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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 13989

Name of crew member: BRANDT, Robert C.
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: O-2056771
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ Bombardier

Did he bail out? YES.

Where? APPROX. 5 MINUTES BEFORE TARGET.

If not, why not? ✓

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: INFORMED CREW THAT NO ONE INJURED IN NOSE OF SHIP.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? LOCAL JAIL IN WELS AUSTRIA

Any necessary information: NO

Source: TAIL GUNNER-DONALD M. BUCHEN INFORMED WIFE IN LONDON. AS TO SAFETY OF ABOVE

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN.

Dates and destinations if possible:

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Name of crew member: FUNK, Frederick R.
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-2061578
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Of Flight (Fighter)~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES.

Where? APPROX 5 MINUTES BEFORE TARGET.

If not, why not? ✓

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

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? SAME AS PRECEDING PAGE.

Any homesay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN.

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Name of crew member: GREENMAN, John W.
Rank: 1st.Lt.
Serial number: 0-2058927
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? YES.

Where? APPROX. 5 MINUTES BEFORE TARGET.

If not, why not? ✓

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ASKED OVER INTERPHONE IF ANY INJURED. ASKED ME WHAT I THOUGHT ABOUT DAMAGE. AND IF WE SHOULD BAIL OUT. I ADVISED THAT WE SHOULD

Was he injured? THEN HE GAVE ORDER TO ABANDON SHIP.

Where was he when last seen? SAME AS PRECEDING PAGES.

Any homesay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN.

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Name of crew member: TRONOFF, Theodore V. Jr.
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-2066076
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? APPROX. 5 MINUTES BEFORE TARGET.

If not, why not? ✓

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: DIRECTED PILOT TO TAKE CERTAIN HEADING SO AS TO TRY AND REACH SWITZERLAND.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? SAME AS PRECEDING PAGE

Any homesay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ~~19~~ UNKNOWN.

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN.

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Classification changed
to RESTRICTED
by E. A. BRADUHN, Lt. Col., AC
by F. W. MUNSCH, Capt., AC
Date 2 MAR 1946

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 13989

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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 Linz M/Y, Austria Type of mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Weather clear - visibility 30 miles.

4. GIVE: [a] Date 25 Apr 1945 Time 1202 Last known position 48°19'N - 14°20'E
[b] Specify whether: [X] 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, [X] Enemy anti-aircraft, [ ] Other

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-51636

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT none

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-65 AAF Serial Number [a] BP-455018
[b] CP-326600 [c] BP-443034 [d] BP-435983

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number]
[a] 1537095 Browning Cal 50 [e] 1033455 [i] 1033355
[b] 1033417 M-2 [f] 1033764 [j] 1033354
[c] 1034336 [g] 1033408 [k]
[d] 1033864 [h] 1548234 [l]

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: [X] Battle Casualty, [ ] Non Battle Casualty.

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10
[If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet]

	CREW POSITION	FULL NAME [Last, first, initial] RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
[1]	Pilot	Greenman, John W. 1st Lt 02058927	MIA	Mr. Almon A. Greenman, Father 727 Fairmount Ave, St. Paul, Minn.
[2]	Co-Pilot	Funk, Frederick R. 2d Lt 02061578	MIA	Mrs. Dorothy R. Funk, Mother 1431 King St, LaCrosse, Wisc.
[3]	Navigator	Tronoff, Theodore V. Jr. 2d Lt 02066076	MIA	Mr. Theodore V. Tronoff, Father 1334 Addison St, Berkeley, Calif.
[4]	Bombardier	Brandt, Robert C. 2d Lt 02056771	MIA	Mr. Mentor C. Brandt, Father 2101 Lloyd Ave, Pittsburgh 18, Pa.
[5]	Radio Opr Gunner	Bruyere, George F. S Sgt 32854216	MIA	Mrs. Bella B. Fortin, Mother 1615 Ford St, Ogdensburg, New York
[6]	Engineer Gunner	Blankinship, Erskine L. S Sgt 34729338	MIA	Mrs. Rosemary F. Blankinship, Wife 659 N. Dunlap St, Memphis, Tenn.
[7]	Armorer Gunner	Anderson, Cleo W. Sgt 19220697	MIA	Mrs. Anna M. Anderson, Mother 1214 6th Ave, No. Great Falls, Mont.
[8]	Armorer Gunner	Dominey, John R. Jr. S Sgt 34823471	MIA	Mrs. Iria P. Dominey, Mother 1265 Boulevard Dr, SE, Atlanta, Ga.
[9]	Armorer Gunner	Bechen, Donald M. Sgt 37685311	MIA	Mrs. Frances Bechen, Mother Lamotte, Iowa
[10]	Armorer Gunner	James, Robert E. Sgt 34834363	MIA	Mrs. Ruth T. James, Mother 321 Scott St, Bainbridge, Ga.
[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 LAST BY RADIO	SAW SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
[1] Eugene V. Eckert	2d Lt	02069979		x		
[2]						
[3]						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
[ ] Parachutes were used. [ ] Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
[X] Other reasons [specify] Plane was under control when last seen

