C E R T I F I C A T E

O N T A K I N G I N T O C U S T O D Y

Air Base Hq. E (v) 213 / XI
L 21166 Air District Post Office
Brusseles

April 25, 1944

KU 1441 (Draper) / KU 1778 / KU 1673

3 [illegible] prisoners of war (Sgt. [illegible], Sgt. Holder and Sgt. Bentley

TODAY AT.....O'CLOCK IS [illegible] brought into custody.

KIND AND TERM OF PUNISHMENT:

....war captifity.....
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REASON FOR PUNISHMENT:

(stamped):
Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
.....received 21 June 44
.....Personal Center
.....

ABILITY FOR IMPRISONMENT:
(NOTICE IF TREATMENT IS NECESSARY)
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[illegible]
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Engl. prisoners of war taken into custody:
on April 25, 44
section E 1330 o'clock

Murtfeldt, Sgt.

(Signature illegible)
Major and Air Base Commander

- K.U 1441 - Mace 12310

Prisoner of War Transit Camp
of the Air Forces West

Wetzlar, Jan. 26, 1945

File No. 2764/45

Ti/Ba.

The ~~two~~ reported under KU 1441 dead B r o w n E. L. and Lt. P e t e r s had been recovered dead according to the report of the Air port Headquarters AFO Halberstadt, date April 11, 1944. It is not known to this station how the ~~corpses~~ corpses had been identified. No dog tags have been turned in.

(Signature illegible)
M a j o r

Attached dog tags:

Raymond E. Todd
35498808 T 42 - 3 O MACR-3934
Gladys Todd
R 1
Springfield Ind. P

Edwin D. Hunnefeld
15338788 T 43 43 B MACR 3779.

C

James W. Draper
18165905 T 42 B MACR- 3934
Vivian M. Draper
Rt. 2
Queen City, Texas P

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: April 12, 1944

TIME: 1545

FROM: LWKO

THROUGH: Koehler

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

* * S S D LBHB No. 330 11/4 | 2320 . -

To Information Center west, Oberursel . -
Likewise: To Command Air Base Area 3 / III, Ic, Magdeburg - East . -
To Air District Command III, Ic, Berlin - Dahlem . -
Referring to: Message from Air District Command III, Ic of March 3, 44 . -
The Air Port Hq. A 11 / VI Halberstadt reports:

A) Place of crash: South end of Air Base Halberstadt . -
B) Time of crash: April 11, 44 , 1126 o'clock . -
C) Type of aircraft: Liberator.
D) Markings and Admittance No. not yet recognizable due to fire.
E) Damage: 98 %
F) Disposition on the crew: 8 dead, not yet identifiable on account of fire and smoke
2 prisoners: T/Sgt Raymond Todd, T/Sgt Donald Mohr. Wounded or escaped no one.

Air Port Hq. A 11 / VI Halberstadt. -

6-3224.AF(5)

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters A 11 / XI

PLACE: Halberstadt

DATE: April 11, 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Liberator

AT: South end of Air Base Halberstadt
Date: April 11, 1944 Time: 1126

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Brown

FIRST NAME: E. L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters A 11 / VI

PLACE: Halberstadt

DATE: April 11, 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) or, Liberator

~~DESCRIPTION~~: AT: South end of air base Halberstadt
Date: April 11, 1944 Time: 1026

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) D r a p e r

FIRST NAME: J a m e s

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 18165905

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead (recovered)

E AND TIME OF CAPTURE: . / .

NAME OF HOSPITAL: . / .

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters A 11 / VI

PLACE: Halberstadt

DATE: April 11, 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Liberator

[redacted]: AT: south end of air base Halberstadt
Date: April 11, 44 Time: 1126

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) M o h r

FIRST NAME: D o n a l d T/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 12187456

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 500 m south east of air base Halberstadt
April 11, 44 at 1144 o'clock

NAME OF HOSPITAL: . / .

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: . / .

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters A 11 / VI

PLACE: Halberstadt

DATE: April 11, 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Liberator

At: South end of air base Halberstadt
Date: April 11, 1944 Time: 1126

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) P e t e r s

FIRST NAME:

RANK: Lieutenant

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: . / .

NAME OF HOSPITAL: . / .

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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- K U 1441 -

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Port Headquarters A 11 / VI

PLACE: Halberstadt

DATE: April 11, 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Liberator

AT: south end of Air Base Halberstadt
Date: 11 April 44 Time: 1126

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) T o d d

FIRST NAME: R a y m o n d T/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 35498808

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 500 m south east of air base Halberstadt
April 11, 44 at 1144 o'clock

NAME OF HOSPITAL: . / .

