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DATE: 16 Jun. 1944, 10.30 h.
PLACE: Himberg, near Wienna
TYPE: Liberator
UNIT: 741 BB. Sqd., 455 Gr.
304 Wing
TARGET: Air Base A(o) 4/XVII
AIR BASE: South west Cerignola

| RANK | NAME | U.S.A. | NO | ME 1467 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Lt. | SUTHRA Allen Edward | | 0-691311 . | |
| 1st Lt. | MC WILLIAMS Robert Carry | | 0-736880 . | |
| T/Sgt. | DRAPER William Eugene Jr. | | 34404385. | |
| 1st Lt. | WURTZ Stephan H. | | 0-685914 missing | |
| S/Sgt. | GROSS Hugo R | | 32.669776 dead KIA? | |

The other Crew Members are unknown

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ARMY AIR FORCES PERSONNEL DISTRIBUTION COMMAND

CASUALTY INTERROGATION REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH IN ACTION OR DURING IMPRISONMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED:

Date of Interrogation 5 October 1945

FULL NAME OF DECEASED KLEIN, Emanuel (NMI) S/Sgt. Left Waist Gunner
Last First Initial Rank Position

HOME TOWN OR STATE New York, N.Y.

UNIT 455th Bomb Group, 741st Bomb Squadron

DATE OF MISSION 16 June 1944 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT B-24

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH Vienna, Austria

KNOWN INFORMATION: "We were returning from the above mentioned mission, after bombs away, when a direct hit was made on the nose of the plane a B-24, on which I was Engineer. Due to the hit our interphone system was dead and I noticed the co-pilot bailing out and I immediately followed. The only time I saw Sgt. Klein was at the time we boarded the plane to take off on the mission. While parachuting to earth I noticed that the plane was in a steep dive, and it is my conclusive opinion that Sgt. Klein met his death when the plane crashed and burst into flames. This happened in the vicinity of Vienna, Austria. In talking with the other two surviving members of the crew, they also were of the opinion that the crew members in the tail of the ship undoubtedly met their death.

HEARSAY INFORMATION: I was interrogated by German Intelligence and they told me they had located the plane but made no mention whatsoever as to any personnel who met their death. I can well remember after the other members of the crew got together that it was our opinion that it would be impossible for anyone to bail out at the speed the plane was travelling while in a dive.

Peter P Kelly Jr
Interrogation Officer
PETER P. KELLY, JR.
Post Intelligence Officer.

T-Sgt. Lillian B. Draper Jr. 34404385
Source's Name & ASN

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Jacksonville, Florida.
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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ASHLEY , Frank A.
Rank: S/sgt
Serial number: 35369411
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Fighter~~: Engineer-Gunner

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: ~~None,~~ ~~interphone~~ communication system was completely inoperative for twenty minutes before we sustained the fatal damage from flak.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Home Base in Italy

Any hearsay information: None

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Source:

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: ~~Unknown~~

Dates and destinations if possible:

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GROSS , Hugo R.
Rank: T/Sgt
Serial number: 32669776
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted]): Radio Operator-Gunner

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: None, inter-phone communication system was completely inoperative for twenty minutes before we sustained the fatal damage from flak.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Last seen at Home Base in Italy

Any hearsay information: One of the fatal flak bursts hit us squarely in the nose section, exactly what part of the nose section was hit I am unable to say because a parachute was blown out of the nose section and draped across our cock-pit wind-shield and windows so we had no forward or side vision whatever. Judging from the rush of air that followed the burst in the nose the damage there must have been considerable.

