MACR 3363

Ready to be folded

DATE: 4/2/44 1200 U.S.A. MR 992

PLACE: Area Deutschlands-berg - Wolfsberg

TYPE: Liberator H

Markings: Triangle 2L4 723 (HB) Sqd; 455 Group; 15 Wing

BASE: Gerignola No 523

TARGET: Hq. Airbase Kaltweg A (O) 10/XVII

F/O	TANENBEIT, Anthony Samuel	T-122636	.
T/Sgt.	CORLEY, Perry Lee	18019495	.
1st.Lt.	CHESSMAN, Roy	0-742135	dead Hospital
2nd.Lt.	GENDRON,		
2nd.Lt.	GELOVSKI, Andrew Francis	0-688663	. Hospital
T/Sgt.	PASTNER, Harold J KIA	13 111919	dead KIA
S/Sgt.	LEE, Robert E Jr	20808602	dead KIA
S/Sgt.	FINE, Edgar	18117916	dead KIA
	Community Cemetery Trahuetten		
S/Sgt.	TRINKO, Wesley	16024326	dead
S/Sgt.	FRANZELAS, Paul John	32718395	dead KIA
	Community Cemetery Gfums (sccp sketch)		

ASU 992

Crashed on 6 Apr 44 9 Apr 44

Name : WESLEY P. Trinko dead KIA

ASN : 16024326

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS MISSING [illegible] 13 April 1944, 1200 CASUALTY NO. [illegible]

PLACE OF CRASH [illegible]

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT [illegible]

REPORTING OFFICE [illegible]

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INCIDENT
OGILBY PERRY LEE	T/Sgt	16019686	captured	Dulag Luft
15 July 1920 Vernon, Texas				
TAVENNIT ANTHONY SAMUEL	F/O	T-122626	captured	Dulag Luft
GREEN	2nd Lt,		wounded	Hospital
CHECHET ANDREW FRANCIS	2nd Lt.	O-683622	wounded	Hospital, Dulag Luft
CHRISTIAN ROY	2nd Lt.	O-762125	dead	— KIA
TAINIO WESLEY A	S/Sgt	16024326	dead	— KIA

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft 1 18 April 1944, We.

MACR NO. 336

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 2 April 1944, 1200 CASUALTY NO. ME 992

Ref: AV 1449/44

PLACE OF CRASH at Deutschlandsberg

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE Air Base Command Zeltweg

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
COHLEY PERRY LEE 10 July 1920 Vernon, Texas	T/Sgt	18019425	captured	Dulag Luft
TAVERNIT ANTHONY SAMUEL	F/O	T-122636	captured	Dulag Luft
GENDRON	2nd Lt.		wounded	Hospital
[illegible]ELOWSKY ANDREW FRANCIS	2nd Lt.	0-688663	wounded	Hospital, Dulag Luft
CHESSMAN ROY	1st Lt.	0-742135	dead	
TRINKO WESLEY &	S/Sgt	1602[illegible]326	dead	

REMARKS:

[illegible]eg Luft ' 18 April 1944, Wo.

[illegible]

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: [redacted], Roy R. File # 3363
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0742135
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Fli[redacted] 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: None.

Inter-phone disconnected after plane was hit.

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? On flight deck in pilot's seat.

Any hearsay information: Co-pilot saw him put on his chute.

Source: F/O Anthony S. Tavernit

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: [redacted], Roy R. File # 3363
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0742135
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Fl[redacted]: Pilot

Did he bail out? When I Left He was Ready to Jump.

Where? Neap Graz, Austria

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before I bailed out. He said "you first"

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Behind me in Radio Compartment.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Wholly on supposition — Fighters may have made another pass and Hit him before He bailed out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately Eleven

Dates and destinations if possible: Can only give two. ① To Milan, Italy on March 29, 1944, ② To Sofia, Bulgaria on March 30, 1944.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CHESSMAN, Roy R. File # 3363
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0742135
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight/Ground: Pilot

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? ✓

If not, why not? Believe he was hit by machine gun fire.

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

No Conversation

Was he injured? Believe So.

