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DATE: 5/24/44 1100 U.S.A. ME 1232

PLACE: near Frodersdorf

TYPE: Liberator

TARGET: Hq. Airbase
A (o) 3/XVII

Sgt.	WEST, William	33586619	.
F/O	ASH, Cecil Grant	T-123697	.
Sgt.	PINKOS, Ted. Theodore J	PDD 31053545	dead
S/Sgt.	PRYERL, Francis R	PDD 37427198	dead
Sgt.	LINK, Frederick W	PDD 31321936	dead
2nd.Lt.	ZOOK, Robert Brice	O-811167	missing, ~~dead ?~~ no
2nd.Lt.	WATERMANN, Henry	O-708231	.
S/Sgt.	USSERY, Vern Harold	38447427	. missing

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SD 5774

Date	Writer	Wrote About
4-19-46	Davenport	Linke
		Feyerl
		Pinkos

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 31 May 1944, 1100 a.m. CASUALTY NO. MR 1232

PLACE OF CRASH: at Frodersdorf

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Airfield Detachment A (o) 3/XVII

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
WEST WILLIAM 1915 Phila, Pa	Sgt.	33566619	captured	Dulag Luft
ASH CECIL GRANT	F/O	T-123697	captured	Dulag Luft
CASUALTY NO. MR 1232		1st Supplementary Report, dated 28 June 1944		
BOOK ROBERT BEECH	2nd Lt.	O-811167	captured	Dulag Luft
USSERY VERN HAROLD	S/Sgt	38447427	captured	Dulag Luft
CASUALTY NO. MR 1 232		2nd Supplementary Report, dated 11 July 1944		
WATERMAN SEYMOUR HENRY	2nd Lt.	O-702231	captured	Dulag Luft

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REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 17 June 1944, Ve.

KSU 1232

Downing: Liberator on 24 May 44

1. Name : LINK FREDERICK W. Friderik dead KIA
   ASN : 31321936 T 43-44 O

2. Name : PEYERL Francis R. dead KIA
   ASN : 37437193 T 43-43

3. 1 UNKNOWN DEAD

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see AE 1382

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9. Gunner Rositano, Joseph A. Sgt 32154811 Adele Rositano Mother RD
414 Bacon St., Utica, New York

10. Gunner 37[illegible], Link, Frederick W. Sgt 37321936 Bernice E Link, Mother
51 Pine St., So. Portland, Maine

11.

12.

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

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Saine, Jack D.	1st Lt	O-803282		X		
2. Scrimshaw, George W	1st Lt	O-668285			X	
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
(X) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
( ) Any other reason (specify) _____

13. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH; MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) No search

Date of this Report: 27 May 1944

Jos B Goodrich
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOE B. GOODRICH
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant

3 Incls:
Incl 1 - Statement of Lt. Saine
Incl 2 - Statement of Lt. Scrimshaw
Incl 3 - Sketch where Aircraft Last Seen

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Field, Italy Command or AF 15th
Group 455th Bomb Group (H) Squadron 740th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Field Course Direct
Target Ploesti Type of Mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Broken Clouds 6/10

4. GIVE: (a) Date 24 May 1944 Time 1013 Location 47° 50'N/16° 30'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)
( ) Enemy Aircraft (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft ( ) Other circumstances as follows:

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H AAF Serial No 42-52190

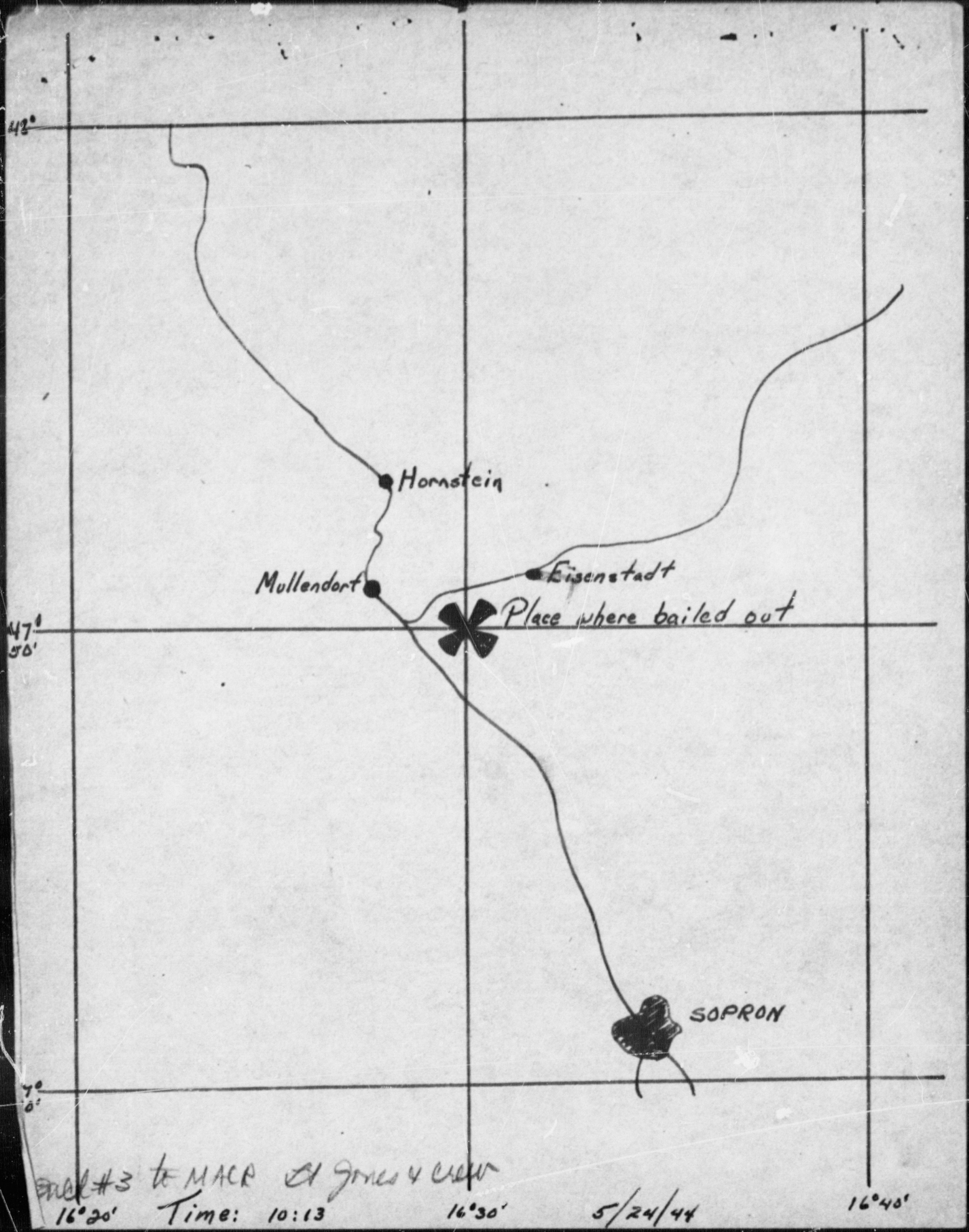
7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R 1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) 42-3463
(b) 42-3423 (c) CP 303098 (d) CP 303599

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) 1151513 Browning Cal. 50 M2 (b) 1152256 Browning Cal .50 M2
(c) 1151541 (d) 1152513
(e) 1150829 (f) 1151217
(g) 1152295 (h) 1152281

9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty ( ) Non-Battle Cas.

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers Total 10
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
RTD 1.	Pilot	Jones, Richard M.	2nd Lt	O-803631	Mr. Ira F. Jones, Father 302 Vance St., Lenoir, North Carolina
RTD 2.	Co-Pilot	Zook, Robert B.	2nd Lt	O-811167	Mrs. Elizabeth Zook, Mother 512 Howard Ave., Lancaster, Pennsylvania
RTD 3.	Navigator	Waterman, Seymour	2nd Lt	O-708231	Mrs. Anne Waterman, Wife 1646 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, California
RTD 4.	Bombardier	Ash, Cecil G.	F/O	T-12369	Mr. Cecil L. Ash, Father 450 North 1st West, Lehi, Utah
RTD 5.	Engineer	Ussery, Vern H.	S/Sgt	38447427	Hattie A. Ussery, Mother Route #1, Fort Smith, Arkansas
KIA 6.	Radio	Peyerl, Francis R.	S/Sgt	37437193	Mrs. Katherine Peyerl, Wife 1403 Logan St., Muscatine, Iowa
KIA 7.	Gunner	Pinkos, Theodore J	Sgt	31053515	Mary Bogucki, Mother Bee St., Meriden, Connecticut
RTD 8.	Gunner	West, William (NMI)	Sgt	33586619	Sarah R. West, Mother 37 West Broad St., Nanticoke, Pennsylvania