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: . / .

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NARC
12390
B-24
11 men

Date: 27 July 1944

Place: 50 km south-west of Budapest

Type: Liberator 743 (H.B.)Sqd. 455 group

Base: Cevignola

Target: AF. Southeast.

Rank	Name	U.S.A. 337	No. MR 1818
		ASN.	
2nd Lt.	FOTUCHK, R.D.		dead
2nd Lt.	BUCHHOLZ F. A.	0-819336 .	
g 2nd Lt.	HAWKINS, John W.	0-686151 .	
2nd Lt.	FREDERICKSON, C.B.	0-713162 .	
S./Sgt.	BROWN, Edwin Leon	35093322 .	
S./Sgt.	ANDERNS, J. C.		dead
S./Sgt.	KALECK, C. E.		dead
S./Sgt.	GRAY, Artie	33564615 .	
S./Sgt.	BROWN, Thomas M.	37494259 .	
S./Sgt.	OGG, Dick, Eugene	35628494 .	

not on list

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: ANDREWS, J.C.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 18105878
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Fighter~~ Arm. Gunner

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where?

If not, why not? BELIVED KILLED

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

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen? IN BALL TURRET

Any hearsay information: HIS GUNS WERE REPORTED FIRING AND SUDDENLY STOPPED DURING ATTACK BELIEVED HE WAS KILLED IN TURRET

Source: RADIO MAN

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: 1

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: ANDREWS, J.W.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 18105878
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot/Fighter~~ Arm. Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? He is believed to have been killed in his ball turret when were attacked by enemy fighters
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: His acknowledgment of Sgt. Edgington's warning when the enemy ships were first sighted.
Was he injured? Our waist gunners reported that Sgt. Andrew fired several bursts then stopped. No one saw him leave the turret. Presumed killed.
Where was he when last seen? Entering his ball turret as we approached enemy territory.
Any hearsay information: That his body had been found and identified in the ship's wreckage. His dog tags were shown to me shortly after I was taken prisoner.

Source: Hungarian Military Authorities and civilians.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Since he was never seen after the attack began, he must have died in the same manner as Sgt. Edgington. Or he could have been seriously wounded and unable to bail out. The rapidity at which things happened made it impossible for any one to check on either Sgt. Andrews or Sgt. Edgington.
Total number of missions of above crew member: 12

Dates and destinations if possible: Industrial or oil targets in Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Yougoslavia, Austria, So. Germany, So. France, No. Italy, & Czechoslovakia. From 1 June '44 to 27 July '44

6-3861, AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: ANDREWS, J.C.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 18105878
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer (Flight)~~ Arm. Gunner

Did he bail out? no

Where?

If not, why not? killed by 20mm from enemy aircraft

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

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? B24 Ball gun Position

Any hearsay information:

Source: Edward Brown

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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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: ANDREWS, J.C.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 18105878
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Ridgeback/Rightcockx~~ Arm. Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? Reason unknown

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

Was he injured? Supposedly dead

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

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

Aircraft exploded in air so I assume he was killed then if not before

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: ANDREWS, J.E.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 18105878
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~ Arm. Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where?

If not, why not? DO NOT KNOW

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

Was he injured? DO NOT KNOW

Where was he when last seen? HE WAS NOT SEEN TO LEAVE

Any hearsay information: HIS GUNS.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THE GERMANS SAID THEY FOUND HIS DOGTAGS

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 28

Dates and destinations if possible: BETWEEN MAY 27 & JULY 27, 1944

From Hawkins?

6-3861, AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.; 12390

Name of crew member: EDGINGTON, Paul D.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35642666
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer(Engineer)~~ Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where?

If not, why not?

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

REPORTED FIGHTERS COMING IN FROM REAR

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen? IN TAIL TURRET

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: FIGHTERS CAME IN FROM REAR, BELIEVE HE WAS KILLED IN TURRET BY GUN FIRE OR WAS BURNED BY FIRE FROM ~~NOSE~~ ENGINE. FLAMES ENGULFED REAR TURRET I WAS TOLD LATER BY MAN IN REAR. HE WAS REPORTED NOT TO HAVE LEFT HIS TURRET

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.; 12390

Name of crew member: EDGINGTON, Paul D.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 36642666
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flightxx(Flightxxx~~ Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? He is believed to have been killed in his tail turret by direct fire from enemy planes

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before being hit by the enemy Sgt. Edgington gave the usual warning to the crew. He was never heard from again.

