MACR 3368

DATE: 4/2/44 1200 U.S./ MB 995

PLACE: Area Deutschlandsberg - Wolfsberg
TYPE: Liberator B 24 H
Markings: " Double Trouble "
92BG, 740 (MB) Sqd;
455 Group
BASE: Cerignola
TARGET: Hq. Airbase Zeltweg (Steiermark) 6 Apr 44

2nd.Lt.	JOHNSON, Robert Ross	O-691264	KIA PDD
2nd.Lt.	MCNEILL, John Hamilton	O-690027	" ALIVE
S/Sgt.	HOOPER, James Edwin	36422443	"
Sgt.	DUNLAP, Woodrow Wilson	34432117	"
2nd.Lt.	FREEN, Clyde H.	~~34599114~~	missing PDD
2nd.Lt.	Unknown	0799450	missing PDD ?
S/Sgt.	SIMMONS, Sheldon Leon	32733175	Hospital
Sgt.	THURSTON, Robert M.	59461625	missing PDD
Sgt.	CROOK, Thomas H.	34599977	missing PDD
Sgt.	LEONARD, Thomas H.	17114534	dead;missing

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CROOK , Thomas H. 3368
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 34599919
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~: Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge Beleive he did not

Where?

If not, why not? Probabley wounded

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

When fighters started to come in

Was he injured? Probabley so

Where was he when last seen? at take off

Any hearsay information: no

Source:

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

wounded to bad to leave ship

Total number of missions of above crew member: None

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CROOK , Thomas E. 3368
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 34599919
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~: 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:

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: First and last Apr. 2, 1944

Dates and destinations if possible: ~~Somewhere in Austria~~

6-3861, AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CROOK , Thomas H. 3368
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 34599919
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Gunner

Did he bail out? I don't Know he was in the tail
Where? I was on flight deck - troyed temporarily
If not, why not? _____
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

Was he injured? I don't know
Where was he when last seen? right after take off
Any hearsay information: no.

Source: _____
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The fighters came in from the rear. There were dozens of them and I think he got hit before we jumped.

Total number of missions of above crew member: on first mission
Dates and destinations if possible: Steyer Austria, April 2nd 44

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CROOK , Thomas H. 3368
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 34599919
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~nor. Flight~~ (Fighter): Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where?

If not, why not? I believe that he had been killed by 20mm hits on his crew position

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I directed him to fire on approaching fighters. He did, shot down one and called me back to tell me that he had shot down a fighter

Was he injured? Apparently so AFTER THE SECOND PASS BY THE FIGHTERS

Where was he when last seen? In the tail turret by Sgt. Simmons

Any hearsay information: Nothing except what Sgt. Simmons told me in France in May 1945 after our liberation from P.o.W. camp

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: That he was either killed in his turret or so badly wounded that he could not remove himself and crashed and blew up when the ship crashed into the side of a mountain

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: Steyr, Austria (2)

6-3861, AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FREE , Clyde H. 3968
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-814257
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight~~ (Fighter): Navigator

Did he bail out? No to the best of my knowledge

Where?

If not, why not? Probabley pined in by cintrifugal force before he could Jump

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Saw him sitting on radio table

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? On radio table

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Probabley pinned in by cintrifugal force as plane was in a left turn of about 45 degrees when I left

Total number of missions of above crew member: None

Dates and destinations if possible:

6-3861, AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FREW , Clyde H. 3368
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-814287
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~: Navigator

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:

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: First and last Apr. 2, 1944

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FREW , Clyde B. 3368
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-814287
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? not to my knowledge.

Where? _____

If not, why not? I don't know if he was afraid or did not have chute.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: just before I jumped.

Was he injured? no.

Where was he when last seen? in the plane.