Time: 10:13

5/24/44

2nd Lt. Richard M. Jones RTD	Mr. Ira F. Jones, (Father) 302 Vance Street, Lenoir, North Carolina.
2nd Lt. Robert B. Zook RTD	Mrs. Elizabeth Zook, (Mother) 512 Howard Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
2nd Lt. Seymour Waterman RTD	Mrs. Anne K. Waterman, (Wife) 1046 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California.
F/O Cecil G. Ash RTD	Mr. Cecil L. Ash, (Father) 450 North First West, Lehi, Utah.
S/Sgt. Vern H. Ussery RTD	Mrs. Hattie A. Ussery, (Mother) Route One, Fort Smith, Arkansas.
S/SGT. Francis R. Peyerl KIA	Mrs. Katherine Peyerl, (Wife) 1403 Logan Street, Muscatine, Iowa.
Sgt. Theodore J. Pinkos KIA	Mrs. Mary Boguki, (Mother) Bee Street, Meriden, Connecticut.
Sgt. William West RTD	Mr. Llewellyn West, (Father) 37 West Broad Street, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.
Sgt. Joseph A. Rostiano RTD	Mrs. Adele C. Rositano, (Mother) 414 Bacon Street, Utica, New York.
37/ Sgt. Frederick W. Link KIA	Mrs. Bernice E. Link, (Mother) 51 Pine Street, South Portland, Maine.

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H.D. MAYER, NARS, SEPTEMBER 10, 1982.

CASUALTY NO. KSU-1232

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 24 May 1944

PLACE OF CRASH: unknown

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: unknown

REPORTING OFFICE: Airbase HQ A(O)1/XVII
Wiener-Neustadt
24 May 44

CREW

SURNAME, ABB ASH
FIRST NAME: Cecil G

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: F/O

SERIAL NUMBER: T 123697

CAPTURED: at Wampersdorf WOUNDED: DEAD:
Dist. Baden 1030 Hours
DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

[redacted].AF(6)

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740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of The Operations Officer

24 May 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness Description.

TO : Whom it may concern.

We had just dropped our bombs on Munchendorf A/D when I noticed the number six (6) ship of A-box peel out of formation, evidently hard hit by the heavy flak which was very accurate and intense. The ship seemed to dive very steeply, in a ninety degree turn to the right and then shallow the dive to a glide and several parachutes were seen to open below the aircraft. I managed to count five of them before I lost sight of the ship in the under cast. As near as I could see the men would come down approximately half way between Weiner Neustadt and Vienna. The ship was under control all the way.

Jack D. Saine

JACK D. SAINE,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Pilot.

Incl #1 to MACR 44 Jones & Crew

740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUAXRON (H) AAF
Office ofThe Operations Officer

24 May 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness Description.

TO : Whom it may concern.

At 1013 I was flying in A-box number four (4) position, ship 190 was flying on my left wing. A-box number six (6) position on the raid to Munchendorf, Austria. We were just about over the target and flak bursts were heavy and accurate in the center of our formation. Ship 190 was hit by flak before bombs were released, and it slid out of formation. Five (5) chutes were seen to open and ship began loosing altitude, went into a spin, crashed and burned. Sgt Queer my waist gunner believes he saw fire in the cockpit.

George W. Scrimshaw
GEORGE W. SCRIMSHAW,
1st Lt., Air Corps.
Pilot.

Exhibit #2 to MACR 1 Jones & Crew

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AG 360.33 3rd Ind. GP-hm/dhm
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 2 Jun 44.

TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534. Attn: Casualty Branch, AGD.

Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR #L-91, dated 28 May 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU, 28 May 1944.

(5129)

For the Commanding General:

Harold B. Neely
HAROLD B. NEELY,
Major, AGD,
Assistant AG.

1 Incl:
Incl 1 (dup).

Incl #5

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740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) G-JG-2
APO 520 U.S. ARMY

27 May 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

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

Transmitted herewith is Missing Air Crew Report of Lt. Jones and Crew, Missing in Action over Austria on 24 May 1944.

For the Squadron Commander:

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

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report,
(Lt. Jones and Crew)

1st Ind. G-CO-4

Hq. 455th Bomb Gp (H), APO 520. 27 May 1944.

TO: CG, 304th Bomb Wing(H), APO 520.

