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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Duncan, Kenneth (NMI) Jr. File 10749
Rank: Cpl
Serial number: 15303783
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight Engineer~~ Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge.

Where? No knowledge.

If not, why not? No knowledge.

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

His interphone conversation telling pilot he could not transfer the fuel.

Was he injured? No. Not to my knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? I did not see him after take off.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

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

Might have gone down with the plane or bailed out and landed in the Adriatic Sea.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Duncan, Kenneth (MMI) Jr. File 10749
Rank: Cpl
Serial number: 15303763
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? —

If not, why not? He removed his Parachute to Fix Fuel Pump.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: We reported Fuel Pump Working, but not passing Fuel.

Was he injured? No. Not before Actual Crash

Where was he when last seen? In The Bomb Bays

Any hearsay information: No

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: We had removed his oxygen mask, to be able to work better

Total number of missions of above crew member: Two.

Dates and destinations if possible: I didn't Keep a record

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Edelstein, Albert N. File 10749
Rank: 1st Lt
Serial number: O-822031
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? No knowledge.

If not, why not?

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

None.

Was he injured? No. Not to my knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? I did not see him after take off.

Any hearsay information: He bailed out and was seriously injured in landing, Picked up by the Partisans and died a short time later.

Source: F/O Robert Hague. Crew Member.

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

Same as above.

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge.

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowedge.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Bridstein, Albert E. File 10749
Rank: 1st Lt
Serial number: 0-822031
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight~~ (Fighter): Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Istria

If not, why not? —

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

None

Was he injured? Yes. His chute folded in A downdraft And didn't reopen

Where was he when last seen? Hitting the side of A Canyon

Any hearsay information: He was Taken by Italians To There home, but died soon Afterward Without regaining Consciousness

Source: Underground Partisans

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: —

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 10749

Name of crew member: Goss, Walter F.
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: O-721704
Position: Crew (Bomber) [illegible]: Pilot

Did he bail out? No knowledge.

Where? No knowledge.

If not, why not? No knowledge.

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

He gave the order to bail out.

Was he injured? No. Not to my knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? I did not see him after take off.

Any hearsay information: No knowledge.

Source:

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

Might have gone [illegible] down with the plane or bailed out and landed in the Adriatic Sea.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Cecc, Walter F. File 10749
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-721724
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] (Fighter): Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? In Suva bay

If not, why not?

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

None

Was he injured? Yes. He drowned

Where was he when last seen? In the water

Any hearsay information: The Germans sent a speedboat to him, although it got there too late to save him, they recovered his body.

Source: Partisan Underground

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Four

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 10749

Name of crew member: Long, Douglas H.
Rank: Cpl
Serial number: 34776477
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Radio Operator - Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? In the vicinity of Istria. Over northern Italy; Near the border of Yugoslavia.

If not, why not? _____

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

I saw him bail out and saw his chute open.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? Bailing out.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source: _____

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

None.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Long, Douglas H. File 10749
Rank: Cpl
Serial number: 34775477
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Fighter~~ (Fighter): Radio Operator - Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Istra, near Fuma

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: My Ear-Phones Were Out, And he told me, "It's time to leave."

Was he injured? Yes. He was hit by rifle fire from the ground.

Where was he when last seen? Hitting in an open area

Any hearsay information: Yes. I was told He was dead When He hit the ground. The Germans Searched Him & took Him With them

Source: Local Civilians.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The Germans Used high powered rifles on All, or the Greater Per centage of us.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Two

Dates and destinations if possible:

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Appendix F

1. F/O Robert Hague, bombardier, last seen in Slunj, Yugoslavia going in jeep to Topusko mission. (18 Jan. 45).

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Crew:

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Ferguson, Thomas M., Cpl., 35297212
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CASUALTY BRANCH
PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION

MTOCR 10249

Name Edelstein, Albert N. Serial No. O 822,031

Grade 1st Lt.

