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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CHIMKO, John File Nr. 12815
Rank: Cpl.
Serial number: 16160892
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Radio Operator / Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? ———

If not, why not? NO NEED TO.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WAS IN PLANE WITH HIM WHEN WE LANDED

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN STATES AFTER WE RETURNED

Any hearsay information: NO

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: MAR 5, 1945 NOVASANKI CZECH.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CHIAKO, John File Nr. 12315
Rank: Cpl.
Serial number: 16160892
Position: Crew (Bomber) o[illegible]: Radio Operator / Gunner

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

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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: _____

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Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HANDY, Rex M. File Nr. 12815
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 34774736
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Asst. Engineer / Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? NO NEED TO.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WAS IN PLANE WHEN WE LANDED.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN ITALY JUST PRIOR TO RETURN TO STATES

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HANDY, Rex M. File Nr. 12815
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 34774736
Position: Crew (Bomber) Asst. Engineer / Gunner

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

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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: _____

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Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PALMACCI, Joseph File Nr. 12815
Rank: Cpl.
Serial number: 11097996
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Air Flight (Fighter)~~: Armorer / Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? NO NEED TO

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WAS IN PLANE WITH HIM WHEN WE LANDED.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN STATES JUST PRIOR TO HIS DISCHARGE

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: MAR 8 1945 - NOVASANKI CZECH.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PALMACCI. Joseph File Nr. 12815
Rank: Cpl.
Serial number: 110979966
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: 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: _____

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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: _____

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Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 2362

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Air Field, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
   Group 455th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 742d Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure San Giovanni Air Field, Italy Course Direct
   Target Plan Able, Red Force (Abortive) Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
   5 to 6/10 altocumulus and cumulus at 17,000 ft. Visibility poor.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 8 March 1945 Time 1310 Last known position 48°08'N - 16°57'E
   (b) Specify whether: (XX) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,
   ( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.
5. AIRCRAFT (~~XXXX~~) (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
   ( ) Enemy aircraft, ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft, (XX) Other shortage of gasoline
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B 24 J AAF Serial Number 42-51990
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT BARUNSKA
8. ENGINES: Type, mode. & series R-1830-65 AAF Serial Number (a) CP-300684
   (b) CP-320085 (c) unknown (d) CP-318593
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
   (a) 1034169 Browning Cal 50 (c) 1758673 (i) 1758934
   (b) 1757366 M-2 (f) 1037822 (j) 1758706
   (c) 1613346 (g) 1757353 (k)
   (d) 1719678 (h) 1757537 (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	Mlcak, Eddie C. 2d Lt 0827907	MIA	Mrs. Josephine Mlcak (Mother) RFD #1, Sealy, Texas
(2) Co-Pilot	Armstrong, Harold W. 2d Lt 02061590	MIA	Mrs. Mary R. Armstrong (Mother) 1871 Towner Ave, Grand Rapids, Mich.
(3) Navigator	Diehl, LeRoy H. Flt O T-134654	MIA	Mrs. Laura Diehl (Mother) RFD #1, Colombia, Illinois
(4) Bombardier	Kerr, Milton B. Flt O T-132712	MIA	Dr. Percival M. Kerr (Father) 204 So. Franklin St, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
(5) Radio Opr Gunner	Chimko, John Cpl 16160892	MIA	Mrs. Evelyn M. Chimko (Wife) 1725 Van Dyke, Apt 22, Detroit, Mich.
(6) Engineer Gunner	Lionudakis, Verde Sgt 39014697	MIA	Mrs. Pearl Lionudakis (Mother) 3008 E St, Sacramento, Calif.
(7) Asst Engr Gunner	Handy, Rex M. S Sgt 34774736	MIA	Mrs. Della L. Handy (Wife) 1104 Hinshaw St, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.
(8) Armorer Gunner	Palmacci, Joseph Cpl 11097996	MIA	Mr. Joseph A. Palmacci (Father) 26 Cotton St, Portland, Maine
(9) Gunner	Taylor, Robert C. Cpl 35899172	MIA	Mrs. Helen P. Taylor (Mother) 702 S. J St, Richmond, Indiana
(10) Gunner	Townsend, Charles B. Cpl 42061273	MIA	Mrs. Marjorie J. Townsend (Wife) West Road, Carmel, New York
(11) Gunner	Wagner, Derrol W. Cpl 33835077	MIA	Mrs. Mary L. Wagner (Wife) 2446 Fairview Ave, Mt Penn, Pa.
(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) Henry C. Kelly	Capt	0684873		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
Incl 2 - Statement of Capt Kelly

