battle Casualty, ( ) Non-Battle Casualty.
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 12 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 12 .
    (If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet.)

Classification changed to ~~SECRET~~ UNCLASSIFIED by E. A. BRADUMAS, Lt. Col., AG by F. M. WUENCH, Capt., AC Date MAR 15 1948

CREW POSITION	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial) RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
(1) Pilot	Kelly, Henry C. Capt 0684873	MIA	Mrs. Dorothy B. Kelly (Wife) 520 N. Walnut St., Lansing, Mich. RTD
(2) Co-Pilot	Fotheringham, Donald A. 2nd Lt 0775850	MIA	Mr. Arch L. Fotheringham (Father) Beaver, Utah RTD
(3) Navigator	Klotz, Raymond L. 1st Lt 0717448	DOW MIA	Mr. Louis Klotz (Father) 6922 Bingham St., Philadelphia, Pa.
(4) Navigator	Krueger, Robert J. 2nd Lt 02060313	MIA	Mrs. Jane Marie Krueger (Wife) 1769 Wellesley Ave., St. Paul, Minn. RTD
(5) Bombardier	Conn, Charles C. Jr. 1st Lt 0772940	MIA	Mrs. Florrie Mae Conn (Mother) 918 Santa Clara St., Ventura, Calif. RTD
(6) Radar Navigator	Agathon, John C. 2nd Lt 02057839	MIA	Mrs. Theresa Agathon (Mother) 4415 43rd Ave., Long Island City, N.Y. RTD
(7) Engineer Gunner	Keller, Elmer E. T Sgt 6920263	MIA	Mrs. Jennie Ann Keller (Mother) 5313 W. Patterson Ave., Chicago, Ill. RTD
(8) Radio Opr Gunner	Phelan, William A. S Sgt 12043847	MIA	Mr. Joseph V. Phelan (Father) 2719 Orchard Ave, Los Angeles, Calif. RTD
(9) Armorer Gunner	Jablonski, Harry R. S Sgt 35312308	MIA	Mrs. Catherine Jablonski (Mother) 3905 W. 18th St., Cleveland, Ohio
(10) Gunner	Sturniolo, Thomas A. S Sgt 32888907	MIA	Mr. Frank Sturniolo (Father) 322 Marine Ave., Brooklyn, New York RTD
(11) Gunner	Por, Stephen (NMI) S Sgt 32037448	MIA	Mrs. Esther Por (Mother) 69 Cleveland Ave., Tonawanda, N. Y. RTD
(12) Gunner	Mason, Robert G. S Sgt 35537922	MIA	Mrs. Helen Mason (Mother) 735 South Erie St., Toledo, Ohio RTD

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 LAST BY RADIO	SAW SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	FORCED LANDING
(1) Ray M. Grooms	1st Lt	0823505		X		
(2)						
(3)						