Organization AC

OFFICIAL REPORTS: (IMPORTANT—Unofficial reports or information will **not** be shown below. This information will be indicated—"Code X.")

Type of Casualty	*Date and Area*	*Classification and Message No.*	*Battle*	*Nonbattle*	*Date E. A. Notified*
Mia	29 Dec 44 Mto * Italy	Shpt. #006	1		13 Jan 45
Roi	30 Dec 44 Mto "	Shpt. #072			17 Jan 45

E. A.

Remarks: * Italy

No casualty reported

Is there a Casualty Branch file? No ____ Yes ____

Form No. 437 No ____ Yes ____

Clerk furnishing report Bates

Date of report 4/9/45 Room No. 3615 Group No. Corps 2

VISI-CARD AND RECORD REPORT

W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 035
(22 December 1943)

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by J. A. BRADDOCK, Lt. Col., AG
by J. M. KOENCI, Capt., AC
Date MAR 15 1946

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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 Udine, Italy Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
   Clear - visibility 8 miles in haze
4. GIVE: (a) Date 29 Dec 1944 Time 1426 Last known position 44°55'N - 14°18'E
   (b) Specify whether: ( ) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, (x) Seen to crash,
   ( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.
5. AIRCRAFT (LOST) ~~EXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
   ( ) Enemy aircraft, ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft, (x) Other Mechanical failure
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-51935
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None
8. ENGINES: Type, mode. & series R-1830-65A AAF Serial Number (a) BP-453515
   (b) CP-328282 (c) CP-327872 (d) CP-328215
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)

(a)	1030719 Browning Cal 50	(e)	1034810	(i)	1759099
(b)	1037930 M-2	(f)	1034179	(j)	1758840
(c)	1748764	(g)	718501	(k)	
(d)	1037858	(h)	1535600	(l)	

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (x) Battle Casualty, ( ) Non-Battle Casualty.
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9 .
    (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	Goss, Walter F. 2nd Lt 0721704	MIA	Mrs. Stella L. Goss (Mother) 6 Cottage St., Wilmington, Mass.
(2) Co-Pilot	Edelstein, Albert N. 1st Lt 0822031	MIA	Mrs. Sarah Edelstein (Mother) 8 East Street, Sanford, Maine
(3) Bombardier	Hague, Robert F. Flt O T-5700	MIA	Mr. Adolphe Hague (Father) 46 So. Maple Ave., East Orange, N.J.
(4) Radio Opr Gunner	Long, Douglas H. Cpl 34776477	MIA	Mrs. Esther R. Long (Mother) Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C.
(5) Engineer Gunner	Duncan, Kenneth (NMI) Jr 15303783 Cpl	MIA	Mrs. Ena M. Battershell (Mother) 1960 W. 12th Ave., Gary, Indiana
(6) Armorer Gunner	McDonald, Charles T. Cpl 37167976	MIA	Mrs. Blanche E. McDonald (Mother) 804 Lake Ave., So., Duluth, Minn.
(7) Gunner	McClain, George D. Jr. Cpl 13175086	MIA	Mr. George D. McClain Sr. (Father) 1903 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
(8) Gunner	Richman, Ivan W. Cpl 17153978	MIA	Mrs. Marie Richman (Wife) 2123 Emerson Ave., No, Minneapolis, Minn.
(9) Gunner	Ferguson, Thomas M. Cpl 35297212	MIA	Mrs. Anna P. Ferguson (Mother) R. 5, Sidney, Ohio
(10)			
(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 SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) Donald E. Montgomery	1st Lt	0677548			X	
(2)						
(3)						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
    (x) 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