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

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

16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE. No search

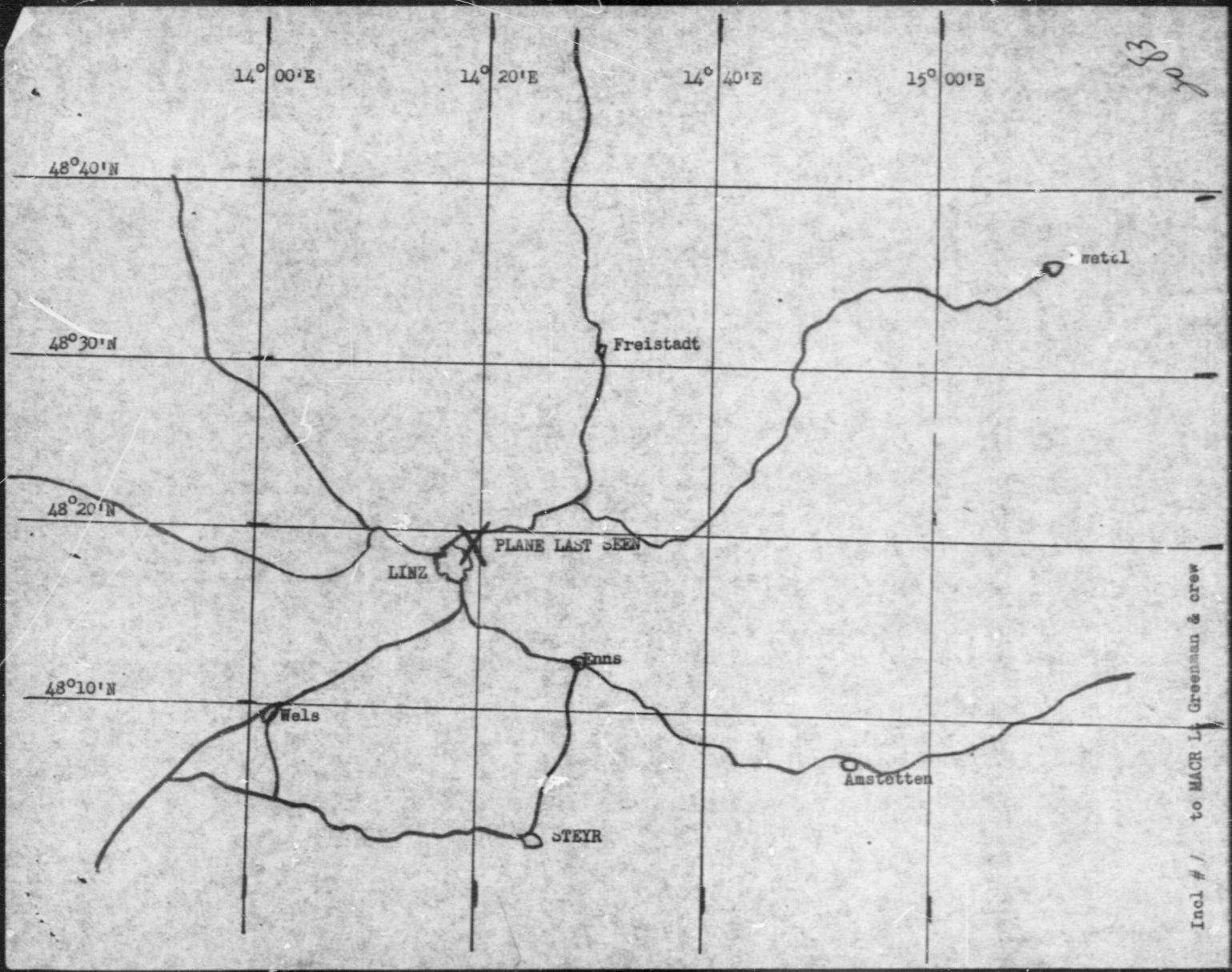
2 Inclosures.
Incl 1-Sketch of area
Incl 2-Statement of Lt Eckert.