1. Forwarded.

2. Battle Casualty Report was forwarded to 15th Air Force 25 May 1944.

For the Group Commander:

1 Incl: MACR Lt. Jones & Crew with 3 Incls:

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

474 360.33 C-DB-8 2nd Ind.
HQ 304th BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 27 May 44.
TO: CG, XVAF, APO 520.

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1 Incl: n/c

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CASUALTY NO. KSU 1232

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 24 May 1944

PLACE OF CRASH: unknown

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: nknown

REPORTING OFFICE: Airbase HQ A(O)1/XVII
Wiener-Neustadt
24 May 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: WATERMAN David

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2/Lt

SERIAL NUMBER: O 690512 (number missing, statement of prisoner)

CAPTURED: in woods of Krieglach on 24 May 44 at 1235 Hours

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

CASUALTY NO. KSU-1232

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:		24 May 44 1100 Hours
PLACE OF CRASH:		Prodersdorf on Leitha
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:		4 mot. bomber
REPORTING OFFICE:	Airbase HQ A(O)7/XVII Markersdorf, St Poelten 30 May 44	Airbase HQ A(O)3/XVII HQ Airfield Goetzendorf 24 May 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: USSERY Vern H

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: S/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: 38[illegible]7427

CAPTURED: Prodersdorf on Leitha 1100 Hours WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

G-3324.A7/(6)

GP 9156

CASUALTY NO. KSU-1232

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:		24 May 44 1100 Hours
PLACE OF CRASH:		Prodersdorf on Leitha
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:		4 mot. bomber
REPORTING OFFICE:	Airbase HQ A(O)7/XVII Markersdorf (SW Poelten) 30 May 44	Airbase HQ A(O)3/XVII HQ Airfield Goetzendorf 24 May 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME:	WATERMAN Henry (Identity Card reads "Seymour")	WATERMAN Seymour H
DATE OF BIRTH:		
RANK:	Lieut	2/Lt
SERIAL NUMBER:	O-708231	O-708231

CAPTURED: Prodersdorf on Leitha WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

30 May 44 to Stalag Oneixendorf near Krems

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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GP 8/44

KEU 1232

(Below information in form of pencilled note)

Date: May 24, 1944 11,00 - 11,30 hrs.
Place: Near Frederesdorf
Type: Liberator 252190
Target: Air Base Hdq. A (e) 3/ XVII

S. MOSITANE, Joe	(Should be :	Sgt. MOSTIANO, Joe A.
S. WEST		Sgt. WEST, Wm.
Lt. BOWEN, Richard		JONES, Richard M.
Lt. SOOK, Robert		Lt. WATERMAN, Seymour H.
? WATERMAN		Sgt. USHERY, Verne E.)
? USHERY		

LINK, Fred W ✝
PETRELL, Francis ✝
Unknown ✝

(✝ indicates death. KE 1232 indicates that Unknown is Sgt. Pinkus, Theodore ASN. 31033515. ASN of Payroll: 37457193: LINK: 31321936. Buried Ober - Walteredorf Cemetery, May 26, 1944. See sketch in Original German Records.-)

Oberwalteredorf, District Rydom / Wien.

CASUALTY NO. KSU-1232

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 24 May 44 1100 Hours

PLACE OF CRASH: Prodersdorf on Leitha

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: 4 mot. bomber

REPORTING OFFICE: Airbase HQ A(O)3/XVII
HQ Airfield Goetzendorf
24 May 44

Airbase HQ A(O)7/XVII
Markersdorf (St Poelten)
30 May 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: ZOOK Robert B

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Lieut

SERIAL NUMBER: O-811167

CAPTURED: Prodersdorf on Leitha 1100 Hours

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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OT 8186

Airbase HQ (O)7/XVII
Markersdorf near St Pölten

(24 Jun 44)

Transportation List
of 3 American PWs transported on 24 Jun 44

	Name		Rank	Serial Number		
1	WATERMAN	Henry (Japanese #) A30 1238	1/Lt	0-708231	Stalag:	104257 (898)
2	GALLACHER	Joseph 1236	1/Lt	0-684862	"	104255 (884)
3	WOODSTUFF	Anthony 1237	Sgt	15322776	"	104255 (889)

(signed-illegible)
Maj & Airbase Off.

hours
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German Reports on Crashed American Aircraft

Date	Time	Place	Height
24 May 44	Approx 1100	--	6300 m.

