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DATE: 6/9/44 1500

PLACE: Guastalla

TYPE: Liberator

743 (HB) Sqd.
455 Group
BASE: Cerignola

TARGET: Hq. 2nd Air Force

U.S.E. 558

NE 1358

2nd.Lt.	CATLIN, Alman E.	O-452459	.
2nd.Lt.	GREENQUIST, Robert Elmer	O-708454	.
2nd.Lt.	SINGER, Irvin E.	O-703526	.
Sgt.	BODENHORN, Earl Dick	MX 36570636	.
2nd.Lt.	PAURICE, J.M.		missing
S/Sgt.	LYCAN, William H.	15338874	dead
	Cemetery Guastalla near Reggio		
S/Sgt.	LINNEWEH,		missing
Sgt.	SKINNER, Robert Donald	37500112	.
Sgt.	KAZOROS,		missing
Sgt.	MADSON,		missing

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not on list

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5 June 1944, 0800 P.M.

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Air Fleet Command 2.

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF INTERMENT
SIMMONS IRVING R. 21 March 1924 New York City	2nd Lt.	O-720350	captured	Air Fleet Command 2, Verona
SOMERHORN EDWIN DICK 11 September 1922 Detroit, Mich.	Pvt.	38970838	captured	Air Fleet Command 2, Verona
DAMILLE ALMON E. [illegible]	2nd Lt.	O-486589	captured	Air Fleet Command 2, Verona
CHAMBOULIST ROBERT DUANE 30 March 1921 Chelsey, Idaho.	2nd Lt.	O-708464	captured	Air Fleet Command 2, Verona
CASUALTY NO. MI 1338	1st Supplementary Report, dated 28 June 1944			
FOSS WILLIAM E.	Pvt.	15703174	dead	Cemetery Unmarked at Negro
CASUALTY NO. MI 1338	2nd Supplementary Report, dated 28 July 1944			
CHIMMER ROBERT DONALD 4 January 1923 Macon, Miss.	Pvt.	37800172	wounded	Hospital Medical

REMARKS:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GREENQUIST, Robert E.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0708454
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Guastalla, Italy or in that area

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? on Flight deck of our B*24

Any heresay information: Sgt Linneweh told me Lt. Robert E Greenquist Jumped from the bomb bay section before he did. His parachute opened but we were unable to find Lt Greenquist when we hit the ground. We learned later from Italian farmers that four of the crew were captured.

Source:

Any explanation or his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Four of us evaded capture one was killed, one had a broken leg, so it was believed by us who evaded that Greenquist was captured because he wasn't with us nor was he one of the other two boys. Lt. Greenquist is now discharged and is at his home 15 Elm Street, Everett, Massachusetts

Total number of missions of above crew member: nine or ten missions

Dates and destinations if possible; Don't remember but all our missions were made between May 24, 1944 and June 9, 1944. Our crew raided Polesti Oil fields Alexandria Italy, Wells Austria and Munich Germany where we got shot down on June 9, 1944.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GREENQUIST, Robert E.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0708454
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Believed near Guastalla, Italy

If not, why not? _____

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

Just before he bailed out

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Before he bailed out

Any heresay information: Was fired at and hit in the arm, by a pro German, Italian civilian

Source: Local natives

Any explanation on this note based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Turned in by Italian — Supposition

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9 sorties

Dates and destinations if possible; _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GREENQUIST, Robert E.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0708454
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Po River North of Reggio Emilia

If not, why not? _____

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

Decided to head for Open sea South of Genoa.

Was he injured? (No)

Where was he when last seen? In the same prison Camp

Any heresay information: None

Source: ✓

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3 to 12

Dates and destinations if possible: Not positive

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LYCAN, William H.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 15338874
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer-Gunner~~ Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes he bailed out but his chute did not open

Where? Guastalla, Italy or in that area

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He told me to bail out first. I was the first gunner from the waist position to bail out.

Was he injured? We learned from Italian farmers that one crew members chute didnot open. He had his chute on. When I last saw him he was listening to
Where was he when last seen? In the waist position just foreward of the camera interph hatch.

Any heresay information: One Italian who could speak some English said that one crew member got killed because his chute did not open. An Italian named Otillo Mazzoni was in the area when we bailed out. He helped four of the crew evade capture by leading us from the danger area after we hit the ground. We understood him to say that William Lycan was the one whose parachute did not open. Because his English was not very good we ~~believed~~ felt there was a chance that Lycan might still be alive. Upon returning to Group after crossing the lines we were told that Lycan was killed. This was ~~the~~ what the Germans had reported.