Any hearsay information: none. He was on the flight deck, we were trapped by the doors and were on fire and in a spin, as soon as the door opened the co-pilot Johnson jumped I followed suit, ~~to~~ Frew was right behind me

~~Source:~~ but made not attempt to jump -

~~Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suppesition:~~ He had no chute on and I ~~guess~~ presume he went down with the ship

Total number of missions of above crew member: on first mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: Steyr Austria, April 2, '44

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FREW , Clyde H. 3368
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: O-814277
Position: Crew (Bomber)~~xxxx Flight~~ (~~Fighter~~): Navigator

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? No reason

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

Was he injured? ~~No~~ Unknown

Where was he when last seen? In Radio Room Sitting down

Any hearsay information: Lt. Johnson told me that when he(Johnson) left the ship ,Lt. Frew was still sitting in the Radio Room

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I presume that he was either injured and could not leave or the ship went into a spin and he was unable to leave because of the terrific force

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: Steyr,Austria (2)

6-3861, AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEONARD , Thomas H. 2368
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 17114554
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxx

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEONARD , Thomas H. 3368
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 17114554
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Asst.Radio

NO KNOWLE DGE

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: First and last Apr. 2, 1944

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEONARD , Thomas H. 3368
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 17114954
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer (Fighter)~~: Asst.Radio

Did he bail out? I don't think so.

Where?

If not, why not? ~~He was in ball turret and that section was~~ pretty badly shot up.

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

None.

Was he injured? I don't know if he was before plane crashed.

Where was he when last seen? in the ball turret

Any hearsay information: None. One austrian civilian who was at the scene of the crash gave to me a pair of "Dog tags", they were Leonards they were all twisted and bent so I presume he died in the plane. He also gave me his money and cigarettes. I could not understand

~~Source?~~

~~Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:~~ stand him. but I was sure that Leonard went down with the ship. I don't know if he was hurt before then or not but he must of been.

Total number of missions of above crew member: on first mission.

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEONARD , Thomas H. 3368
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 17114554
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Fighter (Fighter)~~: Asst.Radio

Did he bail out? N~~O~~

Where?

If not, why not? Could not escape from his ball turret

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

Was he injured? Apparently so

Where was he when last seen? Getting into ball turret at contact with fighters

Any hearsay information: Sgt. Dunlap told me afew days after our capture by the Germans that the Germans had showed ~~him~~ a very badly charred dog tag Bearing Leonard's name and was presumed by ~~dunlap to have been~~ Leonard's Germans told Dunlap that this was all that remained of ~~his~~ Kamerad which was presumed by both of us at the time to be Sgt. Leonard

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I presumed that he was wounded by enemy fire at his crew position and was quickly burned to death by the intense fire which had ~~started in the~~ bombays

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: Steyr,Austria (2)

6-3861, AF

PTR-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: POWERS, John S. Jr. 3368
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-799450
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter) Pilot

Did he bail out? No, to the best of my knowledge

Where?

If not, why not? Probably pinned by cintrifugal force

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
Ordered crew to bail out

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? Trying to leave thru top hatch

Any hearsay information: no

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:
Probably pinned in by centrifugal force before he could jump

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

6-3861, AF

AFPPA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: POWERS, John J. Jr. 3368
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-799453
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight or Eighteen~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? NOW KNOWLEDGE

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: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: I do not know.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3368

Name of crew member: POWERS , John J. Jr.
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-799450
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Flight Engineer~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? I don't know.

Where?

If not, why not? He was trying to get out but I left before so I wouldn't know.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: none except he said to bail out.

Was he injured? I don't think so.

Where was he when last seen? on the flight deck.

Any hearsay information: no.
I know I nothing about him, nor have I heard anything about him except that a Austrian civilian said that three were first dead in the crash.

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ~~on first mission~~

Dates and destinations if possible: ~~Later~~ I don't know how many missions he had, he flew as pilot for us on our first mission, he was not our regular pilot.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: POWERS, John J. Jr. 3368
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: O-799450
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Pilot~~ (Fighter) Pilot

Did he bail out? Nc

Where?

If not, why not? Unknown

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He gave the order to "BAIL OUT" over the inter com

Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? By Sgt. Hooper, He was trying to effect an escape through the top hatch

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I presume that he was so badly injured that he could not get out or that the ship went into a violent spin and he was unable to get out because of the terrific force

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3368

Name of crew member: SIMMONS, Sheldon L.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32733175
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Radio

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? 45 miles N.W. Gratz, Austria

If not, why not? _____

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

When testing guns

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Camp Lucky Strike, France

Any hearsay information: Is an M.P. at some camp in N.Y.