Where was he when last seen? In pilot's seat

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge

Source: ✓

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FRANZELAS, Paul J. File #3969
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32713395
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Armorer 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: Was calling out attacking fighters and firing at them.

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In waist

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: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FRANZELAS, Paul J. File #3363
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32713705
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? Don't Know.

Where? ~

If not, why not? ~

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

Was he injured? Don't Know.

Where was he when last seen? On ground, last before mission

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: Approx. 6.

Dates and destinations if possible: Don't Know all.
(1) Beachead at Anzio March 1944 (2) Fabrica de Roma March 1944, (3) Milan, Italy March 29, 1944 (4) Sofia Bulgaria March 30, 1944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FRANZELAS, Paul J. File #3363
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32713395
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? ~

If not, why not? ~

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: No Conversation.

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In waist Turret.

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge

Source: ~

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

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

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEE, Robert E., Jr. File # 3363
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 20838462
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Armorer 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: Thought I heard him over the inter-phone after we had been hit a few times but his speech was incoherent.

Was he injured? Could have been

Where was he when last seen? In the waist

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He could have been killed in the destruction of the plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEE, Robert E., Jr. File # 3163
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: [redacted]
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? Don't Know

Where? —

If not, why not? —

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

Was he injured? Don't Know

Where was he when last seen? Just before mission, on ground

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: First Mission

Dates and destinations if possible: —

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEE, Robert E., Jr. File # 3303
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 20808602
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? ~

If not, why not? ~

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

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In Waist Turret.

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge

Source: ~

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1 (first mission)

Dates and destinations if possible: Steyer Austria April 2, 44

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PASTNER, Harold J. File # 3363
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 13111919
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Navigator said he did

Where? In vicinity of Deutschlandsberg, Austria

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? On flight deck before plane was hit.

Any hearsay information: Navigator saw him bail out through the bomb bay.

Source: Lt. Harold Gendron

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Pastner was a Hebrew and an Airman, therefore, in Germany, anything could have happened to him, had he been fortunate enough to have landed.

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **PASTNER, Harold J.** File # 3349
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 13111919
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? I did not see him before I left ship.

Where? Near Graz, Austria

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He called in "fighters at 5 o'clock

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Trying to open bombay doors.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: His parachute may not have openned.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx. 7

Dates and destinations if possible: Can't remember all of them.
① Beachead at Anzio (~~date unknown~~ March, 1944) ② Fabrica de Roma (~~date unknown~~ March, 1944) ③ Casino (~~date unknown~~ March 1944) ④ Milan, Italy March 29, 1944 ⑤ Sofia, Bulgaria March 30, 1944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9363

Name of crew member: PASTNER, Harold J.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 13111919
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight/Ground Echelon: Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? 15 miles S. W. of Graz, Austria

If not, why not? —

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

none

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? leaving Bomb-bay, with chute on.

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PINE, Edgar R. File # 3363
Rank: Cpl.
Serial number: 18117916
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): 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: Before the enemy planes hit us he said "My tail turret is out".

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In tail turret

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: Not known

Dates and destinations if possible: Not known

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PIKE, Edgar R. File # 3363
Rank: Cpl.
Serial number: 18117716
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight: Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Don't Know

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before last Pass by enemy fighters, He said "My guns are out"

Was he injured? Don't Know

Where was he when last seen? On ground Just before mission

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: Approx 6.

Dates and destinations if possible: Don't Know all of them. (1) Beachead at Anzio, March, 1944 (2) Fabrica de Roma March, 1944 (3) Milan, Italy March 29, 1944 (4) Sofia Bulgaria March 30, 1944.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PINE, Edgar R. File # 3363
Rank: Cpl.
Serial number: 18117916
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? ✓

If not, why not? ✓

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: His last Contact - He said "my Guns are jammed"

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? in tail turret

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge

Source: ✓

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: THINES, Wesley F. File # 3163
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 16084326
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight: 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: Just as the enemy planes hit us he said "I think I get me a fighter".

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In the ball turret

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Could have been killed in the destruction of the plane because without help he was unable to get out of that particular ball turret.