Date 28 April 1945

Charles E. Ziegler
Signature of preparing officer
CHARLES E. ZIEGLER, 1st Lt, AC,
Personnel Officer.

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Incl # / to MACR Lt Greenman & crew

1st Lt. John W. Greenman	Mr. Alson Ansel Greenman (Father) 727 Fairmount Avenue Saint Paul, Minnesota
2nd Lt. Frederick R. Funk	Mrs. Dorothy R. Funk (Mother) 1431 King La Crosse, Wisconsin
2nd Lt. Theodore V. Troneff Jr.	Mr. Theodore V. Troneff, Sr. (Father) 1314 Addison Street Berkeley, California
2nd Lt. Robert C. Brandt	Mrs. Elise B. Brandt (Wife) 219 Jacoby Street Morristown, Pennsylvania
S/Sgt. George F. Bruyere	Mrs. Belle B. Fortin (Mother) 1615 Ford Street Ogdensburg, New York
S/Sgt. Erskine L. Blankinship	Mrs. Rosemary France Blankinship (Wife) 659 North Dunlap Street Memphis, Tennessee
Sgt. Clee E. Anderson	Mrs. Anna M. Anderson (Mother) 1214 Sixth Avenue, North Great Falls, Montana
S/Sgt. John R. Dominey Jr.	Mrs. Eria D. Dominey (Mother) 1465 Blvd. Drive S. E. Atlanta, Georgia
Sgt. Donald M. Bechen	Mrs. Frances Bechen (Mother) La Motte, Iowa
Sgt. Robert E. James	Mrs. Ruth T. H. James (Mother) 321 Knott Street Painteridge, Georgia

I WAS ONLY MEMBER OF CREW TO ESCAPE CAPTURE. WAS TAKEN CARE OF BY AUSTRIAN FARM PEOPLE 200 YARDS FROM WHERE I LANDED IN PARACHUTE. FOUND OUT IN LONDON THAT REST OF CREW WAS CAPTURED BUT ALL WERE ALIVE. THIS INFORMATION I GOT FROM OUR TAIL GUNNER DONALD. M. BECHEN.

IF ANY FURTHER INFOLMATION IS DESIRED PLEASE INFORM ME AND I WILL RELATE ANYTHING I KNOW

HOPING THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW

I am Sincerely yours.

Erskine. L. Blankenship.
34729338.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name BLANKINSHIP. ERSKINE. L. Rank T/SGT Serial No. 34729338

2. Organization _____ Gp Commander UNKNOWN. (full name) Rank ___ Sqn CO SNOWDEN (full name) Rank COLON L.

3. What year 1945 month APRIL day 25 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, LINZ AUSIRIA target, MARSHLING YARD. , target time, 12:08 , altitude, 26500 route scheduled, UNKNOWN , route flown UNKNOWN

5. Where were you when you left formation? APROX. 5 MINUTES BEFORE 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". ENTIRE CREW BAILED OUT WITHIN 10 MINUTES AFTER BEING HIT.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? UNKNOWN

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. NONE.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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1. Your name Funk Frederick R Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. O-2061578

2. Organization _____ Gp Commander _____ (full name) Rank ___ Sqn CO Major Griffin (full name) Rank MAJOR

3. What year 1945 month April day 25 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, 16, target, LINZ, target time, 13:01, altitude, 27,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? ON RUN - over Target - LINZ Marshalling yards

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 crew members bailed out — Three were wounded - Two on ground — All in United States now.

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) ~~No Knowledge.~~ 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. ~

(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

26 April 1945

S T A T E M E N T

On the combat mission of 25 April 1945, plane #636, piloted by Lt Greenman, was hit in the bomb bay by flak about one minute before bombs-away over the target. The bombs were salvoed and the plane peeled off to the right and went down in a steep dive. Smoke was seen coming from the bomb bays as the plane peeled off. All engines were operating and the plane was under control, although it appeared to be losing altitude rapidly, when last seen.

Eugene V. Eckert
2nd LT AC

EUGENE V. ECKERT,
2d Lt, Air Corps,
Navigator.

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Incl 2 to MACR 4 Greenman & crew