Source: Letter from him

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: None

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SIMMONS, Sheldon L. 3368
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32733175
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Radio

Did he bail out? I was told by Lt. McNeil that he saw Simmons just after he bailed out and that he(SIMMONS) was shot very badly in
Where? the side. Mc Neil also said he did not expect SIMMONS to live

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: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: First and last Apr 2, 1944

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SIMMONS , Sheldon L. 3368
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32733175
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~x~~ ~~Engineer (Fighter)~~: Radio

Did he bail out? yes'

Where? about 30 minutes from Steyr Austria.

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? yes.

Where was he when last seen? on the ground.

Any hearsay information: all the above information was given me by the bomber's whom I saw at Frankfurt Germany. He said Simmons had a side shot up. was on the ground by himself. some civilian helped to carry him to a house. For further information

~~Sources~~ ~~Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition~~: see Lt. John McNeil of our crew.

Total number of missions of above crew member: on first mission.

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3968

Name of crew member: SIMMONS , Sheldon L.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32733175
Position: Crew (Bomber) on Flight (Aircraft): Radio

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? About 40 km N.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? Yes

Where was he when last seen? At Camp Lucky Strike,Saint Valery,France, May 1945

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was returned to U.S. military control May 1945

NOTE- This man is alive and in the U.S.A. as I had aletter from him in Nov. 1945 when he was stationed at Rome Army Air Base,New York

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: Steyr,Austria(2)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: THURSTON , Robert H. 7368
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 39461625
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer (Fighter)~~: Gunner

Did he bail out? No, to the best of my Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? Probably wounded

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

Was he injured? Probably so

Where was he when last seen? At take off

Any hearsay information: Was knocked down twice by enemy gun fire

Source: Left waist gunner Simmons

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Probably wounded to bad to leave ship

Total number of missions of above crew member: None

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

ame of crew member: THURSTON , Robert M. 3968
ank: Sgt.
Serial number: 39461625
Position: Crew (Bombr) [redacted]: 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:

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: First and last Apr. 2, 1944

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3368

Name of crew member: THURSTON , Robert M.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 39461625
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Gunner

Did he bail out? I don't know.

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was in waist - waist shot up badly.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He said, "I got one" as a fighter went down. He should get credit.

Was he injured? I don't know.

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I think he was hit before we jumped. the waist was shot up badly

Total number of missions of above crew member: on first mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: Steyr Austria - April 2 44

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: THURSTON , Robert M. 3360
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 39461625
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? Wounded too badly

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Conversation over the inter com directing fire on enemy fighters and he notifyed me that he had shot down an enemy fighter

Was he injured? Apparently so AFTER THE SECOND PASS BY THE FIGHTERS

Where was he when last seen? Lying on the waist compartment floor

Any hearsay information: Sgt. simmons told me in france in 1945 that Sgt. Thurston had been hit by the fire of the fighters on the first pass but was not injured for he quickly got up and re manned his gun and returned fire upon the enemy until he was definitly hit the second pass as he did not get up but was lying on the floor the last he saw of him.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was either killed by enemy fire or so badly wounded that he crashed with the ship in to the side of a mountain.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: Steyr, Austria (2)

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DUNLAP, WOODROW W. 34 432 117 S/Sgt - Hdq - Det -
C-5877944 9 - Dec - 45 -

911 North Blount St.

Raleigh North Carolina -

5 - Dec - 45 -



COOPER, JAMES E. 36 422 443 T/Sgt

C 5380797

Hon. Dec.
7-Oct-45

120 West Olive St.
Lansing 16, Mich.
2 Nov. 45

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JOHNSON, ROBERT R. 0-891 264

W.D. Rec. Ctr. 7/5/49

Notified by phone 7/5/49

Please recheck VA files and records given

No Record in AGO Cas.

Released from Active Duty 28 Dec 45.

Home Address:
Anchorage, Minn.