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: THEMEO, Wesley P. File # 3343
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 16068326
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight: Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Don't Know

Where? —

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before we were hit We said ("I think I got that one"

Was he injured? Don't Know

Where was he when last seen? On Ground before we left on mission

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: Approx. 6

Dates and destinations if possible: Don't Know all of them.
(1) Beachead at Anzio (March 1944) (2) Fabrica de Roma (March 1944)
(3) Milan, Italy March 29, 1944 (4) Sofia Bulgaria March 30, 1944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: TRINKO, Wesley P. File # 3363
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 16024326
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? ✓

If not, why not? ✓

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Before intercom was shot out He said- "I Knocked down 2nd ME 109"

Was he injured? Dont Know

Where was he when last seen? In Ball turret

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge

Source: ✓

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

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Nationality: American

Deutschlandsberg, 8 July 1944

Casualty Report

Additional Report

Name: [redacted] 32/40

First Name: Alton

Date and place of death: 2 April 44, Gallogg

Identification tag: 0-472135 T 43-3

Place of interment: Camp ob Frauenthal Stmk.

Communal Cemetery

Grave: lot F, No. 25 and 26

Date of interment: 6 April 44

Cause of death: crushed skull, aircraft crash

Signed

Capt. and Leader of Recruiting HQ.

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Nationality: American

Deutschlandsberg, 8 July 1944

Casualty Report

Additional Report

Name: Trinka XI/41

First Name: Wesley

Date and place of death: 2 April 44, Sallegg

Place of interment: Cemetery Communal Cemetery

Grave: lot F, row 6, No. 25 and 26

Date of interment: 6 April 44

Cause of death: Aircraft crash

Signed

Capt.
and Leader of Recruiting Det.

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Nationality: American

Deutschlandsberg, 8 July 1944

Casualty Report

Name: Unknown

Date and place of death: 7 April 44, Feldbach

Place of interment: Cemetery Provisional
Communal Cemetery
Grave: lot V, row 6, No. 25 and 26

Date of interment: 8 April 44

Cause of death: Totally charred, aircraft crash

Signed

Capt. and Leader of Recruiting Office

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by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 15 1946

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GERMAN RECORDS
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5. The Missing Air Crew Report is not available to us at the present time because the action took place in the MTO, and the personnel concerned were members of units assigned to the MTO.

6. The date of death on the German report does not coincide with the date on the casualty card on file with the AG Casualty section. Our cards show the date as being 2 April 1944. This discrepancy will be called to the attention of the War Crimes Commission.

7. The MTO is not under our jurisdiction and any inquiry relative to any happening there should be made to the following:

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
MTO. APO 512
U.S.Army.

AVELIN P. TACON JR.
Colonel, Air Corps
Director

AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
MISSING AIRCREW RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION OFFICE
APO 887

APT/HC/djw

28 December 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation.

TO : Commanding Officer, Notification Section, Personal Affairs Branch, Personal Services Division, U.S.Army, Pentagon Building, Washington, D.C.
Attn: AFPPA-8.

1. According to the German reports, which have not as yet been verified, the bodies of Lt. Bell and Sgt. Payne, are buried in the cemetery at Mannheim, Germany.

2. The area in which they are reputed to be buried, is in the process of being searched at the present time, by the field teams from the Quartermaster Corps, and as soon as identification is properly made of the remains of the deceased, the bodies will be reburied in an American cemetery. If the family of the deceased expresses a wish that the body be allowed to remain in its original resting place, such a request will be acceded to and the deceased will be reburied in the same grave.

3. To date there has been no report as to the location of the isolated graves of the following men and they are still carried as PDD by the AG Casualty Section:

Postensky, Edmond G.	2nd Lt	0-821075
Jennings, Wyllys B.	2nd Lt	0-715414
Canning, Leroy J.	S/Sgt	13151559
Falconi, Alessandro L.	S/Sgt	31231533
Benoit, Adley	Sgt	38486715
Brizzolara, Leroy J.	Sgt	32771334
Concepcion, Ernesto	Sgt	32886753

The search teams will be notified that the remains of the above men may possibly be found near the graves of Bell and Payne, and an effort will be made to identify them, by their tooth charts, etc.