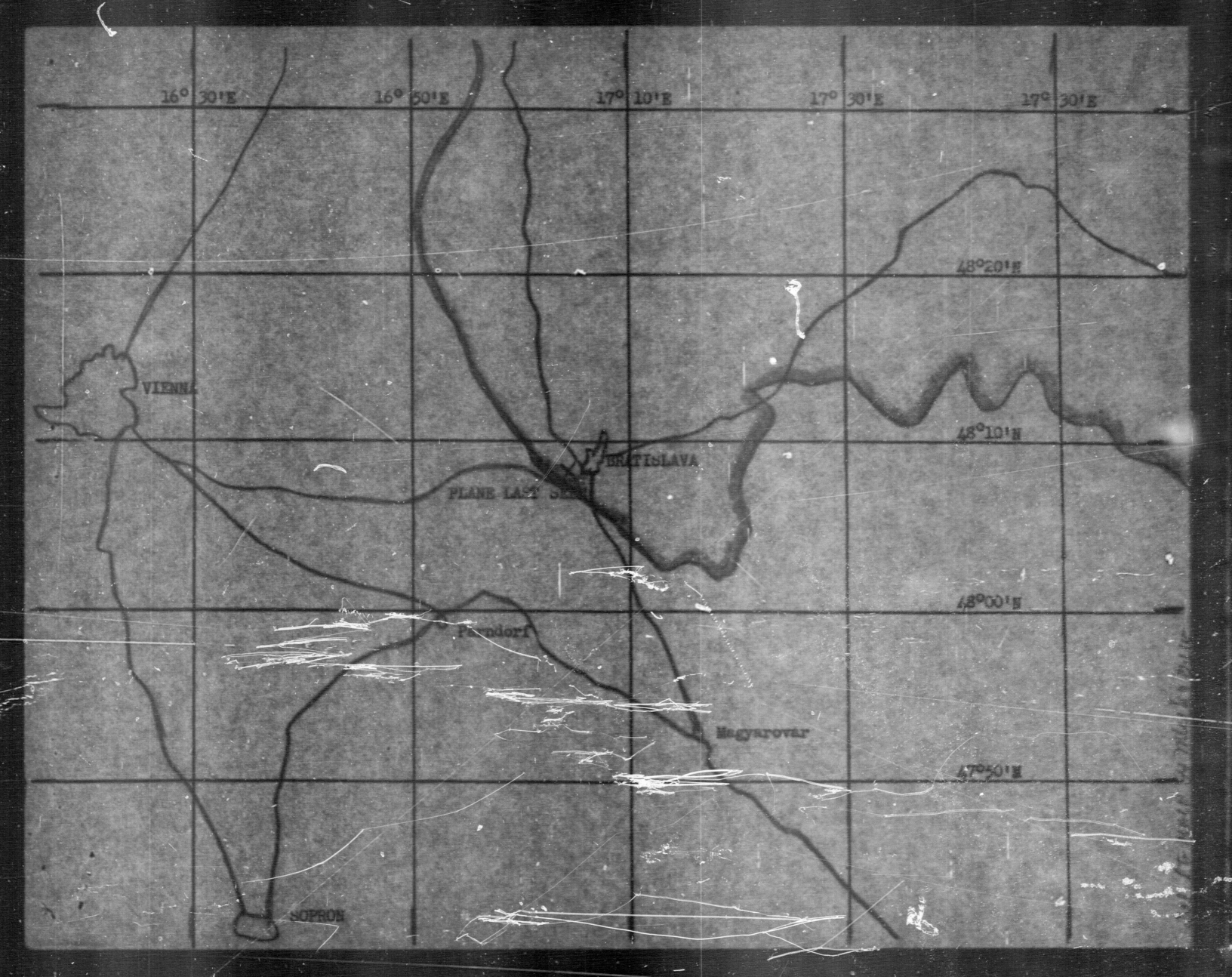
Date 11 March 1945

Charles E. Ziegler
Signature of proper duty officer

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CHARLES E. ZIEGLER, 1st Lt, AC,
Personnel Officer