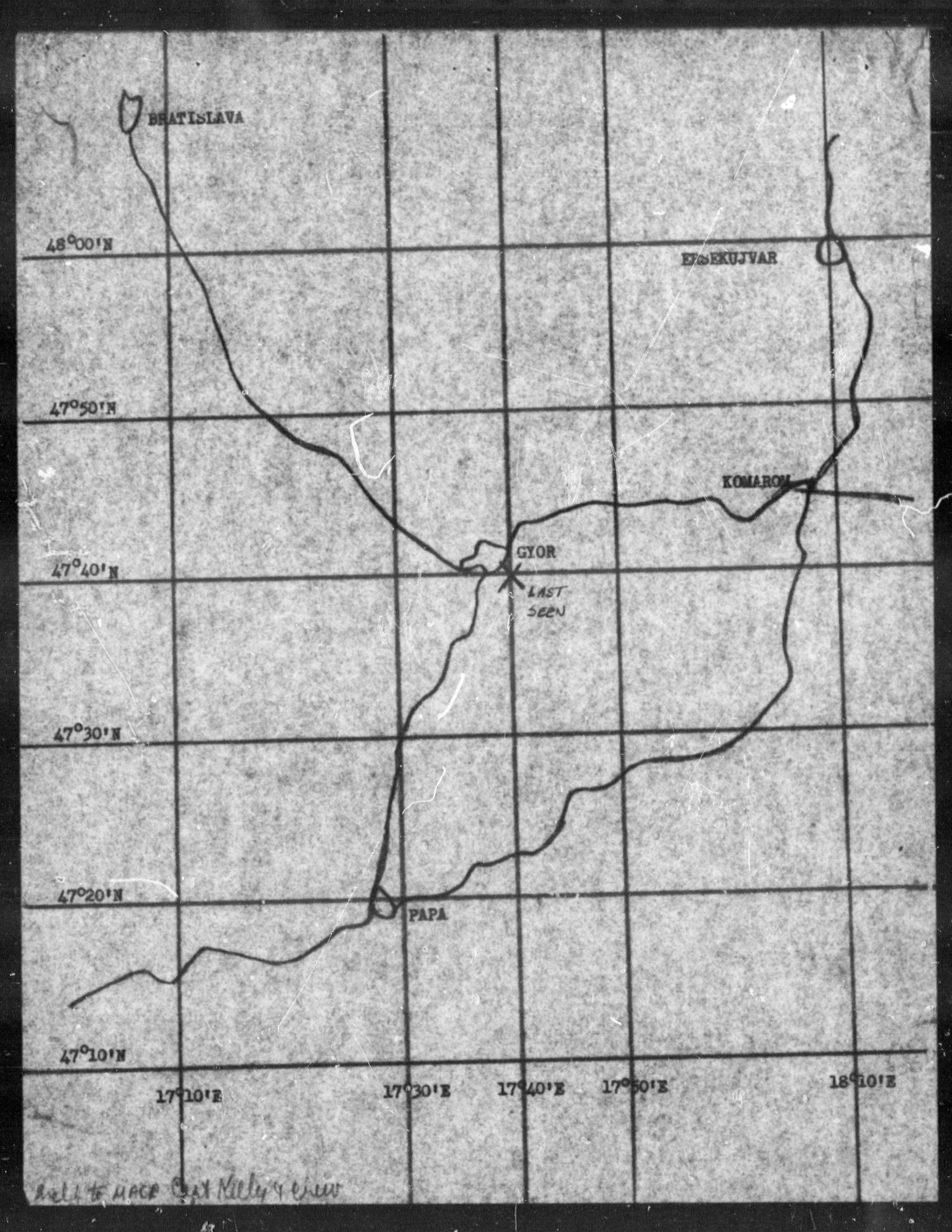
13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
    ( ) Parachutes were used. ( ) Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
    (xx) Other reasons (specify) Plane was under control when last seen
14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION 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 29 December 1944
Incl 2-Statement of Lt Grooms.

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

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ESSEKUJVAR
47°50'N
KOMAROM
GYOR
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LAST SEEN
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Capt. Henry C. Kelly	Mr. Frank P. Kelly (Father) Walton, West Virginia
2nd Lt. Donald K. Fotheringham	Mr. Arch L. Fotheringham (Father) Beaver, Utah
1st Lt. Raymond L. Klotz	Mr. Louis Klotz (Father) 6922 Bingham Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2nd Lt. Robert J. Krueger	Mrs. Jane K. Krueger (Wife) 1769 Wellesly Avenue Saint Paul, Minnesota
1st Lt. Charles C. Conn, Jr.	Mrs. Florris M. Conn (Mother) 918 Santa Clara Street Ventura, California
2nd Lt. John C. Agathon	Mrs. Theresa Agathon (Mother) 4415-43 Avenue Long Island City, New York
T/Sgt. Elmer E. Keller	Mrs. Jennie A. Keller (Mother) 5313 West Patterson Avenue Chicago, Illinois
S/Sgt. William A. Phelan	Mr. Joseph V. Phelan (Father) 2719 Orchard Avenue Los Angeles, California
S/Sgt. Harry E. Jablonski	Mrs. Catherine Jablonski (Mother) [illegible] West 18th Street Cleveland, Ohio
S/Sgt. Thomas A. Sturniolo	Mr. Frank Sturniolo (Father) 312 Marine Avenue Brooklyn, New York
S/Sgt. Stephen Por	Mrs. Esther Por (Mother) 69 Cleveland Avenue Tonawanda, New York
S/Sgt. Robert E. Mason	Mrs. Helen Mason (Mother) 735 South Erie Street Toledo, Ohio

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name AGATHON, JOHN CHARLES Rank 1ST LT Serial No. O-2057839

2. Organization 455 BG. 742 B.S. Commander _____ (full name) Rank ___ Sqn CO AMBROSEN (full name) Rank LT. COL.

3. What year 1945 month DEC day 26 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, OIL REFINERIES, target, OSWIECIM. POLAND. , target time, APPROX 1200 , altitude, 25000 APPROX. route scheduled, DIRECT. VIA VIENNA. , route flown SAME.