4. Relative to your inquiry concerning Chessman, Pastner, Trinko, Lee, Franzelas and Pine, captured German records indicate the following:

The above men are all buried in a common grave in Gams Cemetery (Upper part of Frauenthal, Austria) Plot F Row 6 Graves 25 and 26. The date of death is given as 5 April 1944.

small village in mountains 15 mi SW of Graz, Austria

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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Check only one column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial No	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Brookshire, Beverly H.	Capt	0443647		X		
2. Arnold, William A.	1st Lt	0681293		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

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

Date of Report 3 APRIL 44

Paul W. Neff
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
PAUL W. NEFF
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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Date MAR 15 1946

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in quintuplicate by each Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

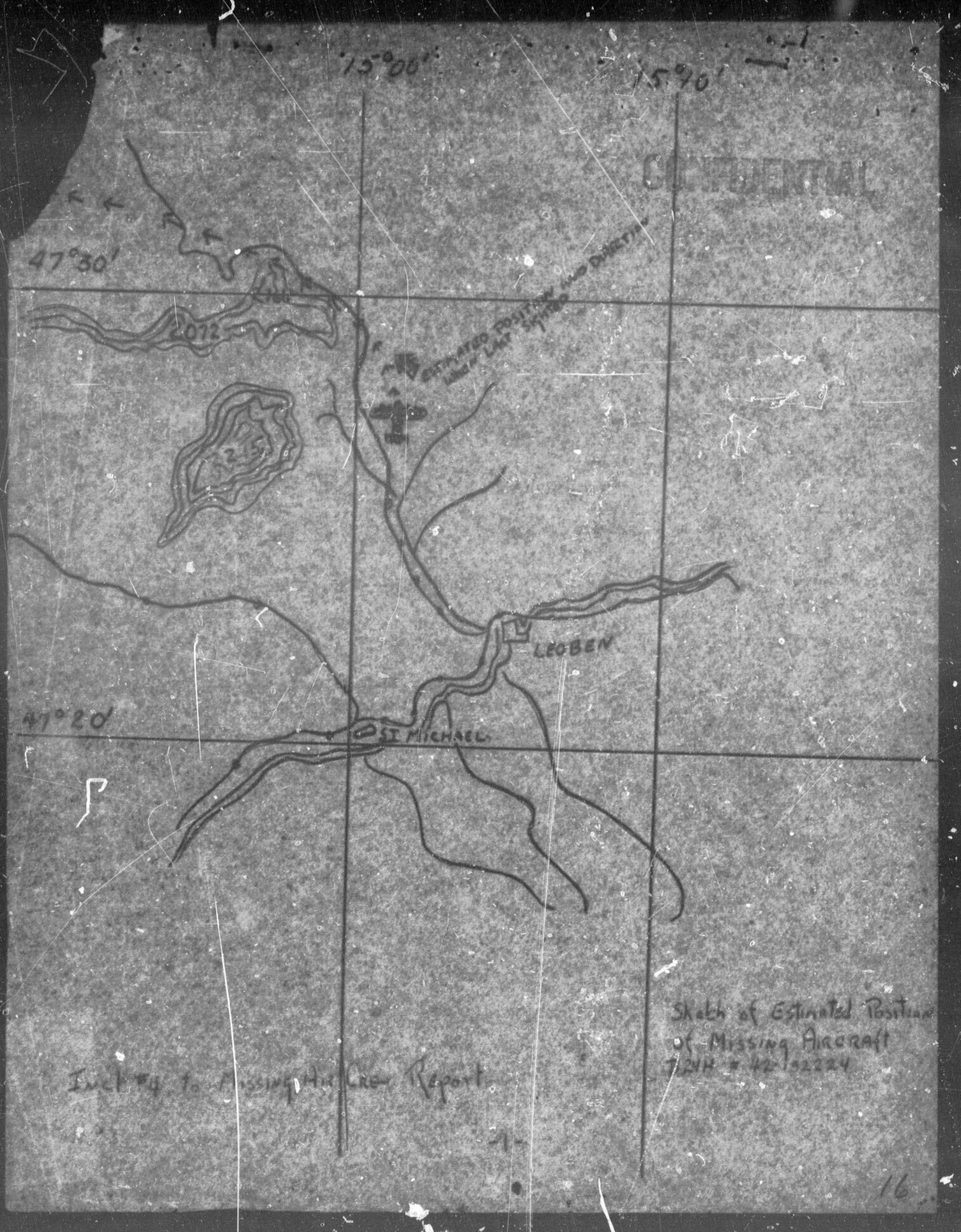
1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Air Fld; Command or Air Force 15th Group 455th Bomb Gp (H); Squadron 743rd Bomb Sq (H); Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Air Fld; Cours Direct Intended Destination 48° 03'N - 14° 24' E Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: CAVU .4 Cumulus at 10,000'
4. GIVE: (a) Date 2 Apr 44; Time 1145; and location 47° 32'N - 14° 50'E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
   (b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio; ( ) Forced Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) (X) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows:
6. AIRCRAFT: Type Model and Series B 24 H; AAF Serial Number 42-52224
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-43; AAF Serial Number (a) 42-89702 (b) CP-303035 (c) 42-90328 (d) 42-62782
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: Browning 50 Cal Machine Gun M2s; (a) 1152394 (b) 0112510 (c) 1152558 (d) 1152575 (e) 1151802 (f) 1150173 (g) 1152307 (h) 1152514 (i) 1152380 (j) 1152652.
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers None Total 10.