Aircraft type	Identification markings	Serial No.
Liberator	USA	None

How Aircraft Landed — Airframe % Destroyed

Went on fire and it is believed to have crashed

Fate of the crewmembers

Unknown

Cause of loss

The a/c was one of a unit of 31 type Liberator attacking Neustadt WNF. The a/c was hit and the right inside engine went on fire. The a/c lost speed and was left behind the formation. The impression was that the a/c crashed.

Weather conditions: 5/10 cloud

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No. 5045

Name of crew member: PEYERL, Francis R.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 37437193
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight Chief (Fighter)~~ Radio Operator. (THIS MISSION HE WAS WAIST GUNNER).
Did he bail out? NO.

Where? _____

If not, why not? UNKNOWN.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE RECEIVED ORDER TO BAIL OUT APPROX 2 MIN BEFORE PLANE WENT INTO A SPIN.
Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? IN WAIST OF PLANE

Any hearsay information: ACCORDING TO SGT JOSEPH ROSITANO, BALL GUNNER, SGT PEYERL WAS DAZED AND NOT IN VERY GOOD COMMAND OF HIMSELF AFTER PLANE WAS HIT, BUT HE WAS STANDING UP AND WAS NOT BELIEVED TO BE WOUNDED.

Source: SGT JOSEPH ROSITANO, 44 BACON ST., UTICA, N.Y.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THE ONLY STATEMENT I CAN MAKE IS ENTIRELY SUPPOSITION. THIS WAS THE FIRST MISSION PEYERL HAD BEEN ON THAT THE SHIP WAS HIT AND HE WAS EITHER TOO DAZED TO KNOW WHAT TO DO OR WAS AFRAID TO BAIL OUT.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: BUCHAREST, TOULON, EITHER GRAZ OR TURNAL-SEVERIN, AND WIENER-NEUSTADT, ALL IN MAY 1944.

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File No. 5065

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: L I N K , Frederick W.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 31391936
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~ Gunner.

Did he bail out? NO.

Where? _____

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

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

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? IN THE WAIST

Any hearsay information: HE CAME OUT OF TAIL TURRET INTO WAIST AND ASKED BALL GUNNER "BAIL OUT?" BALL GUNNER SAID "YES" AND POINTED TO WAIST WINDOW. LINK MADE A MOTION WITH HIS HANDS SIGNIFYING "WAIT AWHILE".

Source: SGT JOSEPH ROSITANO, 84 BACON ST., UTICA N.Y. (BALL GUNNER)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SUPPOSITION: HE EVIDENTLY THOUGHT THE SHIP WAS GOING TO CONTINUE FLYING EVEN THOUGH THE ORDER TO BAIL OUT HAD BEEN GIVEN AND WHEN THE SHIP BEGAN TO SPIN WAS UNABLE TO REACH AN ESCAPE HATCH.

Total number of missions of his crew: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: BUCHAREST, TOULON, EITHER GRAZ OR TURNAL SEVERIN, AND WIENER NEUSTADT. ALL IN MAY 1944.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No 8045

Name of crew member: PINKOS, Theodore J.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 31083618
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Gunner.

Did he bail out? NO.

Where? _____

If not, why not? HE WAS WOUNDED AND I BELIEVE UNABLE TO BAIL OUT.

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

Was he injured? Yes.

Where was he when last seen? LYING IN THE FLOOR OF WAIST.

Any hearsay information: WHEN ORDER TO BAIL OUT WAS GIVEN, BALL GUNNER CAME OUT OF BALL AND SAW PINKOS LYING IN THE WAIST APPARENTLY UNCONSCIOUS. THERE WAS BLOOD ALL OVER THE SIDE OF PINKOS' HEAD AND HIS ARM WAS BENT UNDER HIM AS THOUGH BROKEN.

Source: SGT. JOSEPH ROLAND, 44 BACON ST. UTICA NY. (BALL GUNNER)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: IT IS MY OPINION THAT SGT PINKOS WAS WOUNDED BY FLAK WHEN THE SHIP WAS HIT AND LOST CONSCIOUSNESS. SGT ROLAND TRIED TO LIFT PINKOS AND GET HIM OUT THE WAIST WINDOW, BUT HE WAS TOO HEAVY TO LIFT AND I THINK PINKOS WENT DOWN WITH THE SHIP.

Total number of missions of above crew member: FOUR.

Dates and destinations if possible: BUCHAREST, TOULON, EITHER GRAZ OR TURNAL-SEVERIN AND WIENER NEUSTADT.

