MACR 3471

DATE: 4/2/44 1100 U.S.A. MR 993

PLACE: Area Deutschlandsberg, 35 km SW. Graz

TYPE: Liberator
Markings: Triangle 72
743 (HS) Sqd; 455 Wing

BASE: Carignola A.P.O.520

TARGET: Hq. Airbase Zeltweg

2nd.Lt.	KOSNAR, Athe Huckaby	O-795425	.	EUS
~~2nd.Lt.~~	~~PARKER, William Charles, Jr~~	O-752355	.	EUS
S/Sgt.	SCHULZ, Elmer Conrad	35320472	.	EUS
S/Sgt.	MOORE, Wesley Eugene	37505738	.	EUS
Sgt.	DONLIN, Jack Edward	37137674	.	EUS
T/Sgt.	GOSLETT, Edward Benjamin	33351112	.	EUS
S/Sgt.	JOHNSON, Thomas Ewing	17161001	.	EUS
1st.Lt.	ERWINSON, Clyde F.	O-684263	missing	PDD
2nd.Lt.	RIGELOW, Robert C.	O-811520	dead	POW
	Hospital Voitsberg			
Sgt.	PETERSON, Alfred		missing	PDD

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Case 5855
See KSU 993 ✓

SD Case 4782
Lt. Rigelow written as died of wounds on 2 Apr 44

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3471

Name of crew member: BIGELOW, Robert E.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-811520
Position: [redacted] 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:

BEFORE TAKE OFF

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: NO

Source?

Any explanation of his date based in part or wholly on supposition: NO

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible;

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3471

Name of crew member: BIGELOW, Robert E.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-811520
Position: [redacted] Navigator

Did he bail out? I ~~don't know so~~ I think so

Where? Austria - Almost to Steyr

If not, why not? _____

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

Before take off

Was he injured? (?)

Where was he when last seen? Before take off is the last I saw him

Any heresay information: That he was safe

Source: Crew members

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I don't know

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10 or 11

Dates and destinations if possible; I don't know

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 3471

Name of crew member: BIGELOW, Robert E.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-811520
Position: [redacted]; Navigator

Did he bail out? According to C Pilot yes (?)

Where? Near Gratz somewhere

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? Don't know

Where was he when last seen? Don't Know

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible; (① March 2 1944 Beachhead near Roam)
(② March 7 1944 Air Field near Beachhead ③ March 17 1944 somewhere
near Vienna (④ March 29 1944 Bombed Air Field just ~~[redacted]~~ below Alps)
(⑤ March 24) (⑥ March 29 - Marshalling yards at Maribor Italy
(⑦ ?) (⑧ ?) ⑨ Shot down near ~~[redacted]~~ Styre or Gratz

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 3471

Name of crew member: BIGELOW, Robert E.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-811520
Position: ~~Pilot Co-Pilot Navigator Bombardier~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? UNKnown

Where?

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? UNKnown

Where was he when last seen?

Any heresay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible;

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 3471

Name of crew member: BRUMSON, Clyde P.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0-684263
Position: [redacted]; Pilot

Did he bail out? Not to My Knowledge

Where?

If not, why not? He was Keeping plane on Course AND Didnt Have time

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

Before take off

Was he injured? I Think He was Killed

Where was he when last seen? In Plane

Any hearsay information: Hearsay has it That He Blew up with the Ship - No one ~~saw~~ ~~Him~~ on the Crew saw him

Source: Crew

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

Total number of missions of above crew members: 10-or 11

Dates and destinations if possible; I Couldnt Say

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 3471

Name of crew member: BRUNSON, Clyde P.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0-684263
Position: [redacted]; Pilot

Did he bail out? I don't Know

Where?

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? Don't know. According to Co Pilot No.

Where was he when last seen? Flight Deck

Any heresay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible; ① (March 2nd 1944 Beachhead near Roam) ② (March 7th 1944 Air Field near Bethlead) ③ (March 17, 1944 somewhere near Veigna ④ (March 19 1944 Bombed air Field just below Celje ⑤ March 24 ? ⑥ March 29 Marshalling yards at Milan Italy. ⑦ ? ⑧ ? ⑨ Shot down over Styre Austria Between Styre & Graty

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 3472

Name of crew member: BRUNSON, Clyde P.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0-684263
Position: [redacted] Pilot

Did he bail out? UnKnown

Where?

If not, why not? Unknown

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

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Pilot Seat

Any heresay information: None

Source?

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible;

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3471

Name of crew member: BRUNSON, Clyde P.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: O-684263
Position: [redacted]: Pilot

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 TAKE OFF

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen?