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LEONARD, THOMAS H. 17 114 554

Died - 2 - age - 44

XC 3625290

Report of death on 273 file

Mother -

Bernice Mary Leonard -

4625 Beard ave. South

Minneapolis - Minn -

b - Eng - 48

18137186 M/Sgt Hq Det
12 Jul 48

MC NEILL, JOHN M. O-696 027
C47-737-757

711 record
base officer

SGDN TS-1 Bx 1527
Kelsler Field Miss
5 Aug 48

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SAMUELS, SHELDON L. 32 733 175 T/Sgt - Hdqrs - Hq

C-47233711 9-Jun-45

Greenhurst - New York

23 Dec - 47

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Date OCT 15 1945

Thesis Completed

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

Name in full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Check only one column: Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Popejoy, Herbert E.	2nd Lt	O-753025		X		
2. Prosser, Harry Leo	2nd Lt	O-677564		X		
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes (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

APR 25 1944

Date of Report 2 April 1944

(Signature of Preparing officer)

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WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Fld; Command or Air Force 15th; Group 455th; Squadron 740th Bomb Sq (H); Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Fld; Course direct; Intended Destination 48 03'N/11 25'E Type of mission combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: C A V U
4. GIVE: (a) Date 1/2/44; Time 1100; and location Klagenfurt of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
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-24H; AAF Serial Number 41-29282
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-65; AAF Serial Number (a) CP-903545 (b) 42-91164 (c) 42-91572 (d) 42-92488
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below-Make, Type and Serial Number) Browning cal.50 M2, Aircraft Machine Gun; (a) RC 1152988 (b) LC 1151275 (c) [illegible] 681624 (d) L [illegible] 1153190 (e) R B 218662 (f) LE 1152365 (g) [illegible] 1150948 (h) L K 218246 (i) R N 1152365 (j) L E 681925
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty; or ( ) 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 abroad aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Crew position	Name in Full	Rank	Serial Number	Status
1.	Pilot	Powers, John J. Jr.	2nd Lt	0-799450	KIA
2.	Co-Pilot	Johnson, Robert R.	2nd Lt	0-691264	Evs
3.	Navigator	Frew, Clyde H. 371	2nd Lt	0-814287	KIA
4.	Bombardier	O'Neill, John H.	2nd Lt	0-698027	KIA Evs ALIVE
5.	Engineer	Hooper, James E.	S/Sgt	36422443	RMC
6.	Asst Engineer	Dunlap, Woodrow W.	Sgt	34432117	RMC
7.	Radio	Simmons, Sheldon L.	S/Sgt	32733175	Evs
8.	Asst Radio	Leonard, Thomas H. 371	Sgt	17114554	KIA
9.	Gunner	Thurston, Robert M.	Sgt	39461625	KIA
10.	Gunner	Crook, Thomas H. Jr.	Sgt	34599919	MA
11.					
12.					

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46°50'

46°40'

Lt. Powers

Klagenfurt

14°20'

14°30'

1100 hours

14°40'

Incl #8 - Sketch of Scene of Crash to MAC Report, Lt. Powers and Grew

2nd Lt. John J. Powers, Jr.	Mr. John J. Powers, (Father) 243 Bruce Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts.
2nd Lt. Robert R. Johnson	Mrs. Emma Colby Johnson, (Mother) Sebeka, Minnesota.
2nd. Lt. Clyde H. Frew	Mr. John M. Frew, (Father) 305 Fourteenth Avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania.
2nd. Lt. John H. McNeill	Mr. James McNeill, (Father) Route Number One, North Little Rock, Arkansas.
S/Sgt. James E. Hooper	Mrs. Marion Hooper, (Wife) 1402 High Street, Lansing, Michigan.
Sgt. Woodrow W. Dunlap	Mrs. Katherine J. Dunlap, (Wife) 911 North Blount Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.
S/Sgt. Sheldon L. Simmons	Mr. Leon A. Simmons, (Father) Box 38, Green Hurst, New York.
Sgt. Thomas H. Leonard	Mrs. Bernice M. Leonard, (Mother) 3706 Grand Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Sgt. Robert N. Thurston	Mr. Roy M. Thurston, (Father) Box 89, Fairfield, Washington.
Sgt. Thomas H. Crook, Jr.	Mrs. Harriett D. Crook, (Mother) Route #1, Box 35, Candler, North Carolina.

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AG 353.33 3rd Ind. GP/HRH/ml/cbs
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 8 April 1944.