(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 12 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on seperate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	(Rank)	Serial Number	
1.	Pilot	Cheesman, Roy R.	1st Lt	0742135	KIA
2.	Co-pilot	Tavernit, Anthony S.	Flt O	T122636	RTD
3.	Navigator	Gendron, Harold E.	2nd Lt	0690699	RTD
4.	Bombardier	Celovsky, Andrew F.	2nd Lt (N.Mex)	0688663	RTD
5.	Radio Operator Gunner	Furley, Perry L.	T Sgt	18019495	RTD
371 6.	Engineer Gunner	Pustner, Harold J.	T Sgt	13111919	KIA
371 7.	Engineer Gunner	Trinko, Wesley P.	S Sgt	16024326	KIA
8.	Engineer Gunner	Line, Edgar R.	Cpl	16117916	KIA
9.	Armorer Gunner	Lee, Robert E., Jr	S Sgt	20808602	KIA
371 10.	Armorer Gunner	Franzelas, Paul J. 371	S Sgt	32713395	KIA
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Sketch of Estimated Position of Missing Aircraft T/AH # 42-52224

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First Lieutenant Roy R. Cheesman	Mrs. Roy R. Cheesman, (Wife) 1453 North New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Flight Officer Anthony S. Tavernit	Mrs. Rose A. Tavernit, (Mother) Box 101, Republic, Pennsylvania.
Second Lieutenant Harold E. Gendron	Mrs. Harold E. Gendron, (Wife) 1333 East 8th Street, Tucson, Arizona.
Second Lieutenant Andrew F. Celovsky	Mr. John A. Celovsky, (Father) 2128 South Drake Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Technical Sergeant Perry L. Corley	Mr. Albert L. Corley, (Father) Shallowater, Texas.
Technical Sergeant Harold J. Pastner	Mrs. Pauline Pastner, (Mother) 241 East Rockland Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Staff Sergeant Wesley P. Trinko	Mrs. Edith Trinko, (Mother) Wheeler, Wisconsin.
Corporal Edgar R. Pine	Mrs. Fanny Pine, (Mother) 4028 Avenue R ½, Galveston, Texas.
Staff Sergeant Robert E. Lee, Jr.	Mrs. Elvera Lee, (Wife) 5701 Cochran Street, Houston, Texas.
Staff Sergeant Paul J. Franzelas	Mr. John Franzelas, (Father) 46 Weeks Avenue, Oyster Bay, New York.