Source: My own conjecture

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

See above

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: ---

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KAMPA , Bernard W.
Rank: S/sgt
Serial number: 37461572
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxRidgbxx(Ridgbxx)~~: Armorer-Gunner

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: None, interphone communication system was completely inoperative for twenty minutes before we sustained the fatal damage from flak.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Home Base in Italy

Any hearsay information: None

Source: ---

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: ---

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KLEIN , Emanuel
Rank: S/sgt
Serial number: 32444200
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Armorer-Gunner

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: None, inter-phone communication system was completely inoperative for twenty minutes before we sustained the fatal damage from flak.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Home Base in Italy

Any hearsay information: None

Source: ---

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: ---

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LOERCHER , Charles H.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: O-747597
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Fighter~~: Bombardier

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: None, interphone communication system was completely inoperative for twenty minutes before we sustained the fatal damage from flak.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Last seen at Home Base in Italy

Any hearsay information: One of the fatal flak bursts hit us squarely in the nose section, exactly what part of the nose section was hit I am unable to say because a parachute was blown out of the nose section and draped across our cock-pit windsheild and windows so we had no forward or side vision whatever. Judging from the rush of air that followed the burst in the nose the damage there must have been considerable.

Source: My own conjecture

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

See above

Total number of missions of above crew member: Uknown

Dates and destinations if possible: ---------

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: NEWMAN , William J:
Rank: S/sgt
Serial number: 34494385
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~ Radio Operator-Gunner

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: None, interphone communication system was completely inoperative for twenty minutes before we ~~sustained the fatal damage from flak.~~

Was he injured? ~~Urknown~~

Where was he when last seen? Home Base in Italy

Any hearsay information: ~~None~~

Source: ~~None~~

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: ---

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WURTZ , Nelson A.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: O-682937
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: 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: Just after the fatal flak burst that we sustained, Wurtz looked at me and with his right arm he motioned for me to leave the ship via the bomb-bays.

Was he injured? As he motioned for me to get out I was convinced he was not injured

Where was he when last seen? The pilots seat ~~xxxxx~~ of the airplane

Any hearsay information: None

Source: ----------

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Wholly upon supposition he must have been injured and it was not apparent when he motioned for me to get out. I am of the opionion that at that moment he himself probably was not aware that he had been injured, if he had been injured.

Total number of missions of above crew member: He was on his 44 mission

Dates and destinations if possible: ***** -------

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|---|---|
| Date and Time Aircraft was shot down | 16 June 44 - 1030 |
| Place of Crash | near Himberg near Vienna |
| Type of Plane | Liberator |
| Reporting Office | Airbase HQ A (o) 4/XVII |

| NAME | | RANK | SERIAL NO | CAPTURED WOUNDED DEAD | PLACE OF INTERNMENT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SUTERA<br>29 Nov 17 | Allen Edward<br>USA | 1st Lt | O-691311 | captured | Dulag-Luft |
| McWILLIAMS | Jr. Robert Curry | 1st Lt | O-736880 | " | " |
| DRAPER<br>22 May 21 | William Eugene Jr. | T/Sgt | 34404385 | " | " |

Dulag-Luft, 3 July 44 He.

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9. Armorer Gunner Klein, [redacted] Emanuel (NMI) S/Sgt 32444200 Sara Klein (Mother) 372 E. 8th St. New York City, New York

10. Armorer-Gunner Kampa, Bernard W. S/Sgt 37461572 Amanda Kampa (Mother) Rt. 2, Sherman, South Dakota.

11. _____

12. _____

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR* CRAFT AND CHECK APPORPRIATE (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. PAUL A. YOUNG | 2nd Lt. | 0-669257 | | X | | |
| 2. Arthur C. Applin | S/Sgt. | 16115327 | | X | | |

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: MAY, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCIPTION 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--Plane landed in Enemy Territory.