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

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated RCR #L-48, dated 6 April 1944, which was forwarded to the 304th MHU, 6 April 1944.

For the Commanding General:

HAROLD H. NEELY,
Major, A. G. D.,
Assistant AG.

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Classification changed
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By E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
By F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date OCT 15 1945

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AG 360.33 3rd Ind. GP/HBN/m/dbs
(6144)
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 MRS, 6 Apil 1944.

For the Commanding General:

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

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INCL #6

MACR Nr - 3368

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 2 April 1944, 1200 CASUALTY NO. MR 995 - A

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
JOHNSON ROBERT ROSS	2nd Lt.	O-691264	captured	Dulag Luft
MC NEILL JOHN HAMILTON	2nd Lt.	O-698027	captured	Dulag Luft
HOOPER JAMES EDWIN	S/Sgt	36422443	captured	Dulag Luft
DUNLAP WOODROW WILSON Charlotte, N.C.	Sgt	34432117	captured	Dulag Luft
SIMMONS SHELDON LEON	S/Sgt	32733175	wounded	Hospital, Dulag Luft
LEONARD THOMAS H.	Sgt	17114554	dead	

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 18 April 1944, Wo.

DATA AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN [illegible] 1944 SQUADRON NO. [illegible]

PLACE OF CRASH [illegible]

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT [illegible]

REPORTING OFFICE [illegible]

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'S REPORT DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
JOHNSON ROBERT [illegible]	2nd Lt.	O-681264	wounded	Dulag Luft
MC NEILL JOHN HAMILTON	2nd Lt.	O-[illegible]	captured	Dulag Luft
HOOPER JAMES KENEA	S/Sgt	3[illegible]	captured	Dulag Luft
DUELAP WOODROW WILSON Charlotte, N.C.	Sgt	[illegible]	captured	Dulag Luft
SIMMONS SHELDON [illegible]	S/Sgt	3[illegible]	wounded	Hospital, Dulag Luft
LEONARD THOMAS H.	Sgt	17[illegible]	dead	

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 18 April 1944, Wo.

I am very sorry that I cannot give more information, but I was in the nose of the plane and when we were shot down I Never saw anyone until we were put to geather in prison. My interphone was out just before we were hit. I got the order to bail out from Lt. Mc Neil who was also in the nose. I never saw or heard anyone else at the time of the fight. When I left the ship it was on fireand I could not see back through the flames to see anyone.

The reason I do not know my C.O. was because I had only been over sea about 10 (ten) days and I don't even know the name of our 1st Lt. I am sorry. I would be glad to help if I ever more, but I just don't know.

AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Woodrow W . D unlap Rank sgt. Serial No. 34432117

2. Organization 455th Gp Commander ? (full name) Rank ? Sqn CO ??? (full name) Rank ?

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

4. What was the mission, bombing Austria, target, ///// ?????, target time, close to Noon, altitude, /, route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? Over the Alps in 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". Lt. R. R. Johnson S/sgt. J. E. Hooper, Lt. J.H. Mc Neil Possibly SIMMONS and myself

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Somewhere in the mountains in Austria

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 do not know ???????????

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? The only ones I saw after we were shot down were Hooper, Mc Neiland Johnson

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)

OVER

6-3862, AF

AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name James E. Hooper Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 36922443

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

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

4. What was the mission, ~~Styr Austria~~ 1st target, Styr austria, target time, ?, altitude, ? route scheduled, ? ?, route flown ?

5. Where were you when you left formation? above the austrian alps.

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". Johnson left then I left, from the nose Driscoll left and then Dunlap left.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In the alps somplace not far from ~~Wolfsberg~~ Wolfsberg.

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 no knowledge

11. Where were they in aircraft? no knowledge

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. no knowledge

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6-3862, AF

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ROBERT B. JOHNSON Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-691264

2. Organization 455th Gp Commander KOOL (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO ASHK (full name) Rank Capt.