Was he injured? Although no one actually saw him, it is hardly possible that he could have survived the attack on the tail of the ship.

Where was he when last seen? Probably as he entered his turret when we approached enemy territory

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Since the bulk of the enemy attack was directed at the tail and underside of our ship, Sgt. Edgington as tail gunner was the most vulnerable of all crew members and could very easily have been killed as the facts seem to prove.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 32 (approximately)

Dates and destinations if possible: Industrial or oil targets in Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Yougoslavia, Austria, So. Germany, So. France, No. Italy, & Czechoslovakia. From early May '44 to 27 July 44

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12990

Name of crew member: EDGINGTON, Paul D.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 36642666
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted] Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? killed by 20mm from enemy aircraft

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

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? tail of B24 burning up

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: Edwin L. Brown

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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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: EDGINGTON, Paul D.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 3[illegible]2666
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [illegible]Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? I assume he was dead because of heavy fire at tail of plane

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

He said "Here they come, and my guns are not working.

Was he injured? He was shot by 20 MM cannon.

Where was he when last seen? In tail turret

Any hearsay information: Supposedly shot

Source: General information

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

Assumed dead and tail was burning badly.

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: EDGINGTON, Paul D.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 36642666
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Fighter~~ Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? HE WAS KILLED BEFORE TOLD TO BAIL OUT

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE REPORTED HIS TAIL-GUNS NOT WORKING JUST BEFORE INTER-PHONES WENT OUT

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? AT HIS TAIL GUNS

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THE SIDE GUNNERS SAID HE WAS BURNED TO DEATH WHEN THE FIGHTERS FIRST CAME IN ON U.S.

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

From Hawkins?

6-3861, AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: KALECK, George B.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35091586
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~: Arm. Gunner

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where?

If not, why not? BELIEVE HE COULD NOT OVERCOME CENTRIFUGAL FORCE

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

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? MAKING HIS WAY FROM NOSE TURRET TO BOMB BAY

Any hearsay information: THE BOMBARDIER SAID HE HELPED KALECK OUT OF THE TURRET WHEN THE ORDER TO BAIL OUT WAS GIVEN. BUT HE GOT BACK IN AGAIN WHEN HE SAW MORE PLANES COMING IN FROM THE FRONT. HE WAS AGAIN HELPED OUT OF THE TURRET AND TOGETHER THEY TRIED TO OPEN THE NOSE WHEEL WELL BUT IT WAS JAMMED SO THEY HAD TO GO TO THE BOMB BAY. KALECK WAS BEHIND HAWKINS. HAWKINS SAID HE HAD

Source: JUST REACHED THE BOMB BAY AS I WENT THROUGH AND IT WENT UP IN FLAME

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: AND THE PLANE STARTED TO SPIN. HE WAS THROWN OUT ON THE SECOND TURN BUT THOUGHT KALECK WAS HELD IN BY THE SPIN.

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: KALECK, George B.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35091586
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Right/Left Waist~~: Arm. Gunner

Did he bail out? No.

Where?

If not, why not? It is believed that he was delayed to long in the ship. Possibly the plane exploded before he could get out.
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: When he acknowledged the tail gunners warning that enemy fighters were about to attack us.
Was he injured? Not to anyone's knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? In his nose turret by Lt. Hawkins, bombardier.

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Lt. Hawkins, our bombardier, reported that he assisted Sgt. Kaleck out of his nose turret when the bail out order was given. After he was out, Sgt. Kaleck noticed several enemy fighters coming head on for another attack and he returned to his turret to try and defend the ship. He was never seen again.
Total number of missions of above crew member: 42

Dates and destinations if possible: Industrial or oil targets in Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Yougoslavia, Austria, So. Germany, So. France, No. Italy, & Czechoslovakia. From 1 June '44 to 27 July '44

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: KALECK, George B.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35091586
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Fighter/Fighter~~ Rrn. Gunner

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: Failure to leave position on account of heavy fire. Was burned very badly

Source: Crew

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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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: KALECK, George B.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35091586
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [illegible] Rrm. Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not?

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

Bombadier thought he was right behind him.

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen? In the nose

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Know nothing

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: KALECK, George B.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35091586
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer~~: Arm. Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE ANSWERED ORDERS TO BAIL OUT

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN NOSE OF SHIP

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THE GERMANS CLAIMED HE WAS KILLED

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 28

Dates and destinations if possible: BETWEEN MAY 27 & JULY 27, 1944

From Hawkins F.