Date of this Report: _____

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

3 Incls:
Incl 1 - Sketch of Area(sex)
Incl 2 - Statement of 2nd Lt. YOUNG (sex)
Incl 3 - Statement of S/Sgt. Applin (sex)

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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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. 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: 1049. 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 WAS LOST OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
( ) Enemy Aircraft (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft ( ) Other cirdumstances as follows: _____

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series: B-24-G AAF Serial No: 42-78099

7. ENGINES : Type, Model & Series: R-1830-43 AAF Serial No:(a) 42-64152
(b) BP-429723 (c) 42-64067 (d) 42-64002

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)

| | |
|---|---|
| (a) 1152388 | (b) 1152618 |
| (c) 391622 | (d) 369398 |
| (e) 369042 | (f) 362055 |
| (g) 989778 | (h) 989133 |
| (i) 463287 | (j) 460396 |

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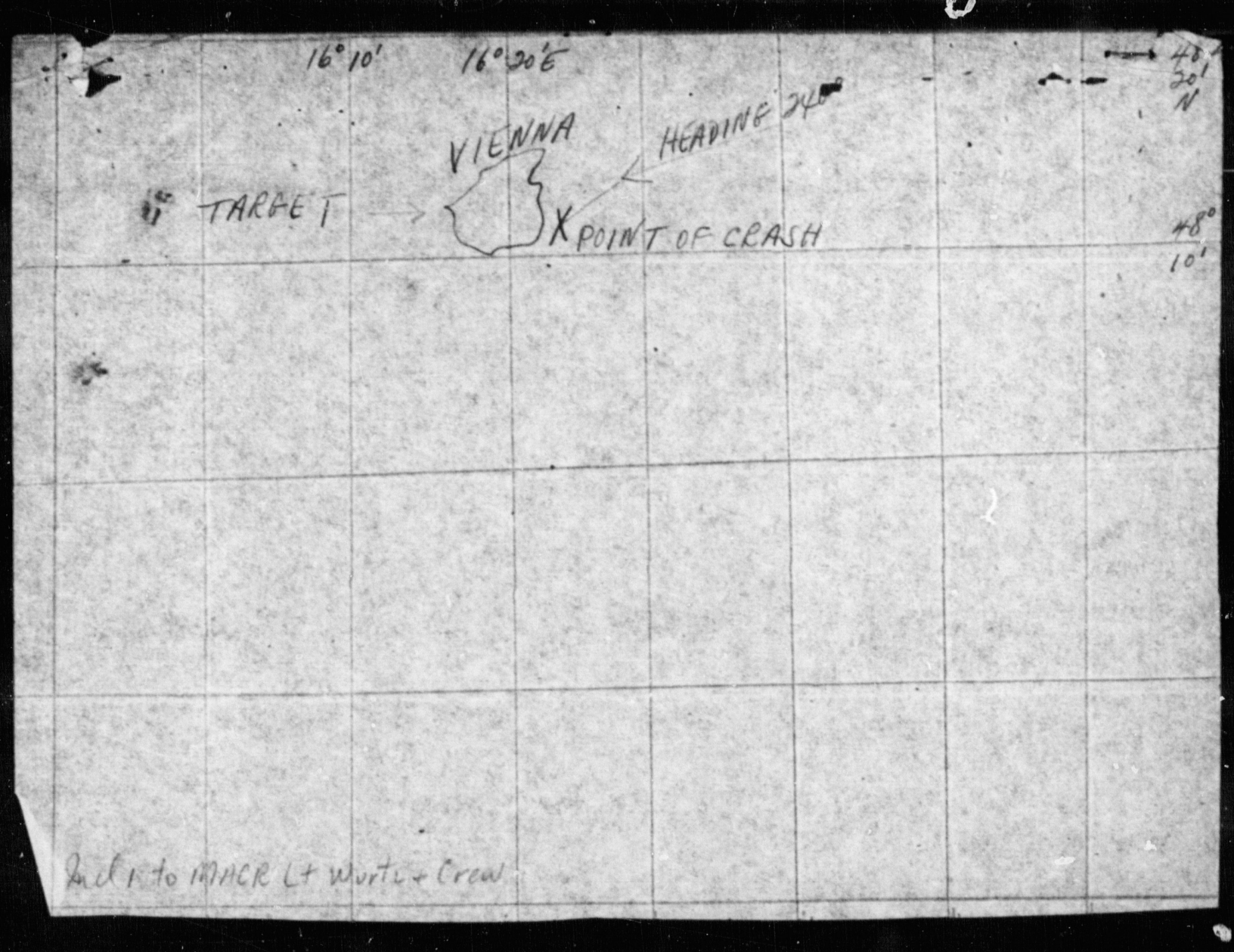
9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty ( ) Non-Battle Cas.