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

4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Steyr, Austria, target time, 1150, altitude, 20500 ft. route scheduled, Direct, route flown Direct

5. Where were you when you left formation? 45 miles N. W. of Gratz. 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". Simmons thru cramara hatch, Dunlap and McNeill thru nose whell door Hooper and I thru bomb-bay at about the same place as above

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Approx. 45 N. W. of Gratz, austria

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Releive Powers, Frew, Crook, Leonard, and Thurston

11. Where were they in aircraft? Crook, tail turret, Lennard ball turret, Thos Thurston L. waist, Frew flight deck, Powers flight deck

12. What was their condition? Leonard, Crook, Thurston probably wounded Powers and Frew were O.K.

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Powers trying to get out of top hatch, Frew sitting on radio table Leonard, Crook, and Thurston at take off all O. K. when last seen

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)

6-3862, AF

26 February,1946
Provost Marshal's Office
Mitchel Field, New York.

On 2nd April,1944 as we were headed toward Steyr,Austria to hit very vital targets in that area,our formation was attacked by a large formation of Me 109's and rocket carrying Me 210's.After 2 consecitive passes by them,our ship was riddled and crew was about 100% wounded including my self,(20mm fragments in head and knee) I had been directing and coordinating fire on the enemy fighters from my crew position in the nose.Sgt's Crook and Thurston both shot down one Me 109 F apiece as I myself saw the .50 cal. fire penetrate the enemy fighters and then saw them blow up and disentegrate in the air not over 250 yards from our ship and to the rear.Just before leaving the ship, I saw Sgt. Dunlap reach through the doors of his nose turret and fire at an Me 109 that had come into his line of fire.He scored dirct hits on the enemy fighter but I could not truthfully say that he shot him down but the said enemy fighter was smoking profusely when I last saw him which was only a few seconds before I left the ship.When I bailed out, our altitude was between 15,000 ft. and 20,000 ft.

Upon landing on the ground I discovered that I had been hit in the left knee and fore head by 20mm fragments and that my right leg had been very painfully sprained or fractured upon landing in the extremely rough terrain on the top the mountain that I had landed on.I was never treated for these wounds by the Germans because as they said,there was too many other more seriously wounded men to take care of.

As I started loking around me,Isaw another wounded man down the side of the mountain from me.I immediatly started down towards him only to find that it was my Radio operator,S/Sgt. Simmons.He was in a very bad condition and was bleeding terribly.At that time a youth of about 15 years of age came up and he gave me assistance in moving Simmons to a near by house.After getting Simmons there,I undressed him to try to treat his wounds and stop the bleeding.In this I succeeded after about an hour.He was delerious at times and went out of his head.I tried to question him on other members of the crew but at that time he could barely talk.Then with make shift bandages and hot water that I had heated,I dressed his wounds and tried to make him comfortable until aide had arrived from down the mountain.

As it turned out our "aid" was to be only members of the Landwache Organization and Nazi party members who had been called to remove us down the mountain.I was ordered to take off my clothes to be searched. As I was reluctant to do so in front of Women and children,I was slapped until I did as ordered.When this was accomplished,I had to help remove Sgt. Simmons to a sled on the outside.I faltered going down the steps and was promply kicked by an old man who was in charge of the removal party.I was then ordered to help push the sled in which Sgt. Simmons had been placed.After alengthy trip we arrived down the valley about 23:30 that night.I was placed in a civilian jail and Sgt. Simmons was taken to a hospital.

To the best of my knowledge,this infommation is true and correct.

John H. McNeill

John H. McNeill 0-698027
1st Lt.,Air Corps

AFTTC-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John Hamilton McNeill Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-698027
2. Organization 455th B.G.(H) Gp Commander F. Cool (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Keefer (full name) Rank Maj.
3. What year 1944 month April day 2nd did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Demolition, ~~target~~ Steyr, Austria, target time, 11:45, altitude, 25,000 ft. route scheduled, Dogleg with I.P. over Graz, Austria flown Same
5. Where were you when you left formation? 12 minutes from target about 30 km. N.W of Graz. WE were over Alps Mtns.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes. Lt. Johnson, Sgt's Hooper, Simmons, Dunlap and myself(Lt. McNeill)
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". After crucial contact with enemy fighters, order to "Bail Out" from pilot was heard over inter com. After helping Sgt. Dunlap out of his nose-turret, I gave him his O.A.C. chute and I opened nose-wheel door and made my exit with Sgt. Dunlap who I met later after descent. While in my chute, I counted a total of 19 chutes in the air.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Into mtn. side 40 km. N.W. of Graz.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) To the best of my knowled Lt.'s Powers and Frew, Sgt.'s Crook, Leonard, and Thurston never left the ship. I learned from talking to other crew members that Crook, Thurston, Leonard were killed before ship crashed. Others were alive, never left.
11. Where were they in aircraft? At there crew positions
12. What was their condition? Crook, Thurston, Leonard probably killed Powers, Frew were alive
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Through the astro dome I saw Johnson and Powers in their seats in the cockpit, Dunlap in his nose turret. Others I did not see But heard them conversing over the inter com
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