6-3861, AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: KALECK, George B.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35091586
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Fighter (Fighter)~~: Arm. Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE ANSWERED ORDERS TO BAIL OUT

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN NOSE OF SHIP

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THE GERMANS CLAIMED HE WAS KILLED

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 28

Dates and destinations if possible: BETWEEN MAY 27 & JULY 27, 1944

From Hawkins?

6-3861, AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: OGG, Dick E.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35628484
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Ridgebomber~~ Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ABOUT 5 MINUTS BEFORE BOMB RUN

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? IN HOSPITAL AT BUDAPEST

Any hearsay information: AT FIRST WE THOUGHT HE WENT DOWN WITH PLANE HE THREW THE RADIO MAN OUT THE REAR HATCH AND DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GET OUT HIMSELF AS THE PLANE WENT UP IN FLAMES.

Source: RADIO MAN

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

OGG WAS SEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AT BUDAPEST AND TALKED TO THE BOMBARDIER J. W. HAWKINS THERE. HE WAS SHOT THROUGH THE HAND. BELIEVE HE IS HOME NOW.

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: OGG, Dick E.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35628184
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Fighter/Fighter-Bomber~~ Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? North of Lake Balloton, Hungary, West of Budapest

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None that I can recall. He was serving as cameraman and riding in waist section of ship with no specific position.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In a Budapest hospital by Lt. John Hawkins, our bombardier, who was being treated for severe burns.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: When Lt. Hawkins was recovered enough to travel he was sent to Stalag Luft III. Lt. Buckholz (co-pilot) and I had already been interned in this camp for about two months. Lt. Hawkins reported that Sgt. Ogg was still recuperating in Budapest.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 34 (approximately)

Dates and destinations if possible: Industrial or oil targets in Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Austria, So. Germany, So. France, No. Italy, & Chzechoslovakia. From early May '44 to 27 July 44

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: DOC, Dick E.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35628484
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~ (Fighter): Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Budapest, Hungary

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? ready to bail out

Any hearsay information:

from the information that I picked up he was sent from a hospital in Budapest, Hungary to Stalag Luft 4.

Check and see if this man isn't in the States.

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: OGG, Dick E.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35628484
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Bailed

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: I have written to him and his wife and he is alive and back here in the States. We gave the death notice to the Germans but we subsequently found out that he was safe and in a German hospital.

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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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: OGG, Dick E.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 35628484
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Fighter~~ Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ABOUT 20 MILES FROM BUDAPEST

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? I SAW HIM IN THE BUDAPEST HOSPITAL

Any hearsay information: #10 A NUMBER OF TIMES. I LAST SAW HIM THERE ON SEPT 16, 1944. HE WAS IN GOOD HEALTH EXCEPT FOR HIS LEFT HAND WHICH WAS ~~[illegible]~~ WOUNDED IN CRASH.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE IS NOW AT HOME AT 159 LINDEN AVE. DAYTON OHIO

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 46

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

From Hawkins P.

6-3861, AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: POTUCEK, Eugene D.
Rank: 2nd/Lt.
Serial number: O-696655
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? _____

If not, why not? BELIEVE PLANE SPUN WHEN HE LEFT CONTROLS

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: REPORTED No.2 ENGINE BUANING BADLY

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? IN PILOTS SEAT

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: ELEVATOR + RUDDER CONTROLL BADLY DAMALED, PLANE WOULD NOT FLY STRAIT + LEVEL WITH NO ONE AT CONTROLS. HAWKINS SAID PLANE DID SPIN AND I BELIEVE POTUCEK WAS HELD IN BY CENTRIFUGAL FORCE

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: POTUCEK, Eugene D.
Rank: 2nd/Lt.
Serial number: O-696655
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? Lt. Potucek stayed at the controls while surving crew members left ship. Ship exploded before he could leave.

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

Just prior to abandon ship when he gave complete bail out instructions and ordered crew to leave.

Was he injured? Not to anyones knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? At his position at the controls

Any hearsay information: That his body had been identified in the ship's wreckage. His immunization records were shown to me shortly after I was taken prisoner.

Source: Hungarian Military Authorities & civilians.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: When certain of us survivors were later able to compare the events at bail out, we came to the conclusion that the ship must have exploded before Lt Potucek had a chance to leave. I personally saw the ship or a section of it going down in flames, but I did not actually see the explosion.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 23

Dates and destinations if possible: Industrial or oil targets in Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Yougoslavia, Austria, So. Germany, So. France, No. Italy, & Czechoslovakia from 1 June 44 to 27 July 44

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: POTUCEK, Eugene D.
Rank: 2nd/Lt.
Serial number: 0696655
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight/Tactical~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? unknown

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: impossible to leave his plane at last because of fire.