Name : CHESMAN ~~Roz~~ R. dead KIA
ASN : 0-742135 T 43-43

2 Apr 44

MZ992 April 2, 1944 Liberator

Corley, Perry Lee, T/Sgt. born Jul 10, 1920
Ident. Tag: 18 019 495
Taken prisoner

Tavernit, Anthony Samuel, T/O
Ident. Tag: T-122 636
Taken prisoner

Hendron, 2nd Lt.,
Wounded
Location: In a field hospital

Celousky, 2nd Lt.,
Wounded
Location: In a field hospital

Chessman, Roy, 1st Lt.,
Ident. Tag: 0-742 135
Dead

Trinko, Wesley, S/Sgt.,
Ident. Tag: 16 024 326
Dead

I do know the exact location of where I landed, where I met the navigator and co-pilot but I must have a sectional of the Graz, Austria area.to locate the co-ordinates.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Celevsky, Andrew F. Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. O-688663

2. Organization 455 BG Gp Commander no knowledge / Rank ___ Sqn CO David S. Thayer / Rank Major
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month April day 2 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Steyr, Austria, target, Machine Werks, target time, app. 12:00, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, not known, route flown not known

5. Where were you when you left formation? Did not leave formation

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". Navigator and co-pilot bailed out of bomb bay. Nose gunner and I bailed out of nose wheel hatch. We all landed in the vicinity of Deutschlandsberg, Austria. Saw navigator and co-pilot in Deutschlandsberg. Bailing out time approximately 11:40.

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

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? No knowledge

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 Harold E. Gendron Rank 1st LT Serial No. O-690659

2. Organization 455 Gp Commander Cool (full name) Rank Lt Col Sqn CO Thayer (David full name) Rank Mayor

3. What year 1944 month April day 2 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Ball Bearing, target, Steyr Austria, target time, About 12:30, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, ———, route flown on course.

5. Where were you when you left formation? 15 miles S. W. of Graz Austria

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". Bombardier & Nose Gunner, out nose hatch — Co-pilot & myself out Bomb-bay Also Engineer (Sgt Forney) out Bomb-bay (Sgt Corley) (Navigator)

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

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? no knowledge

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

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name TAVERNIT, ANTHONY SAMUEL Rank S/D Serial No. T-122636

2. Organization 45566 Gp Commander Cook (full name) Rank Lt Col. Sqn CO David Thayer (full name) Rank Maj.

3. What year 1944 month April day 2 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Combat. , target, STEYR, Austria , target time, 1230 , altitude, 21,000 ft. route scheduled, unknown , route flown To Coast of Yougoslavia, Passed near Zagreb. To Steyr Austria.

5. Where were you when you left formation? Near Graz, Austria.

6. Did you bail out? Yes.

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Navigator Bombardier and Nose Gunner bailed out safely. Believe Top Turret Gunner bailed out but has not been heard of.

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". Navigator through Bomb[illegible] doors. Near Graz, Austria a few minutes before me. Bombardier through Nose wheel doors. Same time and place. Nose gunner through [illegible] Nose wheel doors just after bombardier.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Don't Know

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Did not see Aircraft after I Left it.

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? Did not see any of others

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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KEU 998

Air Base Sq. K (o) 11/ XVII
Graz
Recovery Command

Graz, April 19, 1944

To
Dulag - Air - Oberursel
Personal Effects on the Main

Enclosed transmits the recovery command Form page I for the dead recovered American Pilot Edgar P i n e on April 5, 1944 in Schoberwald - Trahuttchen.

The deceased, who was seriously burned on the head and on the hands had in his possession only a pair of leather and wool gloves as well as 2 identification tags. He was buried on the same day in village cemetery Trahuttchen.

Above mentioned articles are enclosed.

/s/ Illegible
Recovery Command Graz

KEU 992

Air Base Hdq. A (o) 11/ XVII
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Gras, April 18, 1944

Recovery Command

Reference: Our reports of April 10, 1944

To
Luftgau - Air - Oberursel
Frankfurt on the Main.

In subsequence to our report of April 10, 1944 transmits the recovery command Gras the grave sketch of the graves of the American Pilots W e s l e y, Trinko and C h e e s e m a n, Althe who are buried in village cemetery Gams ob Frauenthal.