2 Inclosures.
Incl 1-Sketch of area. Date 1 January 1945
Incl 2-Statement of Lt Montgomery.

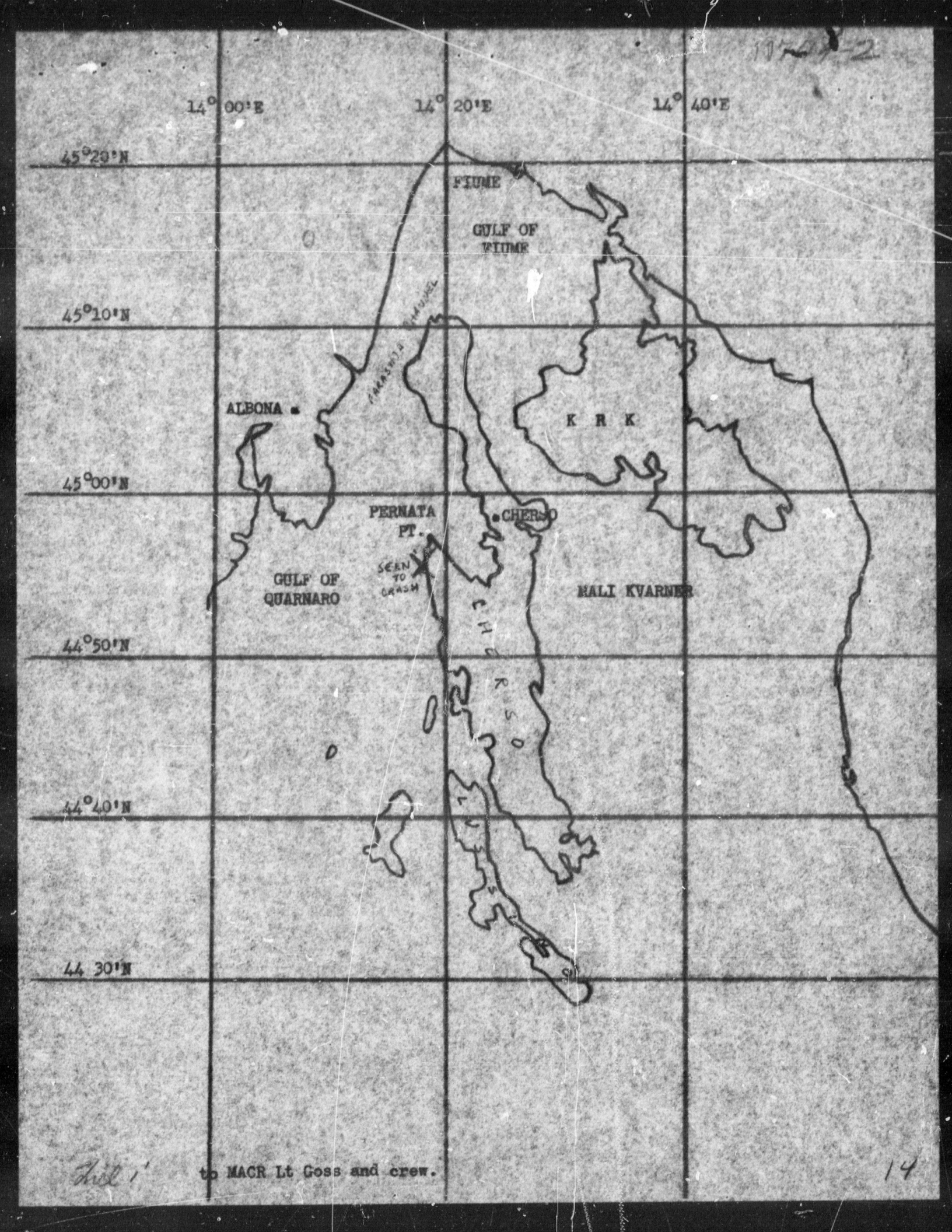
Harry H. Horn
Signature of preparing officer
HARRY H. HORN, Capt., Air Corps,
Personnel Officer.

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Trial 1 to MACR Lt Goss and crew.