Source: crew

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 33

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: POTUCEK, Eugene D.
Rank: 2nd/Lt.
Serial number: 0696655
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Fighter/Fighter-bomber~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? Reason unknown

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

No contact prior to accident

Was he injured? To my knowledge he wasnt

Where was he when last seen? Cockpit

Any hearsay information: He told co-pilot that he would be right after him just before co-pilot abandoned ship.

Source: CO-pilot

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

Blocked from exist by fire in aircraft , based conclusion partially on supposition and fact that plane was burning intensely.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No.: 12390

Name of crew member: POTUCEK, Eugene D.
Rank: 2nd/Lt.
Serial number: 0-696655
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where?

If not, why not? HE DID NOT HAVE TIME

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: JUST BEFORE INTER-PHONES WERE SHOT OUT, HE TOLD US ALL TO JUMP

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN THE PILOT'S SEAT

Any hearsay information: THE GERMAN'S TOLD ME THEY FOUND HIS DOG-TAGS IN THE PLANE.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: WE THINK HE DID NOT ATTEMP TO JUMP AS HE WANTED TO GIVE HIS CREW EVERY CHANCE TO GET OUT

Total number of missions of above crew member: 32?

Dates and destinations if possible: BETWEEN MAY 27, 1944 & JULY 27, 1944

From Hawkins?

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Air Field, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
Group 455th B Gp Squadron 743rd B Sq
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure San Giovanni Air Field Course Direct
Target 47 deg 30'N 19 deg 05'E Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
12 Cirus 15 - 20 mile visibility
4. GIVE: [a] Date 27 Jul 44 Time 1005 Last known position 47 deg 30'N 18 deg 38'E
[b] Specify whether: [ ] Last sighted, [ ] Forced down, [ ] Seen to crash,
[ ] Last contacted by radio, [X] No Information.
5. AIRCRAFT [LOST] [BELIEVED LOST] AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]
[X] Enemy aircraft, [ ] Enemy anti-aircraft, [ ] Other
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B 24 H AAF Serial Number 41 - 28952
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R 18 43 AAF Serial Number [a] CP-302625
[b] CP-302624 [c] BP-428509 [d] 42-65610
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] All Browning 50 cal M2
[a] 983101 [e] 983012 [i] 980124
[b] 399781 [f] 1152466 [j] 980007
[c] 986224 [g] 369333 [k]
[d] 979445 [h] 980602 [l]
10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: [X] Battle Casualty, [ ] Non Battle Casualty.
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 11
[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	Potucek, Eugene D. 2nd Lt 0696655	KIA	Mrs. Lorraine Potucek, Wife, 3232A Wyoming St., St. Louis, Mo.
[2]	CP	Buchholz, Charles F. 1st Lt 0819386	POW	Mrs. Ida Buchholz, Mother, 1417 W. 62nd St., Chicago, Ill. RTD
[3]	Nav	Fredrickson, Charles B. 1st Lt 0713162	POW	Chas W. Fredrickson, Father, 565 Irving St., Joliet, Illinois RTD.
[4]	Bomb	Hawkins, John W. 1st Lt 686151	POW	Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins, Wife, PO box 128, Archer City, Texas RTD.
[5]	R O Gnr	Brown, Edwin L. S Sgt 35093322	POW	Mrs. Ellen Brown, Mother, RR #1, Perrysville, Indiana RTD
[6]	Eng Gnr	Brown, Thomas M. T Sgt 37494859	POW	Mrs Marvene Brown, Wife, 121 W Royal St., Richmond, Mo. RTD
[7]	Eng Gnr	Edgington, Paul D. S Sgt 36642666	MIA	Wm Edgington, Father, RR# 1, Danville, Ill
[8]	Eng Gnr	Gray, Artie H. S Sgt 32564615	POW	Mrs Berdie E. Gray, Mother, 4911 Taylor Rd., Edonston, Md. RTD
[9]	Eng Gnr	Ogg, Dick E. S Sgt 35628484	POW	Mrs. Cynthia G. Ogg, Mother, 159 Linden Ave., Dayton, Ohio RTD
[10]	Arm Gnr	Andrews, J.C. S Sgt 18105878	KIA	Mrs Lida Andrews, Mother, 1307 Spaulding St., San Angelo, Texas
[11]	Arm Gnr	Kaleck, George B. S Sgt 35091586 KIA Chg To Cal Action		Mrs. Anna Kaleck, Mother, RR #1, Crown Point, Indiana
[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 LAST BY RADIO	SAW SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
[1]	Ferris, Robert R.	2nd Lt	0717415		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.
[ ] Other reasons [specify] No information available.
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, over enemy territory.