5. Where were you when you left formation? APPROX OVER TGT. LAST SAW FORMATION VIENNA 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". REMAINDER OF CREW RETURNED TO BASE WITH PILOT CAPT. KELLY.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? APPROX 30 MI E.S.E. LAKE BALATON 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? JAN 5TH 1946 LAST SAW CREW MEMBERS IN HOSPITAL SZEKSZARD HUNGARY. BEFORE THEY LEFT, BY BUS, TO BUCAREST ROUMANIA

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Keller, Elmer E. Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 6920263
   742 B Sqdn 455 B Gp.
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander _____ Rank ____ Sqn CO Lloyd Griffin Rank Major
   (full name) (full name)
3. What year L944 month December day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing , target, Oswiecim O/R , target time, 12:08 , altitude, 23, 800 route scheduled, _____ , route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? On the Flight Deck
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". Por and Jablonski went out the camera hatch, Phelan, Mason, Conn, Navigator, and myself out the bomb bay. Fotherington Kelly, and the Mickey Navigator bailed out last, I threw Klotx out and followed out right behind him. Every one started to bail out when I opened the bomb bay doors.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? I didn't see where it hit due to a dense undercast.
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? _____
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. The people in the small village where we contacted a doctor for Klotz told me of a B-17 that had crashed about four days before we did and the big numbers on the tail were 147 that was the only numbers he could remember. Evidently part of the tail had burned off and that was all that remained. He said that 5 chutes came out of the plane before it hit the ground. The plane hit the ground about six miles from where the village was. I can't remember the name of the village right now but maybe one of the other members of my crew can.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Robert J. Krueger Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-2060313

2. Organization 455 BG Gp Commander Col. Snowden (full name) Rank Col Sqn CO Griffin (full name) Rank Maj.

3. What year 1944 month Dec. day 26 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, eleventh, target, Oswiecim, Poland, target time, 1230, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, Trieste, Gyor, Bratislava, route flown As Briefed

5. Where were you when you left formation? 5 mi. north Bratislava

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? All members bailed out

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 except two members of crew bailed out from bomb bay. Remaining two used rear escape hatch. I dropped wounded man (Lt. R. L. Klotz) from bomb bay. All members ~~left~~ out within five minutes of bail out order.

(Crew list not attached)

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge except general area some 25 miles northwest of Szekszard, 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? All members accounted for

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ROBERT G. MASON Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 35537922

2. Organization 455 Commander TWINING (full name) Rank GEN. Sqn CO AMBROSEN (full name) Rank LT. COL.

3. What year 1944 month DEC. day 26 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, [redacted] OSWEICIM POLAND, target, ——, target time, 22,500, altitude, ——, route scheduled, ——, route flown ——

5. Where were you when you left formation? JUST CLEARED TARGET 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". ALL MEMBERS OF CREW, WITH EXCEPTION OF JABLONSKI AND POR BAILED OUT THROUGH BOMB BAYS, THE TWO EXCEPTIONS LEFT BY REAR ESCAPE HATCH

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR KLOIDOICH, 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. NO KNOWLEDGE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name THOMAS A. STURNIOLO Rank S/SGT Serial No. 32888,107

2. Organization 455 Gp Commander SNOWDEN (full name) Rank LT. COL Sqn CO ~~GORDON~~ MURPHY (full name) Rank MAJ.

3. What year 1944 month DEC. day 26 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, OSWEICUM, POLAND, target, OIL-REFINERIES, target time, 1300, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, NOT KNOWN, route flown —

5. Where were you when you left formation? VICINITY OF 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". BOMBADIER LEFT BY WAY OF BOMBBAY DOORS ABOUT 1420 hrs, TAIL GUNNER, RADIO OP, & MYSELF FOLLOWED, BALL GUN & WAIST GUN LEFT FROM CAMERA HATCH. ENG. & 2 NAV. LEFT FROM BAY DOORS FOLLOWED BY CO-PILOT & PILOT.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? APPROX 20-40 MILES SOUTH OF 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? NAVIGATOR KLOTZ WOUNDED & BEING GIVEN FIRST AID UNDER FLIGHT DECK ABOUT 1330 hrs BALL GUN. JABLONSKI IN WAIST 1350 hrs WAS O.K.

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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742ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

28 December 1944.

STATEMENT

Returning from the combat mission of 26 December 1944 at 1320 hours, ship No. 44-49377, piloted by Capt HENRY C. KELLY, was last seen at 47°40'N - 17°40'E, with one engine feathered. The plane was under control and losing altitude. It appeared to be headed toward the Russian lines.

Ray M. Grooms

RAY M. GROOMS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

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Incl 2 to MACR Capt Kelly & Crew