6-3861-AF

AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JONES, RICHARD M. Rank 1ST LT. Serial No. O-803631

2. Organization 455 Gp Commander (INITIALS UNKNOWN) COOL (full name) Rank BRIG GEN Sqn CO W.E. KEEFER (full name) Rank MAJOR

3. What year 1944 month MAY day 24 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, WIENER NEUSTADT, target time, APP. 1200, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, ——— , route flown ———

5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET

6. Did you bail out? YES.

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, SIX OTHERS.

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". SEE BACK.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? IN AUSTRIA NEAR WIENER NEUSTADT.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) TAIL GUNNER AND BOTH WAIST GUNNERS.

11. Where were they in aircraft? WAIST AND TAIL.

12. What was their condition? ONE WAIST GUNNER WOUNDED, OTHERS UNKNOWN.

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? LAST SAW ENGINEER: JUST BEFORE HE BAILED OUT. NOSE GUNNER: IN PW CAMP AT WETZLER GER. 23 MAY '44. BALL GUNNER, BOMBARDIER, NAVIGATOR AT CAMP LUCKY STRIKE LE HAVRE FRANCE, MAY '45. CO-PILOT SINCE RETURNING STATES.

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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8. 1 NOSE GUNNER - NOSE WHEEL DOOR - IMMEDIATELY AFTER BAIL-OUT ORDER.

2- BOMBARDIER - " " " - " " NOSE GUNNER.

3. NAVIGATOR - TOP ESCAPE HATCH - SHORTLY AFTER BAIL-OUT ORDER

4- CO-PILOT - BOMB BAY - " " NAVIGATOR

5- ENGINEER - " " - FOLLOWING CO-PILOT

6- PILOT - " " - APPROXIMATELY 1 MIN. AFTER BAIL-OUT ORDER WHEN SHIP STARTED TO SPIN.

7- BALL-GUNNER - WAIST WINDOW - AFTER SHIP HAD STARTED SPINNING MANAGED TO PULL HIMSELF OUT WAIST WINDOW. APP 1 MIN & 20 SEC AFTER BAIL OUT ORDER.

AFPIA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No. 5045

Name of crew member: LINK, Frederick W.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 31321936
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight (Fighter)~~ Gunner.

Did he bail out? Don't Know

Where? — Weiner Neustadt, Austria

If not, why not? Don't Know

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ~~Checked in the ball gun ok just before bomb-Run.~~

Was he injured? No - as far as known

Where was he when last seen? In ship

Any hearsay information: He came out first (tail) and ask if he was O.K. or not - was told yes - he agreed engage into fight with enemy and set our rule - We not seen to ask - they would not give.

Source: Lt. Konitam - bell gunner

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Had bad chance to leave ship any of the three - last shot out and bailed out - but was unable to leave ship after it went into spin - If he got out it would have been before.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Date and destination if possible: 24 May 44
Near target - Weiner Neustadt, Austria
about 2:30

6-3661-AF

AFPRA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No 5045

Name of crew member: PINKOS, Theodore J.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 31053515
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Gunner.

Did he bail out? Don't Know

Where? Weiner Neustadt, Austria

If not, why not? Don't Know - Probably was not hit hard.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: checked guns O.K. just before bomb run.

Was he injured? Yes, according to Rositano (radio)

Where was he when last seen? in ship

Any necessary information: Rositano said he had been hit in the head and was bleeding pretty bad. Pinkos said to Rositano - was unable to get him out - was unable to.

Source: Sgt. Rositano - ball - gunner

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: "He was still alive, reported Rositano & Pilot Jones, but his head was badly injured and I was unable to get him out & say before I went into spin."

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Date and destination if possible: 24 May 44
Weiner Neustadt, Austria about
1130

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Smith L. Jones Rank 2/Lt Serial No. T-123657

2. Organization 455 Gp Commander _____ Rank Col. Sqn CO _____, Asst Rank Major
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month May day 24 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, bombing, target, Weiner Neustadt, Austria, target time, 10:30, altitude, 20 000 route scheduled, — _____, route flown —

5. Where were you when you left formation? over target

6. Did you bail out? yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes, I saw four chutes

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". _____
I have seen the following men May 24, 1944 = Lt's Jones, Waitzman, Rankins, Hunt, Young — These chute's is all I can give information on, they are: Pilot - Lt. Link — Co Pilot.

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) _____
Don't Know — Lemmon told Jones, pilot, three bodies were in wreckage.