Inclosures.

A true copy:

Date 29 Jul 44

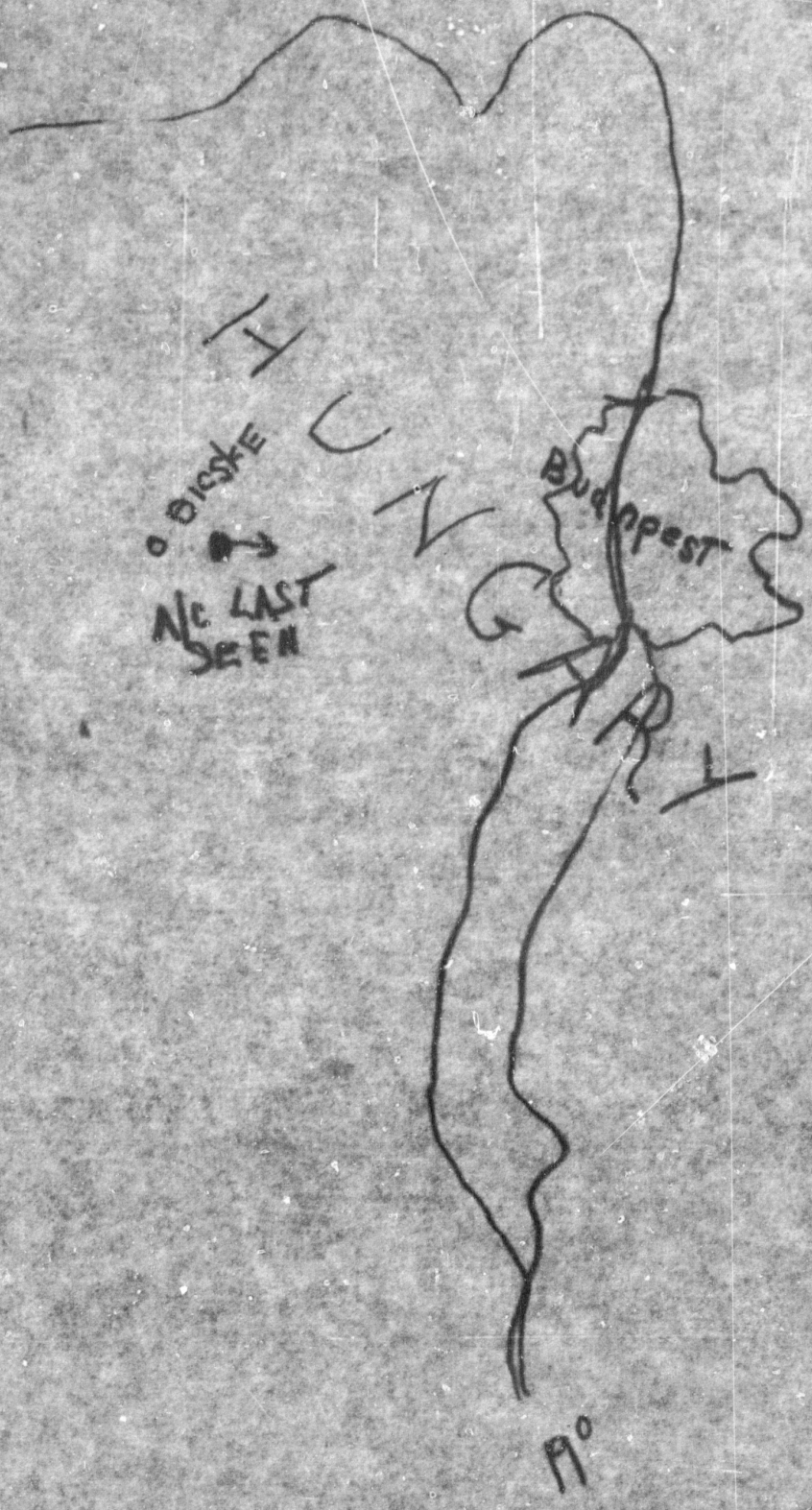
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ELLIS L. BURNS, JR., CWO, USA.

PHILIP F. STARKMAN
Signature of preparing officer
Capt., AC,
ADj.