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16° 30'E
16° 50'E
17° 10'E
17° 30'E
17° 30'E
48°20'N
48°10'N
48°00'N
47°50'N
VIENNA
BRATISLAVA
PLANE LAST SEEN
Pandorf
Hegyeshalom
SOPRON

AFPPA/bja/77119
Rm. 4322, 4/18/45

2d Lt. Eddie C. Misak	Mrs. Josephine C. Misak (Mother) Sealy, Texas
2d Lt. Harold W. Armstrong	Mrs. Mary R. Armstrong (Mother) 1671 Tonmar Avenue Grand Rapids, Michigan
F/O Leroy H. Diehl	Mrs. Laura Diehl (Mother) R. F. D. Number 1 Columbia, Illinois
F/O Milton B. Kerr	Dr. P. M. Kerr (Father) 204 South Franklin Street Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
S/Sgt. Rex M. Handy	Mrs. Della L. Handy (Wife) 1104 Winshaw Street North Wilkesboro, North Carolina
Sgt. Verde Liorundakis	Mrs. Pearl Liorundakis (Mother) 3008 H Street Sacramento, California
Cpl. John Chisko	Mrs. Evelyn M. Chisko (Wife) 11725 Van Dyke, Apt. 22 Detroit, Michigan
Cpl. Joseph Palmacci	Mr. Joseph A. Palmacci (Father) 26 Cotton Street Portland, Maine
Cpl. Robert C. Taylor	Mrs. Helen P. Taylor (Mother) 702 South "J" Street Richmond, Indiana
Cpl. Charles B. Townsend	Mrs. Marjorie J. Townsend (Wife) West Road Carmel, New York
Cpl. Merrol W. Wagner	Mrs. Mary L. Wagner (Wife) 2446 Fairview Avenue Mt. Penn, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

The men on the enclosed papers were all forced down in Pecs, Hungary on March 8, 1945. All three returned to Italy on April 30. We were in Russian hands until that time.

As far as I know, Chimko, Hardy & Palmacci are civilians now, and, I trust, quite safe.

Yours truly,

Milton Kerr

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Milton Cerr Rank F/O (discharged) Serial No. _____

2. Organization _____ Gp Commander _____ Rank ____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)

3. What year _____ month _____ day _____ did you go down?

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

5. Where were you when you left formation? _____

6. Did you bail out? _____

7. Did other members of crew 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". _____

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? _____

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

11. Where were they in aircraft? _____

12. What was their condition? _____

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name DERROL W. WAGNER Rank SGT Serial No. 33835077

2. Organization 455 Gp Commander _____ Rank ___ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1945 month MARCH day 8 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, NOVASANKI, target, MARSHALLING YARDS, target time, 1 P.M., altitude, 24000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER NOVASANKI CZECH.

6. Did you bail out? NO

7. Did other members of crew bail out? NO

8. Tell all you knew 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 ONE BAILED OUT. WE ALL LANDED TOGETHER AT PETCH HUNGARY. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? PETCH 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) 1LT HAROLD ARMSTRONG - 1LT EDDIE MCCAK - F/O MILTON KERR - F/O LEROY DIEHL - SGT VERDELION DAHIS - S/SGT REX HANDY - CPL CHAS TOWNSEND - CPL JOSEPH PALMACCI - CPL ROBERT TAYLOR CPL. DERROL WAGNER - CPL JOHN CHIMKO.

11. Where were they in aircraft? YES

12. What was their condition? EXCELLENT

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? HAVE SEEN ALL MEMBERS EXCEPT REX HANDY SINCE I RETURNED TO STATES - REX HANDY WAS SEEN BY ME AT OUR HOME SQD. IN ITALY AFTER WE RETURNED THERE.

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

10 March 1945

S T A T E M E N T

At approximately 1310 hours, on the mission of 8 March 1945, plane No. 990, piloted by Lt Mlcak, was last seen, under control, southwest of Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. Lt Mlcak had called the Group Leader and said that he was running low on gas. He asked permission to drop his bombs and leave the formation. The Mickey operator in the Deputy Group Lead ship gave him a Mickey fix.

HENRY C. KELLY,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

Incl to MACR Lt Mlcak's crew