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File No. 6774

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BRIGALLI , Carmie J.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial Number: 31[illegible]717
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~ Aerial Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Yugoslavia

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? He reached his outfit 35 days later with entire crew.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He reached his outfit allright and is back in the United States Now.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Shot down on 16th

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FISHER, Joseph E.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32672608
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Radio Operator - Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Yugoslavia

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? He reached the outfit 35 days later

Any hearsay information: with entire crew.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He reached his outfit allright and is back in the United States now and has his discharge.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Shot down on 47th

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JOHNSON, William O.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-704218
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~ Bombardier

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Yugoslavia

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? ~~He reached the outfit 35 days later~~ with entire crew.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He reached his outfit allright and is back in the United States now and has his discharge.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Shot down on 16th

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: VEECH, Earl J.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-703017
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Yougoslavia

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Don't remember

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? He reached the outfit 35 days later with entire crew.

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He reached his outfit alright and is back in the United States now.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Shot down on 16th

Dates and destinations if possible:

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9. Armorer-Gunner Wright, Earl T. S/Sgt 14027120 Mae A. Wright, (Mother) RTD
RFD # 1, New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

10. Aerial Gunner Brigalli, Carmic J. Sgt 31317117 Annie Brigalli, (Mother)
13 Pelmso Sq., Millinocket, Maine.

11.

12.

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR* CARFT 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. ROBERT L. BAKER, JR.	2nd Lt.	0-691213		X		
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6						

12. If PERSONNEL AREBELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
( ) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
(X) Any other reason (Specify): No chutes were seen as plane was under control when last sighted .

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 made as plane was last sighted over enemy territory.

Date of this Report: _____

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOHN F. DAVIS,
Capt. Air Corps,
Personnel Adjutant.

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Sketch of Area (orig & 1 cy)
Incl 2 - Statement of 2nd Lt. BAKER JR (orig & 1 cy)



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Classification changed to RESTRICTED by E. A. [illegible], Lt. Col., AC by F. M. McENCH, Capt., AC Date [illegible]

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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. Command or AF 15th AAF. Group: 455th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron: 741st Bomb Sq.

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure: San Giovanni. Course: Direct. Target: Vienna Austria. Type of Mission: Operational.

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Low Scattered Clouds, 3/10 Cumulus at 4000 feet.

4. GIVE: (a) Date: 16 June 1944, Time 1048. Location: 48°10'N--16°20' E. of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify Whether: (X) Last Sighted ( ) Last Contacted by Radio
( ) Forced Down ( ) Seen to Crash; or
( ) Information not available.

5. AIRCRAFT WASLOST OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
( ) Enemy Aircraft ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft (X) Other Circumstances as follows: Cause unknown

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series: B-24-H AAF Serial No: 42-52216

7. ENGINES : Type, Model & Series: R-1830-43 AAF Serial No. (a) 42-60970
(b) CP-302881 (c) CP 306760 (d) CP-301632

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) 1152439 (b) 1152426
(c) 1150551 (d) 1151633
(e) 1151067 (f) 11522112
(g) 1152500 (h) 1152602
(i) 1152464 (j) 1152273
.50 Cal. Browning Machine Guns--M2s

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

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers: None Total-10
(Starting with "pilot" furnish the following particulars: If more than 12 persons 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	SNIDER, HARLEY D.	2nd Lt.	0-1703138	[illegible] O.L. Rampenthal (Mother) RFD# 10, Dayton, Ohio
RTD 2.	Co-pilot	DURANT, ANTHONY P.	2nd Lt.	0-819504	Robert L. Durant (Father) 1264 E. Main St., Bridgeport, Conn.
3.	Navigator	VINCE, EARL J.	2nd Lt.	0-703017	Mrs. Ulander Vince(Mother) 228 N. Robertson St. New Orleans, Louisana.
4.	Bombardier	JOHNSON, WILLIAM G.	2nd Lt.	0-704213	Laverne M. Johnson(Wife) Belfield, North Dakota.
~~5.~~	Radio-Op-Gunr	Fisher, Joseph E.	S/Sgt	32672908	Sarah Fisher,(Mother) 141 Glenwood Ave. Buffalo, New York.
6.	Radio-Op-Gunr	Van Sickle, John T.	S/Sgt	35631899	Lala Van Sickle(Mother) RR#2, Somerset, Ohio
RTD 7.	Ap-Mech-Gunner	Murchison, Harold A.	Sgt	34606765	Beulah M. Murchison, (Mother) 900 Elwell Ave, Greensboro No. Carolina
8.	Ap-Mech Gunner	Richardson, Robert J.	S/Sgt	34624241	Laura Mae W. Richardson (Mother) Rt #3, Louisville, Mississippi

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Incl #1

(See Reverse Side)

16°10' 16°20'E

VIENNA

TARGET →

Heading 240°

X
LAST OBSERVED

Incl to MACR 14 Snider + Crew

2nd Lieutenant Anthony P. Dyrek ✓

Mr. Joseph A. Dyrek, (brother)
3242 West 56th Place,
Chicago, Illinois.