11. Where were they in aircraft? Don't Know

12. What was their condition? — —

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All but the three are now in U.S.A.
I checked on by radio phone — just before bomb run which Link, Pankow, and Siegel and I think Jones were O.K. — the time was about 10:00 24 May 44.

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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It is my opinion that these three fellows did not leave ship and that the German report was correct as given to pilot & me. All three fellows were known to have received the order to bail out. Positions report varies. After leaving the ship, I watched our aircraft fly on out of sight and I never saw it go into a spin as the pilot and tail gunner have stated. There was ample time for all crew members to clear ship, but I saw only ~~four~~ three other chutes. I know that one of those was Sgt. West whom I helped and of the nose turret and talked to before leaving ship myself.

Lieut. Usher
F/O A.C.
T-123697

AFPIA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No. 5045

Name of crew member: **P I N K O S , Theodore J.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **31053515**
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] **Gunner.**

Did he bail out? NO

Where?

If not, why not? SEVERELY INJURED

Last contact or conversation just prio to or at time of loss of plane: PERSON TO PERSON

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? LYING BY LEFT WAIST WINDOW

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: SEEN BY MYSELF

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: (7) SEVEN

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKOWN

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AFPFA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No. 5045

Name of crew member: P E Y E R L , Francis E.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 37437193
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Radio Operator.

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? INJURED

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

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? LEFT WAIST WINDOW

Any hearsay information: NONE

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_____

_____

Source: MYSELF

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: (7) SEVEN

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No. 5045

Name of crew member: L I N K , Frederick W.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 31321936
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Gunner.

Did he bail out? NO

Where?

If not, why not? TRAPED BY CENTRIFUGAL FORCE

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

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? BY REAR ESCAPE HATCH

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: MYSELF

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: (7) SEVEN

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

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AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ROBERTO [illegible] ANCHOY Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 2[illegible]

2. Organization 486 Gp Commander ? Rank ? Sqn CO ASH Rank MAG.
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1945 month MAY day 24 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, DAYLIGHT, target, [illegible], target time, ?, altitude, 18,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? [illegible]

6. Did you bail out? YES

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES

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

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Outskirts of Ost[illegible]

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) FRANCIS Y. PETREL FREDERICK W. LINK MELVOUS A. PITTOS

11. Where were they in aircraft? WAIST SECTION

12. What was their condition? PETREL injured PITTOS injured LINK O.K.

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

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No. 5045

Name of crew member: PEYERL, Francis R.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 37437193
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ Radio Operator.

Did he bail out? NO

Where? Austria,

If not, why not? DAZED FROM WOUND IN HEAD

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: JUST BEFORE GOING ON I.P.

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? AT THE GUNS IN WAIST

Any hearsay information: BALL GUNNER SAID HE TOLD HIM TO JUMP BUT HE WAS DAZED AND DIDN'T HEAR HIM, HE TRIED TO HELP HIM BUT IT WAS TOO LATE THE PLANE WAS AIREADY GOING IN A SPIN. HE JUST MADE IT HIMSELF.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: GERMANS TOLD ME HE WAS DEAD WHEN THEY FOUND PLANE, IT WAS BURNING AFTER EXPLODING.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 39

Dates and destinations if possible: DO NOT REMEMBER

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AFPHA-11

File No. 6045

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: L I N K , Frederick W.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 31321936
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of Flight (Fighter)~~ Gunner.

Did he bail out? NO

Where? Austria

If not, why not? NO KNOWLAGE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: JUST BEFORE TARGET HE CALLED FIGHTER HE THOUGHT HE SAW N

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? ON TAKEOFF

Any heresay information: BALLGUNNER SAID HE WAS TOO LATE GETTING OUT OF TURRET

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: GERMANS SAID THEY FOUND HIM IN WRECK OF PLANE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 30

Dates and destinations if possible: no knoghe

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ATPIA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File No. 5045

Name of crew member: P I N K O S , Theodore J.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 31055515
Position: Crew (Bomber) Gunner.

Did he bail out? NO

Where? Austria

If not, why not? WAS SHOT UP BAD & OULN'T MOVE. HEAD AND ARM

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

Was he injured? YES BAD

Where was he when last seen? ON TAKE OFF

Any hearsay information: BALL GUNNER SAID HE WAS HIT IN HEAD AND ARMS . HE WAS IN A COMA AND HE WAS DIEING, TRIED TO PUT CHUTE ON HIM AND PUT HIM OUT BUTHE HE WAS GONE TO FAR AND PLANE WAS SHIMMING. EXCAPE HATCH WAS JAMMED SO HE COULD'T PUT HIM OUT.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: GERMANS SAID THEY INDENTIFIED TWO OF THE MEMBERS. LINK. AND PEXERL THEY COULIN'T TELL WHO THE OTHER WAS, IT WAS PINKOS THERE WAS NOBODY ELSE THERE.