I do hereby certify that the fore going information to the best of my knowledge, is true and correct.

John H. McNeill

John H. McNeill O-698027
1st.Lt., Air Corps

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

OVER

6-3862,AF

CASUALTY NO. KSU-995

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH:

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base HQ A(O)11/XVII
Graz
4 Apr 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: DUNLAP Woodrow W

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER: 34432117 T 43-43

CAPTURED: 2 Apr 44 by Gen- darmerie Station Deutschlandsberg

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO. [illegible]-995

REPORT ON AIR-BORNE AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 2 Apr 1944 1100-1130 Hours

PLACE OF CRASH: Spanheim, Carinthia

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Fortress or Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base HQ
Zeltweg (Styria)
3 Apr 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: HOOPER James E

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: S/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: 36422443

CAPTURED: at Spanheim near Wolfsberg, Carinthia 2 Apr 44 1100 Hours

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: Dulag Air

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO. KSU-995

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 2 Apr 1944 1100-1200 Hours

PLACE OF CRASH: Spanheim, Carinthia

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Fortress or Liberator (4-motored)

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base HQ
Zeltweg (Styria)
3 Apr 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: JOHNSON
Robert R

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2/Lt

SERIAL NUMBER: O-691264

CAPTURED: Spanheim near Wolfsberg, Carinthia, 2 Apr 44 1100 Hours

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO. KSU-995

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 2 Apr 1944 1050 Hours

PLACE OF CRASH: Eichberg, Township Aibel Kote 477 Kumpitsch *

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: 4 motored Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base HQ A(O)13/XVII
Graz
4 Apr 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: McNEILL John

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER: O-698027 T 43-44

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS: * Map 1:75000 Unterdrauburg, under the letter "p" of the word:Kumpitsch.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Ident Br Search Info King	Adm Pentagon Liaison	28 Jun 49	Request status and date for the following crew members involved in aircraft accident 2 April 44 on mission to Germany: 455 Bomb Group, 740 Bomb Sq. 8 Powers, John J. Jr., O,799450 KIA 2 APR 44 5 Johnson, Robert R. O-691,264 ~~NR~~ Alive 3 Frew, Clyde H. O-814,287 KIA 2 APR 44 7 McNeill, John H. O-698,027 ~~NR~~ Alive 4 Hooper, James E. 36,422,443 ~~NR~~ Alive 2 Dunlap, Woodrow W. 34,432,117 ~~NR~~ Alive 9 Simmons, Sheldon L. 32,733,175 ~~NR~~ Alive 6 Leonard, Thomas H. 17,114,554 ~~NR Alive~~ KIA - 2 APR 44 10 Thurston, Robert M. 39,461,625 KIA 2 APR 44 1 Crook, Thomas H. JR. 34,599,919 KIA 2 APR 44 ROGERS 72000 Ref. Ltr. #185 ETO EGK
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740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer

4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness Description.

TO : Whom it may concern.

On the 2 April 1944 we were flying formation when we encountered enemy fighters. It was about 1100 when I saw ship No. 292 with No. 2 engine burning. At this time the ship left formation and two men were seen to bail out of the waist window, both chutes opened. At this point the ship seemed to be diving toward the mountain where it is believed to have crashed.

Herbert E. Popejoy
2nd Lt Air Corps

HERBERT E. POPEJOY
2nd Lt. Air Corps
Navigator.

Incl #4, Statement of Lt. POPEJOY to
MAC Report, Lt. POWERS and crew.