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1st Lt. Albert H. Edelstein	Mrs. Sarah Edelstein, (Mother) Eight East Street, Sanford, Maine.
2nd Lt. Walter F. Gose	Mrs. Stella L. Gose, (Mother) 6 Cottage Street, Millsington, Massachusetts.
F/O Robert F. Hague	Mr. Adolphe Hague, (Father) 46 South Maple Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey.
Cpl. Douglas H. Long	Mrs. Ester R. Long, (Mother) Route Number 2, Gastonia, North Carolina.
Cpl. Kenneth Duncan Jr.	Mrs. Ena M. Satterwhell, (Mother) 1960 West 12th Avenue, Gary, Indiana.
Cpl. Thomas M. Ferguson	Mrs. Anna Ferguson, (Mother) Rural Free Delivery Five Sidney, Ohio.
Cpl. George D. McClain Jr.	Mr. George D. McClain Sr., (Father) 1903 German Town Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Cpl. Ivan W. Richman	Mrs. Marie Richman, (Wife) 2123 Emerson Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Cpl. Charles T. Mc Donald	Mrs. Blanche E. Mc Donald, (Mother) 804 Lake Avenue, South. Duluth, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I believe this to be a wonderful project you And your force is doing. I would like the Address of the parents, of the boys I have filled out Questionairs on. If I can be of further use please let me know.

Sincerely,

Thomas W Ferguson

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Thomas M Ferguson Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 15222242

2. Organization 742 BSqp 455 B.G. Commander _____ (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO _____ (full name) Rank _____

3. What year 1945 month Jan. day 22 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Linz, Austria, target time, 2:03, altitude, 25,300 route scheduled, Yugo; Italy, Asteria, route flown Same

5. Where were you when you left formation? Trestia, Italy

6. Did you bail out? Fuma, Yugo

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, A bot Kenneth Duncan

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". A Questionaire has Already been filled out on them.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? A small Island off Yugo.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) only Kenneth Duncan

11. Where were they in aircraft? Bomb bay

12. What was their condition? Good

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 Charles T. McDonald Rank Sgt. Serial No. 37167976

2. Organization 455th Gp Commander No knowledge Rank ___ Sqn CO Horton Rank Major
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month Dec. day ~~31~~ 29 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Udine, Italy. , target, Marshalling yard. , target time, No knowledge. , altitude, 21,000 ft. route scheduled, No knowledge. , route flown No knowledge.

5. Where were you when you left formation? Nearing the Adriatic, North of Istria.

6. Did you bail out? Yes.

7. Did other members of crew bail out? I saw three others bail 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". Douglas Long, Thomas Ferguson, Ivan Richman and myself bailed out in that order from the waist section of the plane. I landed on Istria and they no doubt landed north of me. I did not see any of ~~xxxxx~~ the others bail out. Note. No crew list attached as stated above.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Reported; Crahed on an Island off the coast of Yugoslavia.

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 knowledge.

11. Where were they in aircraft? NO knowledge.

12. What was their condition? No knowledge.

13. When, where and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I did not see any of the men in the front end of the plane after take off. Nor did I see them bail out. Names — Walter Goss, Albert Edelstein, Robert Hague, Kenneth Duncan, Geo. McClean I broke my leg on landing and was taken prisoner so I did not see any of the other crew members after that. I dont think any of them landed near me.

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

31 December 1944.

STATEMENT

Returning from the combat mission of 29 December 1944 at 1426 hrs, plane No. 935, piloted by Lt Goss, was seen to crash into an island at 44°55'N - 14°18'E. At least eight parachutes were seen to open and it is believed that one more did come out of the plane. One or two of the chutes landed in the water very close to the shore of the island. Lt Goss was contacted by radio about ten minutes before the crash, and he said that he could not transfer fuel and that he was running out of gas.

Donald E. Montgomery
DONALD E. MONTGOMERY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

Ltr to MACR Lt Goss' Crew

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