The other crew members of the plane (escorts of Wesley and Cheesman) were completely charred, and names and Serial No. could not be determined.

/s/ Unreadable ??
Recovery Command Gras

File No. A. V. 1494/45

MACR 3363

Nationality : American

Deutschlandsberg, July 6, 44

REPORT ON LOSS

Name First Name	:	P I N E H. Edgar
Date of birth Place of birth	:	July 7, 19 08 Galveston , Tex.
Serial No.	:	18117916 T43 A
Date of death Place of death	:	April 2, 1944 ~~Unterwirz~~
Next of kin	:	Fanny Pine T 43901 Ave. O.P. Galveston. Tex.
Interment	:	Interred in Local Cemetery Trahuetten , District Deutschlandsberg Stmk. Common grave
Date of interment	:	April 6, 1944
Cause of death	:	fell out of American aircraft during aerial-combat was without parachute.

Signature

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Captain and leader of Recruiting Office.

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S i g n a t u r e

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Captain and leader of Recruiting Office.

CASUALTY NO. KSU 992

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: UNKNOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: UNKNOWN

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: UNKNOWN

REPORTING OFFICE: AIR BASE HDQ. A (O) 11/ XVII
GRAZ APRIL 10, 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: C H E E S M A N
ROY

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: OFFICER

SERIAL NUMBER: O 742 135 T 43- 43

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: DEAD.

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:
AIR FORCES BOM. COMMAND HDQ.
DULAG AIR
HOSPITAL
COMMUNITY CEMETERY GAMS GRAVE LOCATION: GRAVE SKETCH FOLLOWS.

REMARKS:

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GP 3136

CASUALTY NO. KSU 992

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: April 2, 1944 10,50 hrs.

PLACE OF CRASH: Eichberg, Community Aibäk Kote 477 *)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: 4 motor Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Hdq. A (o) 11/ XVII
Graz. April 4, 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: CORLEY
Perry, Lee

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 180194995

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS: *) Map 1: 75 000 Unterdraubing.
Below the Letter "p" of the word Kumpitch.

CASUALTY NO. XSU 998

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: Unknown

PLACE OF CRASH: Unknown

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Unknown

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command A (o) 11/ XVI
Graz, April 4, 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: TAVERNIT
Anthony S.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: F/O.

SERIAL NUMBER: T - 122636 T 45 - 65

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:
Rural Police Post Deutschlandsberg April 2, 1944
DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:
Air Forces Adm. Command Hdq.
Dulag Air
Hospital GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

6-3324.AF(6)

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CASUALTY NO. KSU 992

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: UNKNOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: UNKNOWN

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: UNKNOWN

REPORTING OFFICE: AIR BASE HDQ. A (O) 11/ XVII
O R A 2
April 10, 1944.

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: W A S L E Y (should be P R I N K O, Wesley.)
Prinko

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2T

SERIAL NUMBER: 16036326

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: Dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:
Air Forces Adm. Command Hdq.
Delng Air
Hospital

GRAVE LOCATION:
Community Cemetery Guns Grave sketch follows.

REMARKS: None.

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Form page 2 To be used only for duty KMU 932

Datas about capture of an enemy plane.

Post: Salvage Det. 11/ XVII
Place: Gras - Thalerhof
Date: June 30, 1944

1.) Type: Consolidated B 24 L i b e r a t o r
2.) Plane Markings, complete with Manufacture No.: On tail assembly : 252224
3.) Day and time of downing: April 2, 1944 10,30 hrs.
4.) Position of crash: Gamsgebirge (Game Mountains), community Pallegg near Deutschlandsberg/ Weststeiermark. Individual parts on farmer Kind - hansl and Mankengl- Mühle and Tannal.
5.) Condition of plane in %: 100%
6.) Total No. of crew members: Total No. unknown, 5 men recovered dead.e)
7.) How captured: presumed downed by fighters, as air battles have taken place.
8.) Possibility of landing for Fieseler- Storch: No
9.) Photo- equipment: None found.
10.) Type of motor with Serial No.: PRATT & WHITNEY AIRCRAFT
11.) Propeller : No. of blades: 3
12.) Armament: Heavy Machine Guns 12,7 mm (50 Cal.) 6 pieces found.
13.) Other Equipment: None
14.) Gasoline on hand: None
15.) Radio frequencies: Unknown

e) The bodies were buried in cemetery in Gamsdorf ob Frauenthal, by order of the Ortsbauernführer (village leader of farmers.)