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: eight or nine missions

Dates and destinations if possible; All our missions were made between May 23 1944 and June 9, 1944. Our crew made missions to Polesti oil fields, Wells, Austria, Alexandria Italy, and Munich Germany where we got hit by Flak

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File # 5839

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LYCAN, William H.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 15338874
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~[illegible]~~ Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Believed Near Guastalla Italy

If not, why not? _____

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

Approx 15 or 20 Mins Before Bailout

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? After Take-off

Any heresay information: Parachute failed to open — was still conscious after hitting the ground but was in very bad physical condition — was shot and killed by German troops

Source: Local Natives

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9 sorties

Dates and destinations if possible; _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LYCAN, William H.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 15338874
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxx

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SKINNER, Robert D.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 37500112
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Right Waist~~: Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Guastalla, Italy or in that area

If not, why not?

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

After landing on the ground Sgt Linniweigh came to me asking for my first aid-kit. He wanted it for Sgt Skinner because he broke his leg and need Morphine.

Was he injured? yes he broke his leg.

Where was he when last seen? I last saw him just before I bailed out. Lt James Paurice stayed with Skinner for two days. He gave him all the aid he could.

Any heresay information: Skinner broke his leg upon hitting the ground. It seems that he landed on a tree stump and this caused his ankle to be twisted. Lt Paurice said his ankle was badly broken and while he was with Skinner he gave him all the aid possible. He moved from one field to another when the Italian Fascists were searching the area. He also dressed Shinners leg and applied splints. Skinners leg got worse the second day so it was decided between Skinner Paurice and Guillo Mazzoni that Skinner should be left behind. I believe The Italian Guillo Mazzoni tried to arrange for a certain person to pick up skinner. We hoped he would be a friendly party or a member of the UNDERGROUND. Paurice saw a motor car pick up Skinner the evening of the second day.

Source: Lt. James Paurice

Any explanation as to his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It is supposed that Skinner was cared for but was eventually captured by the Germans. I hear that he is now home at Macon, Missouri.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Eight or nine missions

Dates and destinations if possible; Don't remember but all our missions were made between May 24, 1944 and June 9, 1944. Our crew raided Polesti Oil Fields, Alexandria Italy, Wells Austria and Munich Germany where we got shot down on June 9, 1944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SKINNER, Robert D.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 37500112
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Fighter~~ Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? NEAR GUASTALLA ITALY

If not, why not? _____

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

15 to 20 MIN. BEFORE BAIL OUT.

Was he injured? Yes RECEIVED A BROKEN LEG WHEN HITTING THE GROUND

Where was he when last seen? AFTER HE BAILED OUT.

Any heresay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation or clue to be based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

WAS CARED FOR BY THE Co-pilot FOR TWO DAY BUT HIS LEG BECAME BAD AND WAS NECESSARY TO BE TURNED IN FOR MEDICAL CARE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9 sorties

Dates and destinations if possible; _____

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INDIVIDUAL C/ ULATY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SKINNER, Robert D.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 37500112
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Gunner (Fighter)~~: Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Po river

If not, why not? —

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

Was he injured? Yes - broke leg - hitting stump

Where was he when last seen? In a German Prison Camp

Any heresay information: No

Source: —

Any explanation on air fote based in part or wholly on supposition: In bailing out he landed on a stump.

Total number of missions of above crew members: 7

Dates and destinations if possible; Not possible

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Date:

CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

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INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: Nov. 3, 1944

NARRATOR :	LINNEWEH, HAROLD R	SQUADRON :	743rd
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	37664159	GROUP :	458th
HOME ADDRESS :	COLUMBUS, IOWA	TYPE AIRCRAFT :	B-24
EX-REPORT NO. :		DATE OF MISSION:	JUNE 9, 1944

POSITION		MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	2nd LT	CATLIN, ALMON E	P.W.
COPILOT	2nd LT	PHURICE JAMES E.	EVADEE
NAV.	2nd LT	GREENQUIST, ROBT. E.	P.W.
BOMB	2nd LT	SINGER, IRVING E.	P.W.
ENG.	T/Sgt	LINNEWEH, HAROLD R.	EVADEE
RADIO OP.	T/Sgt	LYCAN, WILLIAM H.	DIED
GUNNER	T/Sgt	MAZOROS, GUST	EVADEE
GUNNER	Sgt	MATTSON, ARTHUR W.	EVADEE
GUNNER	Sgt	BODENHORN, EARL D.	P.W.
GUNNER	Sgt	SKINNER, ROBT D.	UNDETERMINED