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740th [illegible] Squadron (M) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer

4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness Description.

TO : Whom it may concern.

The airplane I saw was attacked by several enemy aircraft, and No. 2 engine was set afire. Again the fighters made another attack and the ship started out of formation, as the fire became worse.

Having left the formation I saw two persons bail out, and both chutes opened. The ballturret gunner in our ship also saw two other chutes open, totaling four in all. A P-24 was seen to blow up, which to my knowledge was ship 282. It seemed to have crashed into the mountain, as there were two P-24's knocked out of the formation at the same time.

Harry J. Prosser

HARRY J. PROSSER,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Pilot

Incl: #X, Statement of Lt. PROSSER to
MAC Report, Lt. POWERS and Crew

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Further information has been received which indicates that Lieutenant Powers was a crew member of a B-24 (Liberator) bomber which departed from Southern Italy on a bombardment mission to Germany on April 2nd.

Details are not available, but the report indicates that during this mission at about 11:00 a.m. our planes encountered enemy aircraft in the vicinity of Klagenfurt, Germany and your son's plane sustained damage. Four parachutes were seen to leave the damaged bomber after it left the formation. The crew members of planes returning from this mission were unable to furnish any further details relative to the disappearance of this bomber and its crew.

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HEADQUARTERS
MITCHEL FIELD, NEW YORK

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

26 February, 1946

Subject: Casualty Information of Crew Members in Reference to AFPPA-8 Awards and Decorations of Same

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces

Attention: AFPPA-8

1. I am enclosing one(1) completed form 6-3862,AF and six(6) completed forms 6-3861,AF which have been sent to me by Lt.Col. John J. Smith, Chief, Notification section, Personal Affairs Branch, Personal Services Division, AC/AS-1 .THey are completed to the best of my knowledge to be true and accurate as possible considering the circumstances.

(1) 2. I am requesting information regarding awards and decorations for both my crew and myself. As I have been in U.S.A. Military control for 10 months since my liberation from P.o.W. camp in Germany and as at this writing have heard nothing as to whether we recieved any awards.While in Camp Lucky Strike, St. Valery, France, I was told that I was eligible for the Soldier's Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, and the Distuinghed Unit Medal. Later,at the AAFPDC in San Antonio Texas,I was examined by an Army Doctor and told that I was put in for the Purple Heart Medal. I was to be awarded the Soldier's Medal for saving the life of my fellow crew member,S/Sgt.(now T/Sgt.) Sheldon L.Simmons 32733175 who was the Radio Operator of our crew.I was told I was eligible for the award in France but Ihave never heard Whether or not I was put in for by correct proedure or authoritive source.As to the Air Medal,I have learned that another of my crew has recieved the award posthumiosly,namely,Lt. John J.Powers.I will appreciate any infomation you may be able to give me in regards to this asit means so much to me.

John H. McNeill

John H.McNeill 0-698027
1st. Lt.,Air Corps
110th A.A.F.B.U., Sgn. "G"
Provost Marshal's Office
Mitchel Field, New York

Formerly of:
455th Bombardment Group(H)
740th Bombardment Sqn. (H)
15th Air Force, 304 Bomb Wing,
A.P.O. 520, Italy

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740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO 520 U.S. ARMY

4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 455th Bombardment Group (H), APO 520.

Transmitted herewith is Missing Air Crew Report.

For the Squadron Commander:

Joe B Goodrich
JOE B. GOODRICH,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

4 Incls:
Incl -1- Missing Air Crew Report
Incl -2- Statement of Lt PROSSER
Incl -3- Statement of Lt POPEJOY
Incl -4- Sketch of Scene of Crash

1st Ind.

Hq., 455th Bomb Gp (H), AAF, APO 520, U.S. Army. 4 April 1944.

TO: Commanding General, 304th Bomb Wing (H), APO 520, U. S. Army.

Forwarded.

For the Group Commander:

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

4 Incls:
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360.33 C-DB-4 2nd Ind.
HQ, 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 6 Apr 44.
TO: CG, 15th AF, APO 520.

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1 Incl: MAC Rpt Lt Powers and Crew
w/3 incls (quad)