Any heresay information: NO

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NO ONE THAT I TALKED TO SAW him AFTER The PLANE WENT down

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible;

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 3471

Name of crew member: MOLNAR, Atlas H.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-795425
Position: ~~Crew (Member) (Navigator) (Bombardier) (Engineer)~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR GRAZ, AUSTRIA

If not, why not? _____

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

BEFORE TAKE OFF

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? DULAG LUFT, FRANKFURT, GERMANY

Any heresay information: NO

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible; _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3471

Name of crew member: MOLNAR, Atlee H.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-795425
Position: [redacted]): Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Somewhere near Graz

If not, why not?

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

Before attacked

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Germ transit camp in Austria

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Just a hint and hond. (I think)
Can't remember weather I received a card
from him or not after I got home.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: ① (March 2 1944 Beachhead near Rome
② (March 7 1944 Air Field near Beachhead) ③ March 17 1944 somewhere
near Vienna) ④ (March 19 1944 Bombed Air Field just below Celje
⑤ (March 24 ?) March 29 (Marshalling yards at Meter Italy
(6 ?) (8 ?) ⑨ (Shot down) over Styr Austria
Between & Graz

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3471

Name of crew member: MOLNAR, Atlas H.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number:
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight~~ (Fighter): Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Unknown

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Dulag Luft Frankfurt Germany

Any heresay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible;

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3471

Name of crew member: MOLNAR, Atlas H.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-795425
Position: ~~Crew (Member) of Flight (Fighter)~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? yes

Where? over Austria Near Steyr

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He was telling us of German fighters Comming in Just before we were hit

Was he injured? (?)

Where was he when last seen? German Interrogation Center at Frankfurt

Any hearsay information: No

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Source: I saw him there

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: 10 or 11

Dates and destinations if possible; I Dont Know

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3471

Name of crew member: PETERSON, Alfred R.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 17175599
Position: ~~Crew (bomber) or Flight (fighter)~~: Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? I'm Not Sure

Where?

If not, why not? I THINK He was Hit

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

Before take off

Was he injured? I think He was Killed

Where was he when last seen? Before Take off is the last I saw of him

Any hearsay information: He was Blown out of the Ship By a 20 MM direct Hit

Source: Crew

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10 or 11

Dates and destinations if possible; I don't Know

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3471

Name of crew member: PETERSON, Alfred R.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 17175599
Position: [redacted]; Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? Don't know

Where?

If not, why not? Don't know

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

Was he injured? Don't know

Where was he when last seen? Don't know

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: ① March 2 1944 Beachheadnear Rome ② March 7 1944 Anzio Beachhead near Beachhead ③ March 17 1944 somewhere near Vienna ④ March 19 1944 Below Air Field just below Alps. (⑤ March 24 ?) ⑥ March 29 Marshalling yards at Milan near Italy (⑦ ?) (⑧ ?) (⑨ Shot down) Styre Austria or Between Styre & Gratz

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3471

Name of crew member: PETERSON, Alfred R.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 17175599
Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter)~~: Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where?

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen?

Any heresay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible;

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 3471

Name of crew member: PETERSON, Alfred R.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 17175599
Positions: (illegible): Radio Operator 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 TAKE OFF

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: NO

Source?

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible;

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 2 April 1944, 1100 a.m. CASUALTY NO. HR 902

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
PARKER	WILLIAM	CHARLES	2nd Lt.	0-752355	captured	Dulag Luft
NOLMAR	ATLAS	HUCKABY	2nd Lt.	0-795435	captured	Dulag Luft
SCHULZ	ELMER	CONRAD	S/Sgt	35320472	captured	Dulag Luft
6 September 1921 America						
HOOKE	WESLEY	EUGENE	S/Sgt	37506756	captured	Dulag Luft
3 April 1923 USA						
DONLIN	JACK	EDWARD	Sgt	37137674	captured	Dulag Luft
28 February San Francisco, Cal.						
GOBLETT	EDWARD	BENJAMIN	T/Sgt	33361112	captured	Dulag Luft
24 March 1921 Scranton, Pa.						
JOHNSON	THOMAS	EVERS	S/Sgt	17161091	captured	Dulag Luft
5 April 1924						
BIGELOW	HERBERT	C.			Wounded	Hospital

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REMARKS:

Dulag Luft; 18 April 1944, Wo.