Incl 5

Classification changed to RESTRICTED By E. A. BRADLEY, Lt. Col., AC By Wm. L. THOMAS, 1st Lt. AC Date MAR 1 5 1946


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1st. Lt. Charles F. Bushkin	Mrs. Ida B. Bushkin (mother) 1437 West 62nd Street Chicago, Illinois
1st. Lt. Charles E. Fredrickson	Mr. Charles E. Fredrickson (father) 365 Irving Street Joliet, Illinois
1st. Lt. John W. Hankins	Mrs. Mary E. Hankins (wife) Post Office Box 128 Archer City, Texas
2nd. Lt. Eugene F. Petrusek	Mrs. Lorraine L. Petrusek (wife) 3838 A Wyoming Street St. Louis, Missouri
T/Sgt. Thomas M. Brown	Mrs. Marvene F. Brown (wife) 121 West Royal Street Richmond, Missouri
S/Sgt. Paul D. Edgington	Mr. William Edgington (father) Rural Route Number One Danville, Illinois
S/Sgt. J. C. Andrews	Mrs. Lida J. Andrews (mother) 1307 Spaulding Street Fort Argyle, Texas
S/Sgt. Dick E. Ogg	Mrs. Kathryn B. Ogg (wife) 193 Linden Avenue Dayton, Ohio
S/Sgt. Artie H. Gray	Mrs. Lorraine L. Gray (wife) 4207 Somerset Road Riverdale, Maryland
S/Sgt. Edwin Brown	Mrs. Martha E. Brown (mother) Perrysville, Indiana
S/Sgt. George E. Kalock	Mrs. Anna Kalock (mother) RR #1 Crown Point, Indiana

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Brown Edwin L Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 35093322

2. Organization 455 Bomb Gp 743 Sqd Commander Lin Kerr (full name) Rank ___ Sqn CO ___ (full name) Rank ___

3. What year 44 month July day 27 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Budapest Hungary, target, ___, target time, about 1000, altitude, 23,500 route scheduled, ___, route flown ___

5. Where were you when you left formation? eight min. from target only a few sec.

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 on bail outs except Dick Digg and myself went out the back hatch on aircraft. exact location unknown

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? same as no 5

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) unknown except as to the best of my knowledge they were on their crew position

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? two of the boys were burning before I left the ship. Edmonston and Andrews. Dick Digg was ready to bail out. I assume both Allen Drew engineer and Peluso were probably caught in a heavy fire.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. no information

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Thomas M. Brown Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 37494859

2. Organization 445th Bomb Gp Commander Cool (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Thayer (full name) Rank Major

3. What year 1944 month July day 27th did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Budapest, target, Budapest, target time, 12:00 A.M. Approx, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? # 7 in box formation

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Seven bailed out and four men didnt

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 of those for whom a questionaire is not attached bailed at approximately the same time and safe and home now. A questionaire is made out for S/Sgt Dick E. Ogg but he is alive and home now. I have been in communication with him.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) 2nd Lt. Eugene D. Potucek; S/Sgt Paul D. Edgington; S/Sgt J.C. Andrews; S/Sgt George B. Kalecek

11. Where were they in aircraft? No knowledge

12. What was their condition? Edgington was shot and burned severly Rest Unknown

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? 1st lt. Charles Buchholz U.S.A.; 1st Lt. Charles B Fredrickson U.S.A. 1st. Lt. John Hoffman U.S.A.; T/Sgt Edwin L. Brown U.S.A.; S.Sgt Artie Gray; S/Sgt Dick E. Ogg whom I havent seen personally but with whom I have corresponded

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 F. BUCKHOLZ Rank 1ST LT. Serial No. O-819386

2. Organization 455 Gp Commander COOL (full name) Rank COL. Sqn CO THAIER (full name) Rank MAJ.

3. What year 1944 month JULY day 27 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, INDUSTRIAL, target, BUDAPEST, target time, 1000, altitude, 22 000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? FIVE (5) MINUTES FROM BOMB RUN

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". C.B. FREDRICKSON, T.M. BROWN, A.H. GRAY, J.W. HAWKINS, AND MYSELF, FRONT BOMB BAY. EDWIN BROWN REAR HATCH DE. OGG REAR HATCH

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? ABOUT 25 MILES SOUTH+EAST 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) SUPPOSITION: E.D. POTUCEK, P.D. EDGINGTON, J.C. ANDREWS G.E. KALECK

11. Where were they in aircraft? PILOT, TAIL GUNNER BALL GUNNER NOSE GUNNER

12. What was their condition? DID NOT SEE AIRCRAFT AFTER CRASH

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL MEMBERS OF CREW AREMENTIONED ABOVE. SAW ALL MEMBERS LISTED UNDER No. 8 IN JAIL AT BUDAPEST WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OGG. OGG WAS SEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AT BUDAPEST BY J.W. HAWKINS.