KNOWN INFORMATION:

JAMES PHURICE AND ARTHUR MATTSON WERE STILL EVADING THE ENEMY AT THE TIME WE LEFT THEM.
R.D. SKINNER, RECEIVED A BROKEN LEG WAS TURNED INTO A HOSP. BUT HIS WHERE ABOUNTS NOW IS STILL UNKNOWN.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE:

NARRATOR	: GUST MAZOROS	SQUADRON	: 423 Sqd.
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: 39132393	GROUP	: 455 Bom B
HOME ADDRESS	: 3001 JUDAH ST. S.F. CAL	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: B-24
EX-REPORT NO.	:	DATE OF MISSION	: JUNE 9, 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	FWIB RECORDS
PILOT -	2nd/LT. A.E. CATLIN	P.O.W.
CO-PILOT -	2nd/LT Q.E. PAURICE	EVADED
NAVIGATOR -	2nd/LT A.E. GREENQUIST	P.O.W.
BOMBADIER	2nd/LT J.E. SINGER	P.O.W.
ENGINEER	1/SGT H.R. LINNIWEH	RETURNED
RADIO OPERATOR	S/SGT R. LYCAN	DEAD
GUNNER	S/SGT G. MAZOROS	RETURNED
GUNNER	SGT H.W. MATTSON	EVADED
GUNNER	SGT A.D. SKINNER	UNDETERMINED

KNOWN INFORMATION:

2nd/LT JAMES E. PAURICE WHEN LAST HEARD STILL EVADING CAPTURE.
SGT ARTHUR W. MATTSON. THE SAME

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

ROBERT D SKINNER POSSIBLY STILL ALIVE WITH PARTISIANS.

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
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INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: Dec 16 1944

NARRATOR	: ARTHUR W. MATTSON	SQUADRON	: 742
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: 19050515	GROUP	: 455
HOME ADDRESS	: 1157 Yuill St. Medicine Hat Alberta Can.	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: B 24
EX-REPORT NO.	:	DATE OF MISSION	: JUNE 9 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
Pilot	Lt. Catlin	P.O.W returned duty
Co Pilot	Lt Ouisca	P.O.W
navigator	Lt Greenquist	P.O.W
Bombardier	Lt Patrick Swinger	returned duty
Engineer Top turret	Sergt Sandewright	
asst Engineer tail turret	Sgt Skinner	M.I.A.
Radio Oper. right waist	Sergt Tycan	dead
asst Radio opp. ball turret	Sgt Robertson	P.O.W.
Armorer nose turret	Sgt Mazzoni	Returned duty
asst armorer left waist	Sgt Mattson	returned duty

KNOWN INFORMATION: ~~Sgt Skinner was left to be picked up by~~ who had a broken leg and was carried away by an ambulance. Seen by Lt Patrick who tended him for two days.

HEARSAY INFORMATION: Sgt Tycan's parachute was partially opened when he hit the ground. Italian Captain, leader 400 facists shot and robbed Sergt Tycan as he was still alive.

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Prepared by
MIS-X Section
CPM Branch

DATE: 19 Dec 44

NARRATOR	: 1st Lt. James M. Paurice	SQUADRON	: 745rd Bm.
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: O-819594	GROUP	: 455th Bm.
HOME ADDRESS	: 35-20 94th St., Jokan Hgts., L.I., NY	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: B-24
EX-REPORT NO.	: 506	MISSION DATE	: 9 Jun 44

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	2nd Lt. A. E. Catlin	P/W
CO-PILOT	1st Lt. James M. Paurice	Narrator
NAVIGATOR	2nd Lt. R. E. Greenquist	P/W
BOMBARDIER	2nd Lt. I. E. Singer	P/W
ENGINEER	T/Sgt. H. Linneweh	RD
RADIO OPERATOR	S/Sgt. W. Lycan	KIA
NOSE GUNNER	T/Sgt. G. Mazoros	RD
WAIST GUNNER	T/Sgt. A. W. Mattson	RD
BALL TURRET GUNNER	Sgt. (?) Bodenhorn	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	Sgt. R. Skinner	P/W

KNOWN INFORMATION: During the bomb run on a target in Germany the plane was damaged by flak. We managed to get as far as Italy before the order was given to bail out. All crew members bailed out successfully. I landed near Reggio nell Emilia and soon contacted the tail gunner who had a broken leg. I arranged, through Partisans to have him taken to a hospital. I then contacted the waist gunner and returned to Allied lines with him. The engineer and the nose gunner returned to Allied lines together.