MACR-No - 3471

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 2 April 1944, 1100 a.m. CASUALTY NO. [illegible] 993

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
PARKER WILLIAM CHARLES	2nd Lt.	0-752355	captured	Dulag Luft
MOLNAR ATLAS HUCKABY #	2nd Lt.	0-795425	captured	Dulag Luft
SCHULZ ELMER CONRAD 6 September 1921 America	S/Sgt	35320472	captured	Dulag Luft
MOORE WESLEY EUGENE 3 April 1923 USA	S/Sgt	37505738	captured	Dulag Luft
DONLIN JACK EDWARD 28 February San Francisco, Cal.	Sgt	37137674	captured	Dulag Luft
[illegible]SLETT EDWARD BENJAMIN [illegible] March 1921 Scranton, Pa.	T/Sgt	33351112	captured	Dulag Luft
JOHNSON THOMAS EWING .5 April 1924	S/Sgt	17161001	captured	Dulag Luft
BIGELOW ROBERT C.			Wounded	Hospital

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 18 April 1944, We.

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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:

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check only one column: Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	Woodlock, David J.	2nd Lt	0690533			X	
2.	Haney, Richard J.	Flt O	T122547			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.

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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.

Date of Report 3 Apr 44

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

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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 Field ; 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; Course 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 1130 ; and location 47° 15' N , 15° 5' E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio; ( ) Forced Down; (X) 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 42-52271
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R 1830-43; AAF Serial Number (a) 42-14980 (b) 42-14967 (c) CP-301080 (d) CP-30155
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: Browning 50 Cal Machine Gun M2s; (a) 1153026 (b) 1153104 (c) 1152889 (d) 1152992 (e) 1152369 (f) 1152550 (g) 1152699 (h) 1152891 (i) 1152817 (j) 1153242.
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.

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3.	Navigator	Bigelow, Robert E.	2d Lt.	0811520
4.	Bombardier	Parker, William C., Jr.	2d Lt.	0752355
5.	Radio Operator Gunner	Peterson, Alfred R.	S Sgt	17175599
6.	Engineer Gunner	Coslett, Edward B.	T Sgt	33351112
7.	Engineer Gunner	Johnson, Thomas E., Jr.	S Sgt	17161001
8.	Engineer Gunner	Schulz, Elmer C.	S Sgt	35320472
9.	Engineer Gunner	Donlin, Jack E.	S Sgt	37137671
10.	Armorer Gunner	Moore, Wesley E.	S Sgt	37505738

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Paul W. Neff
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~~DEAD~~	5. Radio Operator Gunner	Peterson, Alfred R.	S Sgt	17175599	
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RMC	9. Engineer Gunner	Donlin, Jack E.	S Sgt	31137674	RTD
RMC	10. Armorer Gunner	Moore, Wesley E.	S Sgt	37505738	RTD

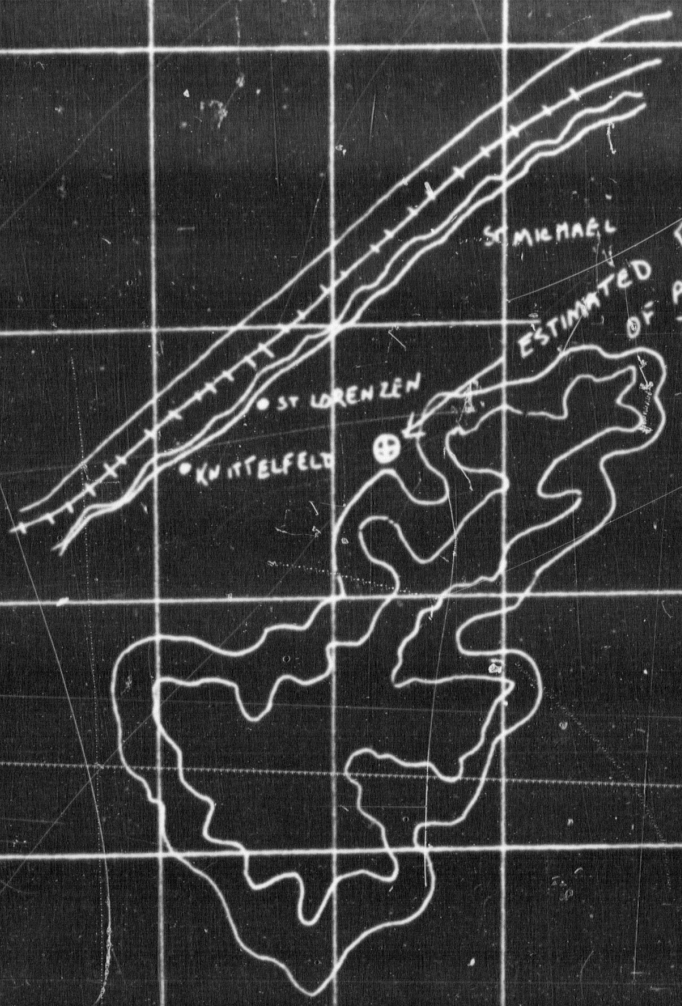
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SKETCH OF ESTIMATED POSITION OF CRASH OF AIRCRAFT B24 H # 42 52271