2nd Lieutenant William A. Schorle ✓

Mrs. Lorraine B. Schorle, (wife)
Mitchell, South Dakota.

2nd Lieutenant Harley B. Bubler ✓

Mrs. Daisy F. Langenthal, (mother)
Rural Route #1,
Ingham, Ohio.

2nd Lieutenant Karl J. Vlasa ✓

Mrs. Wanda Vlasa, (mother)
238 North Robertson Street,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

S/Sergeant Joseph L. Fisher ✓

Mrs. Sarah L. Fisher, (mother)
141 Glenwood,
Buffalo, New York.

S/Sergeant Robert J. Richardson ✓

Mrs. Anna L. Richardson, (wife)
Rural Free Delivery Number Three,
Louisville, Mississippi.

S/Sergeant John J. Van Sickle ✓

Mrs. Edith J. Van Sickle, (mother)
Rural Route Number Two,
Hampton, Ohio.

S/Sergeant Earl T. Wright

Mrs. Mary F. Wright, (wife) Wrong
Rural Free Delivery Route
Blue Volcano,
Lake Hopkins, Massachusetts.

Sergeant Harold J. Brigilla ✓

Mrs. Annie Brigilla, (mother)
19 Palace Square,
Millinocket, Maine.

Sergeant Harold A. Hawkins ✓

Mrs. Beulah M. Hawkins, (mother)
900 Kivett Avenue,
Greensboro, North Carolina.

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2nd Lieutenant Anthony F. Durant	Mr. Joseph J. Durant, (brother) 1264 East Main Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
2nd Lieutenant William S. Johnson	Mrs. Laverne H. Johnson, (wife) Belfield, North Dakota.
2nd Lieutenant Harley D. Snider	Mrs. Daisy J. Rampenthal, (mother) Rural Route #10, Dayton, Ohio.
2nd Lieutenant Earl J. Vinso	Mrs. Olander Vinso, (mother) 128 North Robertson Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.
S/Sergeant Joseph R. Fisher	Mrs. [illegible] H. Fisher, (mother) 141 Glenwood, Buffalo, New York.
S/Sergeant Robert J. Richardson	Mrs. Anna M. Richardson, (wife) Rural Free Delivery Number Three, Louisville, Mississippi.
S/Sergeant John T. Van Sickle	Mrs. Lelia A. Van Sickle, (mother) Rural Route Number Two, Somerset, Ohio.
S/Sergeant Earl T. Wright	Mrs. Mary J. Wright, (wife) Rural Free Delivery Number Nine Waterlane, East Hampton, Massachusetts.
Sergeant Carmie J. Brigalli	Mrs. Annie Brigalli, (mother) 13 Pelham Square, Millinocket, Maine.
Sergeant Harold A. Murchison	Mrs. Beulah H. Murchison, (mother) 900 Elwell Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

MACR 5174

1. Your name ANTHONY P. DURANT Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-819504

2. Organization 455th BG Gp Commander Col. Cool (full name) Rank ___ Sqn CO _____ (full name) Rank _____

3. What year 1944 month June day 16th did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Raid on Vienna, Austria, target, _____, target time, _____, altitude, 21,000 Ft. route scheduled, Over Yugoslavia, route flown Sama

5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Vienna

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes

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

All crew members (10 crew members) bailed out and 36 (thirty-six) days later we were all picked up and flown out of Yugoslavia by a British rescue team flying C-47s. We all got back safely.

9. Where [illegible] aircraft strike the ground? _____

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None

11. Where were they in aircraft? _____

12. What was their condition? _____

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

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Robert J. Richardson Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 34624241

2. Organization 455 Gp Commander Cool (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Langford (full name) Rank Major

3. What year 1944 month June day 14th did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Veinna, Aust., target, Don't Remember, target time, Approx. 11:00 am, altitude, Approx. 20,000' route scheduled, Don't know, route flown Don't know.

5. Where were you when you left formation? Somewhere near Veinna

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes all of crew bailed out.

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 members of crew bailed out at the same time.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? on a mountian side near where we bailed out.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None.

11. Where were they in aircraft?

12. What was their condition?

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

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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741st Bombardment Squadron (H)
455th Bombardment Group (H)AAF
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"On the operational mission flown on 16 June 44, Plane 216, piloted by 2nd Lt Snider, was in my flight, to my right and above me.

Just prior to 'bombs away' at 1049, the lead plane in our flight recieved a direct hit on its nose. The five (5) planes remaining in our flight then scattered to avoid possible interference with, or from, the hit plane.

We then made our bomb run. Immediately after 'bombs away', four (4) of the five (5) planes rallied to the left. One (1) plane, which I believe to have been No. 216, continued straight onward instead of rallying to the left.

Its Bomb Bay Doors were open. All its motors were running, and, so far as I could see, the plane was in no apparent trouble.

I lost the plane on turning left.

Robert L. Baker Jr.

ROBERT L. BAKER JR.,0-691213,
[redacted]
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

Incl 2 to MACK Lt SNIDER + CREW