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 passengers: None Total 10
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars: if more than 12 persons 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| KIA | 1. PILOT | WURTZ, NELSON A. | 1st Lt. | 0-682937 | Murs. Minnie Wurtz, (Mother) 4953 Columbia Ave. St. Louis MO. |
| RTD | 2. Co-Pilot | SUTERA, ALLEN E. | 1st Lt. | 0-691311 | Mrs. Evelyn Sutera (Wife) 223 N. Yale, Vermillion South Dakota |
| RTD | 3. Navigator | McWILLIAMS, Robert C. JR. | 1st Lt. | 0-736880 | Mrs. Margaret E. McWilliams(Wife)1223 W.Matthewes, Jonesboro Jr. Arkansas |
| KIA | 4. Bombardier | LOERCHER, CHARLES H. | 1st Lt. | 0-747597 | Mrs.Charles H. Loercher, (Wife) 10 So. Spruce St., Lititz, Pa. |
| KIA | 5. Radio-Op-Gunr | Gross, Hugo R. | T/Sgt | 32669776 | Mrs. Adeline Gross (Mother) 21 Bigelow St. Cheektowaga, NY. |
| KIA | 6. Radio-Op-Gunr | Newman, William J. | S/Sgt | 12158921 | Samuel Newman (Father) 1370 E. 8th St. New York City, New York. |
| RTD | 7. Engineer-Gunr | Draper Jr. William E. | T/Sgt | 34404385 | William E. Draper Sr. (Father) 2579 Dellwood Ave. Jacksonville, Fla. |
| KIA | Engineer-Gunr | Ashley, Frank A. | S/Sgt. | 35369411 | Irene F. Ashley (Mother) 1401 E. Washington St. Frankfort Indiana. |

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Incl 1 to MACR Lt Wurtz + Crew

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|---|---|
| S/Sgt Emanuel Klein<br>32444200 | Mrs. Sarah Klein, (Mother)<br>372 East Eighth Street,<br>New York, New York. |
| S/Sgt Frank A. Ashley<br>35369411 | Mrs. Irene F. Ashley (Mother)<br>1401 East Washington Street,<br>Frankfort, Indiana. |
| T/Sgt William E. Draper, Jr.<br>1070 AAFBU 34 Black 3 Co<br>RPS, DT. Miami Beach | Mrs. Irma W. Draper, (Mother)<br>4361 San Juan Avenue,<br>Jacksonville, Florida. |
| T/Sgt Hugo R. Gross<br>32669776 | Mr. Raymond C. Gross, (Father)<br>21 Bigelow Street,<br>Cheektowaga, New York. |
| 1st Lt Robert C. McWilliams,<br>0736880<br>1070 AAFBU<br>Miami Beach, Flor | Mrs. Margaret E. McWilliams, (Wife)<br>2165 Jefferson Street,<br>Memphis, Tennessee. |
| 1st Lt Allen E. Sutera<br>1030 AAFBU<br>Santa Monica, Calif. | Mrs. Evelyn E. Sutera, (Wife)<br>253 North Yale,<br>Vermillion, South Dakota. |
| 1st Lt Nelson A. Hurta | Mrs. Minnie Hurta, (Mother)<br>4953 Columbia Street,<br>Saint Louis, Missouri. |
| S/Sgt Bernard W. Kampa<br>37461572 | Mrs. Amanda Kampa, (Mother)<br>Rural Free Delivery Number Two,<br>Sherman, South Dakota. |
| S/Sgt William J. Newman<br>12158921 | Mrs. S. Newman, (Mother)<br>1570 E. 8th Street,<br>Brooklyn, New York. |

S/Sgt Emanuel Klein — Mrs. Sarah Klein, (Mother)
no info Kia
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New York, New York.