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SKETCH OF ESTIMATED POSITION OF CRASH OF AIRCRAFT B24 H # 42-52271



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1st Lt. Clyde P. Brunson	Mrs. Cora L. Brunson, (Mother) R. F. D. #2, Bryant, Indiana.
2nd Lt. Atlas H. Holmar	Mrs. Atlas H. Holmar, (Wife) Eufaula, Alabama.
2nd Lt. Robert E. Bigelow	Mrs. Frances E. Bigelow, (Wife) 908 Capital Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota.
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1st Lt. Clyde P. Brunson	Mrs. Cora L. Brunson, (Mother) R. F. D. #2, Bryant, Indiana.
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MACR 3471

KSU 993

Downing: Consolidated Liberator 32 area Deutschlandsberg, 35 km SW. Graz 4/2/44 Liberator

Name	: BRUNSON	Clyde P.	dead
Rank	: Lt		
ASN	: 0-684263		

KIA
SD case 5855

mac R 3471

DATE: 4/2/44 1100 U.S.A. MK 933
PLACE: Area Deutschlandsberg Fate unknown
35 km NW. Graz
TYPE: Liberator
TARGET: Eq. Air.District XVII

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name DONLIN, Jack E Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 37137674

2. Organization 465 Bomb Gp Commander ~~THAYER~~ COOL (full name) Rank ~~Maj~~ Col. Sqn CO THAYER (full name) Rank Maj

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

4. What was the mission, Steyr Austria target Ball Bearing Plant, target time, 11:10, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, ?, route flown

5. Where were you when you left formation? IN Ball turret

6. Did you bail out? yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". No Knowledge

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? —

12. What was their condition? —

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All members except Pilot Co Pilot AND Nose Gunner at Camp Lucky Strike LeHavre IN good condition

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 Thomas E. Johnson Jr. Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 17161001

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

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

4. What was the mission, 5Tyer Aust, target, _____, target time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? Right Waist Gun

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". E.C. Schulz Bailed out E.J. Coslet Bailed out – W.E. Moore Bailed out – Jack Dowling U.S.C. Parker Bailed out – A.H. Molnar Bailed out. No Knowledge of were or when. I saw all these men on the ground.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Un Known

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

11. Where were they in aircraft? Un Known

12. What was their condition? Un Known

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? C.P. Brunson A.R. Peterson R.E. Bigelow The last I saw of these men was before we got in our plane at our base in Italy. I was flying right waist and these men were all in the front of the plane.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Perry Corley was with me in prison camp. He was in 743 Sqd 455 Grp.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Wesley E. Moore Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 37505738

2. Organization 455th BG. Gp Commander (full name) COOL Rank LT. COL. Sqn CO (full name) THAYER Rank MAJOR

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

4. What was the mission, STYRE AUSTRIA, target, AIR CRAFT FACTORY, target time, _____, altitude, 20,000 FT. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR GRAZ TOTHE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

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". NEAR THE SAME PLACE I DID

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? _____

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. _____

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Elmer C. Schulz Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 35320472
455th Bomb Sq. 7th Bomb Gp.
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander Cool (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Thayer (full name) Rank Major
3. What year 1944 month April day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, Steyr, target time, ?, altitude, 22 Thousand route scheduled, ?, ?, route flown ?.
5. Where were you when you left 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". No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In the mountains
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) _____
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____
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QUALTY NO. [illegible] 933

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 2. April 1944 [illegible]

PLACE OF CRASH: 35km southwest of Graz

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air District Command XVII

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Unknown

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER:

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Fate of crew unknown

DULAG - Luft 3. July 1944 Wo.

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

3 April 1944

STATEMENT

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Incl 2 to Missing Air Crew Report.

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DAVID J. WOODLOCK
2nd Lt., Air Corps
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5) From Consolidated B2, crashed on 2 April 1944 in Breitenegg near Trimberg/Kaernten.

ASH 995 1 gummed case containing: 44 $ and 5 maps.

to 5) Has been sent to us later by police of St. Gertraud.

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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., Clyde P. Brunson and Crew.

For the Squadron Commander:

Paul W. Neff

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

4 Incl:
Incl 1 - MAC Rpt of Lt Brunson and Crew (quin)
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Incl 4 - Sketch of area (quin)

1st Ind. G-CAO-3

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

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

Forwarded.

For the Group Commander.

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

4 Incls: n/c

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(459) 360.33 C-DB-4 2nd Ind.
HQ, 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 5 Apr 44.
TO: CG, 15th AF, APO 520.

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H.G.W.

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

(6133) AG 360.33 3rd Ind.
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 8 April 1944. GP/HBN/m/ds

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

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BC #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.

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - (dup).

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

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H.G.W.

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HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 8 April 1944.

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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date 12 FEB 1946

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