Total number of missions of this crew member: 39

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

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AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WILLIAM WEST Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 35866[illegible]9

2. Organization 15 A.C. Gp Commander _____ (full name) Rank ____ Sqn CO _____ (full name) Rank _____

3. What year 1945 month MAY day 24 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, AUSTRIA , target, AIR FIELD , target time, 2400 , altitude, 30 thousand ft. route scheduled, _____ C , route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET

6. Did you bail out? YES

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES ALL BUT THREE

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". NAV. BAILED OUT OF TOP EXCAPE HATCH IN PILOTS COMPARTMENT, PILOT, ENGINEER, CO PILOT, went OUT OF BOMBAY. BALLGUNNER WENT OUT OF WAIST WINDOW. BOMB. AND MYSELF FROM NOSE

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? OF THE TARGET ABOUT FOUR MILES

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) FRANCIS PEYERL, THEODORE J. PINKOS, AND FREDRICK LINK

11. Where were they in aircraft? WAIST

12. What was their condition? BAD

13. When, where, and what condition did you last see any members not already described above? BOMBARDIER JUST BEFORE HE BAILED OUT. CONDITION WAS FAIR FROM WHAT I SEEN? HE WAS ON HIS WAY OUT WHEN I SAW HIM.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. SAW NO ONE BUT BOMBERDEIR UNTIL I HIT GROUND THEN SAW CO PILOT AND BALL GUNNER WHO WAS BEAT UP PRETTY BAD BY THE GERMANS.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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HEADQUARTERS
Army Air Forces Pilot School (ATE)
Turner Field, Albany, Georgia

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Bldg.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

a. Name of casualty Francis R. Bayerl.

b. Rank S/Sgt. Crew position Left Waist Gunner

d. Date last seen 24 May, 1944. Place last seen Wiener-Neustadt, Austria.

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Aircraft was damaged by flak and went into a spin.

g. Known information (eye witness only)
Ball-Gunner reported above man still in ship when he left it. He was last man out of ship to the best of my knowledge.

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
None.

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving information requested above.)

2nd Lt. Richard M. Jones.
Rank and name of reporter

O-803631, 740 Sq., 455th Bomb Gp.
ASN Unit

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HEADQUARTERS
Army Air Forces Pilot School (ATE)
Turner Field, Albany, Georgia

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Bldg.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

a. Name of casualty Frederic W. Link.

b. Rank Sgt. . Crew position Tail-Gunner.

d. Date last seen 24 May 1945. Place last seen Wiener-Neustadt, Austria

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Aircraft was damaged by flak and went into spin.

g. Known information (eye witness only)
Ball-Gunner reported above man still in ship when he left it. He was last man out of ship to the best of my knowledge.

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
None.

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving information requested above.)

2ND LT. Richard M. Jones.
Rank and name of reporter

O-803631 740 Sq. 455th Bomb Gp.
ASN Unit

Missing Air Crew Report No. 5045

Date 24 May '44 Theatre ETO

Involves

JONES Richard M.

~~2nd~~ 1ST Lt., AC 0-803631

G-19384

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Missing Air Crew Report No. 5045

Date _____ Theatre _____

Involves

ASH Cecil G.

F/O T-123697

G-19217

5-3048,A

WAR DEPARTMENT
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Form No. 89
Approved Feb. 16, 1940

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

....., ..., 19....
(Station) (Date)

Receipt for Funds—Proceeds of Sale of Property—Deceased Soldiers

RECEIVED of .....

the sum of ..... dollars and ..... cents.

These funds pertain to the property of .....

Rank ....., Co. ....., ... Reg't ....., deceased, as follows:

CREDIT: MR 218920 P. E. D. S. F. Y. .....

....
(Name) (Date of death)

Cash in soldier's possession ..... $.....

Cash from sale of effects ....

TOTAL ..... $.....

$.....

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STUB.—To be retained by Disbursing Officer receiving the deposit (AR 601–550)

16—12234

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Jones	POW	172089
Zook	POW	202111
Waterman	POW	196076
Ash	POW	185097
Ussery	POW	202111
West	POW	186078 ~~172089~~
Rositano	POW	172089