S/Sgt Frank A. Ashley Kia — Mrs. Irene F. Ash[illegible], (Mother)
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no info

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# CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Allen E. Sutera Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-591311

2. Organization 455 B.Gp Gp Command Lt. Col. Cool (full name) Rank Lt. Col. Sqn CH.W.Lanford (full name) Rank Major

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

4. What was the mission, Bombariment, target, Vienna, Austria, target time, 1050, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, Unknown, route flown Unknown

5. Where were you when you left formation? Shot out of formation while on bomb run just seconds before bombs were due away.

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, Navigator--Captain McWilliams and Flight Engineer--T/sgt Wm. Draper

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". Capt. McWilliams and Sgt Draper bailed out of the airplane immediately after I did. We were all captured immediately and separately at approximately 1115 o'clock. At 1800 o'clock we were all put in the same detention cell.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown

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

11. Where were they in aircraft? At their respective combat stations

12. What was their condition? Unknown

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? None to report

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

26 January 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Reclassification of Missing Air Crew Reports

1. Per authority contained in Par 1, Sec I, War Department Circular No. 346, dated 26 November 1946, War Department Circular No. 268, dated 5 September 1946, and Sec III, War Department Circular No. 104, dated 24 April 1947, Missing Air Crew Reports are downgraded to RESTRICTED.

2. At first opportunity this case is processed or reviewed, officer or civilian employee will physically delete present classification and indicate RESTRICTED on all correspondence and documents pertaining thereto.

3. Reclassification will be accomplished by citing the authority and signing each paper as follows:

"Classification changed to RESTRICTED per authority WD Cir 104,1946.

_____
Name Date"

J. G. HOLLOWAY
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

FORM 1A

# REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

ME 1464

PLACE: Albern

DATE: 16 June 44 - 1030

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER:

YEAR OF BIRTH: UNKNOWN

RANK:

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE:

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PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
*(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)*

TYPE OF CRAFT

~~Liberator~~

REMARKS:

fate of crew unknown

Reporting office : Airbase HQ A (o) 4/XVII

Dulag-Luft, 30 Jan 45 Mo.

6-3224, AF(2)

Post: Flier's Air Base Headquarters A (O) 4/XVII, Vienna-Aspern

Place: Vienna-Aspern

Date: 17 June 1944

Date shot down: 16 June 1944 at 10:30 o'clock

Place shot down: Danube Harbor Albern near Schwechat

Kind of capture: Antiaircraft (empennage directly hit)

Type of aircraft: Liberator

Ident. No: Not Known

Admission No: 278099

Condition of Aircraft: Entirely burned by crashing.

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10 men

DATE: 16 Jan. 1944, 10.30 h.

PLACE: Albern, Donauport, near Schwechat

TYPE: Liberator ..278099

TARGET: Air Base A(o)4/XVII

| RANK | NAME | U.S.A. | NO | MX 1464 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Disposition unknown | | | | 0 |

AAF # 42-78099

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CASUALTY NO.
MR-KSU-1467

# REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 16 June 1944 at 10;30 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: Himberg

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Type unknown (refused to give statement)

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Headquarters A (O) 4/XVII - Vienna-Aspern - 16 June 1944 at 10;30 o'clock.

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CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Draper, William

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: T/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: Lost

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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REMARKS:

Captured at Himberg on 16 June 1944 at 10;30 o'clock.

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CASUALTY NO.
MR-KMU-1467

# REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: - - -

PLACE OF CRASH: Himberg

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Unknown (refused to give any statement)

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Headquarters A (O) 4/XVII - Vienna-Aspern - 16 June 1944 at 10:30 o'clock.

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CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: MacWilliams, Robert

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Lieutenant

SERIAL NUMBER: Lost

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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REMARKS:

Captured at Himberg on 16 June 1944 at 10:30 o'clock.