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 Fredrickson, Charles Bruce Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-713162

2. Organization 455 Bomb Gp Commander (full name) Col Cool Rank Col Sqn CO (full name) Thayer Rank Maj.

3. What year 1944 month July day 27 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, High alt. visual bombing target, Engine factory at Budapest, Hungary target time, 10:10 AM, altitude, 20,000' route scheduled, Direct from base to IP N. of Lake Balleton, Hungary, route flown some

5. Where were you when you left formation? North of Lake Balleton, about 3-5 min. flying time short of IP

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". Sgt. A.H. Grar, Sgt. T.M. Brown, Lt. C.F. Buchholz, Lt. J.W. Hawkins, and I all left ship thru forward section of bomb bays in order shortly after bail out order was given. Sgt. E.L. Brown and Sgt. R.E. Ogg were in waist of ship and either left thru the camera hatch or a waist window.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Our aircraft came down almost directly over the place where the attack took place, in a forest and open area near a village

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) I didn't see the ship until 24 hrs. later when I was captured. By that time the bodies had been removed. I was told that six bodies had been found on ship, but later learned that it wasn't true.

11. Where were they in aircraft? No knowledge

12. What was their condition? Those whose bodies were found had almost been burned beyond recognition

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Lt. Porreck at the controls just before I bailed out. Sgt. Haleck, Sgt. Edgington, and Sgt. Andrews at take off time.

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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Meldung über den Abschuß eines US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuß-Nr. ME 1818

Abschußtag und Zeit: 27.7.44

Abschußort: 50 km SW Budapest

Flugzeugtyp: Liberator

Meldende Dienststelle: A.N. Südost

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienstgrad	Erk.-Marke:	Verbleib: gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
BROWN 17.12.18 Thomas M. Liberty, Mo.	T/Sgt.	37494859	gef.	Dulag-Luft
BUCHHOLZ F.Ch.	2.Lt.	0-819386	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
FREDRICKSON C.B.	2.Lt.	0-713162	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
BROWN 28.8.23 Edwin Leon Covington, Ind.	S/Sgt.	35093322	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
GRAY 10.2.23 Artie Hyattsville, MA.	S/Sgt.	33564615	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4

Bemerkungen: Mach 12390

DULAG-LUFT, den 21.9.44 Wc.

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REPORT on CAPTURE of an AIRCRAFT of the USAAF

Case - Nr. MR 1818

DATE and TIME AIRCRAFT was shot down: 27 July 1944

PLACE of CRASH: 30 km south-west of Budapest

TYPE OF CRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING STATION: /A. W. south-east

CREW:

NAME and FIRST NAME: DATE and PLACE of BIRTH:	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER:	CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD:	DISPOSITION: NAME of CAMP TYPE of INJURY GRAVE LOCATION
BROWN Thomas M 17 Dec 18 Liberty, Mo.	2/Lt	37494859	captured	Dulag-Luft
BUCHHOLZ F. Ch.	2nd Lt	O-819386	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
FREDERICKSON C. E.	2nd Lt	O-715162	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
BROWN Melvin Leon 26 Aug 24 Covington, Ind.	S/Sgt	35[illegible]322	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
GRAY Artie 10 Feb 23 Hyattsville, Md.	S/Sgt	33514618	captured	Stalag-Luft 4
Case-No MR 1818	first supplementary report, dated 11 October 1944			
HAWKINS John W	2nd Lt	O-686151	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
Case-No MR 1818	second supplementary report, dated 13 November 1944			
COX Dick Eugene 25 Aug 23 Dayton, Ohio	S/Sgt	35626484	captured	Stalag-Luft 4

DULAG-LUFT
Date 21 September 1944 Wo.

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STATEMENT

On July 27, 1944 at approximately 1005, Aircraft #952 was seen to have been hit in tail turret with immediate explosion and flame in the rear of the aircraft. It maintained altitude for awhile before it started to go down. A shifting formation, presence of numerous fighters, approach to the target and flak area, made specific observation difficult.

/s/ ROBERT R. FERRIS,
2nd Lt., AC,
Navigator.

A true copy:

Ellis L. Burns Jr.

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