Distributor:
Air Forces Command Hdq. XVII
Dulag Air
Radio Station 3
Command Air Port Area 1/XVII
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Outline.

/s/ Klemt
Flight Staff Engineer and commander of the Salvage Detachment.

AIR FIELD HDQ. A 20/ XVII KSU 992
ZELTWEG

FORM PAGE 2 ENCLOSURE 3

DATA OF CAPTURE OF AN ENEMY AIRPLANE.

POST: SALVAGE DEPOT 10/XVII

PLACE: ZELTWEG/ STEIERMARK/

DATE: APRIL 5,1944

DATE OF DOWNING: APRIL 2, 1944 ABOUT 10,30 HRS.

PLACE OF IMPACT: 1 KM. S.W. KOTE 1720 BAEROFEN ON KORALPE, DIRECTION E- N.E. FROM WOLFSBERG/ KAERNTEN.

HOW CAPTURED: SHOT DOWN IN FLAMES DURING FIGHTER ATTACK.

PLANE TYPE: CONSOLIDATED 32 LIBERATOR, MANUFACTURER: FORD MOTOR CO. DEARBORN, MICHIGAN.

PLANE MARKINGS: CAN NO LONGER BE DEERMINED.

ASSIGNMENT NO. CAN NO LONGER BE DETERMINED.

PHOTO EQUIPMENT: PRESUMED TO HAVE BURNED UP.

RADIO FREQUENCIES: CAN NOT BE DEERMINED.

CONDITION OF PLANE: EXPLODED WITH BOMB LOAD ON IMPACT. PARTS ARE SCATTERED IN A RADIUS OF 300 METERS. 95% WRECKED.

/S/ LASKA

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743RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

3 April 1944

STATEMENT

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William A. Arnold
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1st Lt., Air Corps
Pilot

Incl 3 to Missing Air Crew Report.

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APO 520 U. S. ARMY

3 April 1944

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Captain, Air Corps
Sq. Navigator.

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1st Lt., Air Corps
Pilot

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743RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of the Commanding Officer
APO 520

3 April 1944

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding Officer, 455th Bomb Gp (H), AAF, APO 520, U. S. ARMY.

1. Transmitted herewith are Missing Air Crew Report of 1st Lt., Roy R. Cheesman and Crew.

For the Squadron Commander:

Paul W. Neff
PAUL W. NEFF
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

4 Incls:
Incl 1 - MAC Rpt of Lt Cheesman and Crew (quin)
Incl 2 - Statement by Capt Brookshire (quin)
Incl 3 - Statement by Lt Arnold (quin)
Incl 4 - Sketch of area (quin)

1st Ind. G-CAO-3

HQ 455TH BOMB GROUP (H), APO 520, US Army, 4 April 1944.

TO: Commanding General, 304th Bomb Wg (H), APO 520, US Army.

1. Forwarded.

For the Group Commander:

C. A. OLSON,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

4 Incls: n/c

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(462) 360.33 C-DB-4 2nd Ind. 3363
HQ, 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 5 Apr 44.
TO: CG, 15th AF, APO 520.

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1 Incl: MAC Rpt Lt Cheesman and Crew. (quad)

(6134) AG 360.33 3rd Ind. GP/HBN/m/dbs
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 8 April 1944.

TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534. Att'n: Casualty Branch, AGD.

1. Personnel included in attached MAC report were processed on consolidated BCR #L-48, dated 6 April 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU, 6 April 1944.

For the Commanding General:

Harold B. Neely
HAROLD B. NEELY,
Major, A. G. D.,
Assistant AG.

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Incl 1 - (Gen).

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