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CASUALTY NO.
MR-KSU-1467

# REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: - - -

PLACE OF CRASH: Himberg

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Unknown (refused to give any statement)

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Headquarters A (O) 4/XVII - Vienna-Aspern - 16 June 1944 at 10:30 o'clock.

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CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Sutera, Allen E.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Lieutenant

SERIAL NUMBER: O-691 311 - T-43-45-BP

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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REMARKS:

Captured at Himberg on 16 June 1944 at 10:30 o'clock.

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741st Bombardment Squadron (H)
455th Bombardment Group (H)AAF
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

S T A T E M E N T

"At about 1049 hours, on 16 June 44, just before 'bombs away', I saw Plane No. 099, piloted by 1st Lt Wurtz, falling off to the left, with its nose blown off.

"In the process of falling off, I saw one (1) chute emerge and open. I am almost sure it came out of the left waist.

"The plane then went into a flat spin. At about twelve thousand(12,000) feet, I saw one (1) chute emerge and open.

"I lost the plane at about ten thousand (10,000) feet.

"In my opinion, the plane was not under control."

Arthur C. Aplin
ARTHUR C. APLIN, 16115327,
S/Sgt., Air Corps.

Ind 3 to MACR Lt Wurtz & Crew

741st Bombardment Squadron (H)
455th Bombardment Group (H)AAF
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

# S T A T E M E N T

"At about 1049 hours, on 16 June 44, just before 'bombs away' I saw Plane No. 099, piloted by 1st Lt. Wurtz, receive a direct flak hit on its nose. The plane was in front of, and above me.

" The hit blew the nose off. The ship held straight for about ten (10) seconds, and then fell off to the left, into a flat spin.

" I saw no chutes emerge.

" I lost the plane at about ten thousand (10,000) feet.

" In my opinion the plane was not under control. "

Paul A. Young

PAUL A. YOUNG, O-669257,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

Incl 2 to MACR 1 Wurtz & Crew

NB-NMU-1467

# T E L E G R A M

To: Dulag (Luft) Oberursel Frankfurt/Main

Case: D (Luft) 2706/07, VII/A. above mentioned case will be reported.

1.) Plane was downed on 18 June 1944 type unknown about 10,30 o'clock near Himberg. Flier's Air Base Headquarters A (O) 4/XVII, Vienna-Aspern were antiaircraft group South Vienna three prisoners given over:

Sutera, Allen H. O-691 311 - T-43-43

MacWilliams, Robert Ident. Tag Lost

2.) The whereabouts of the rest of crew is not known.

Flier's Air Base Headquarters A (O) 4/XVII, Vienna-Aspern.

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2nd Ind. ABI/PPK/mt

Post Intelligence Office, Hqs., SAD AAF PDC, San Antonio, Texas, 6 October 1945

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Incl. Stmt. of W.W. DRAPER.

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-S-HBR

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14 September 1945

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SUBJECT: Technical Sergeant William W. Draper, Jr., 34404385

TO: Commanding Officer, 1020 AAFBU, RPS Det.,
AAF Redistribution Station #2, Miami Beach, Florida

1. Request that Technical Sergeant William W. Draper, Jr., 34404385, be interrogated with respect to the death of Staff Sergeant Emanuel Klein, 32444200, killed in action 16 June 1944 over Austria.

2. Sergeants Draper and Klein were crew members of aircraft, B-24-G, Serial No. 42-78099.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

N. W. Reed

N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personal Services Division, AC/AS-1

201-DRAPER, William W.,Jr (Enl) 1st Ind. I/bjp

Intelligence Division, AAF Redistribution Station No.2, Miami District, AAFPDC, Miami Beach, Fla. 25 Sept 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Redistribution Station No. 6, San Antonio, Texas, ATTN: Chief, Intelligence & Security.

1. Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

2. Subject EM transferred your command per Par 15,SO 241, this Headquarters, dated 29 August 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Theodore J. Hieatt

THEODORE J. HIEATT
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Intelligence &
Security Division

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ADDRESS REPLY TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.