HEARSAY INFORMATION: Four Italian civilians told Lt. Paurice what happened to S/Sgt. Lycan, radio operator on his ship. His chute only partially opened and when he hit the ground he was all broken up, but still alive. The civilians gathered around him and he spoke several words, the only ones they could understand being "New York". The civilians told Lt. Paurice the name of the airman was Lycan and he believes they may have been his dog tags or the deceased airman might have told them his name. A Fascist captain appeared on the scene shortly after the civilians found the American and shot the airman through the head, took all clothing and jewelry from his body and then took the body away.

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INTERROGATION OF FORMER POW's

Selfridge Field)
County of Macomb) SS
State of Michigan)

23 October 1945

Personally appeared before Robert W. Roeder, 1st Lt., AC., Base Intelligence Officer, Selfridge Field, Michigan, the undersigned, S/Sgt. EARL D. BODENHORN, ASN 36570636, Squadron G, 146th AAF Base Unit (CCTS-M&F) Selfridge Field, Michigan, who gave the following information regarding war casualties:

(1) Name, rank, ASN of casualty: LYCAN, William H., S/Sgt. (ASN unknown) home address - Portsmouth, Ohio.

(2) Crew position: Radio operator

(3) Unit: 743rd Bombardment Squadron, 455th Bombardment Group.

(4) Date last seen: (9 June 1944)

(5) Place last seen: Over Munich, Germany.

(6) Circumstances of loss of aircraft: Flak damage forced aircraft to lose altitude.

(7) Known information (eyewitness only): None

(8) Hearsay information: Entire crew bailed out at a very low altitude, about 300 feet. It is my personal opinion that S/Sgt. Lycan's parachute failed to open at a sufficient altitude to permit a safe fall.

Earl D. Bodenhorn
EARL D. BODENHORN, S/Sgt. ASN 36570636

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 9 June 1944, 0300 p.m.

CASUALTY NO. ME 1358

PLACE OF CRASH: Guastalla

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Fleet Command 2

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
SINGER IRVING E. 31 March 1924 New York City	2nd Lt.	O-703526	captured	Air Fleet Command 2, Verona
BODENHORN EARL DICK 11 September 1923 Detroit, Mich.	Sgt.	36570636	captured	Air Fleet Command 2, Verona
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CASUALTY NO. ME 1358	1st Supplementary Report, dated 20 June 1944			
LYCAN WILLIAM H.	S/Sgt.	15338574	dead	Cemetery Guastalla at Reggio
CASUALTY NO. ME 1358	2nd Supplementary Report, dated 28 July 1944			
SKINNER ROBERT DONALD 4 January 1923 Macon, Miss.	Sgt.	37500112	wounded	Hospital Freising

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 9 June 1944, 0300 p.m. CASUALTY NO. ME 1358

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9. Armorer Gunner / Mattson, Arthur W. / Sgt 19050515 Mrs Bertha Mattson (Mother) RTD
1157 Yuill St., Alberta, Canada

10. Armorer Gunner / Mazoros, Gust / Sgt 39132393 Mrs. Thelma Mazoros (Mother)
3001 Judah St. San Francisco, Calif. RTD

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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.	GEORGE O. KEAHEY	1ST LT	0742727		X		
2.	RENORD F. HAYWOOD	2ND LT	0690417		X		
3.							
4.							
5.							
6.							

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

Date of this Report: 12 June 1944

Phillip F. Starkman
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
PHILLIP F. STARKMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adj.

3 Incls:
Incl 1 - Statement by Lt Keahey
Incl 2 - Statement by Lt Haywood
Incl 3 - Sketch of area.



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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 Air Fld, Italy Command or AF 15th AF
Group 455th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 743d Bomb Sq (H) AAF

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Air Fld Course Direct
Target 48°08'N11°34' Type of Mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Good Visibility good but undercast at 15000

4. GIVE: (a) Date 9 June 1944 Time 1015 Location 47°50'N - 12°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 circumstances as follows:

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B24 H AAF Serial No 41-29271

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) 42-88063
(b) 42-300714 (c) 42-8962 (d) 42-6116

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

(a) Browning cal 50 M2 (No Number)	(b) Browning cal 50 M2	704630
(c) "	974499	(d) "	965620
(e) "	940952	(f) "	940898
(g) "	705895	(h) "	940743
(i) "	974045	(j) "	974293

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

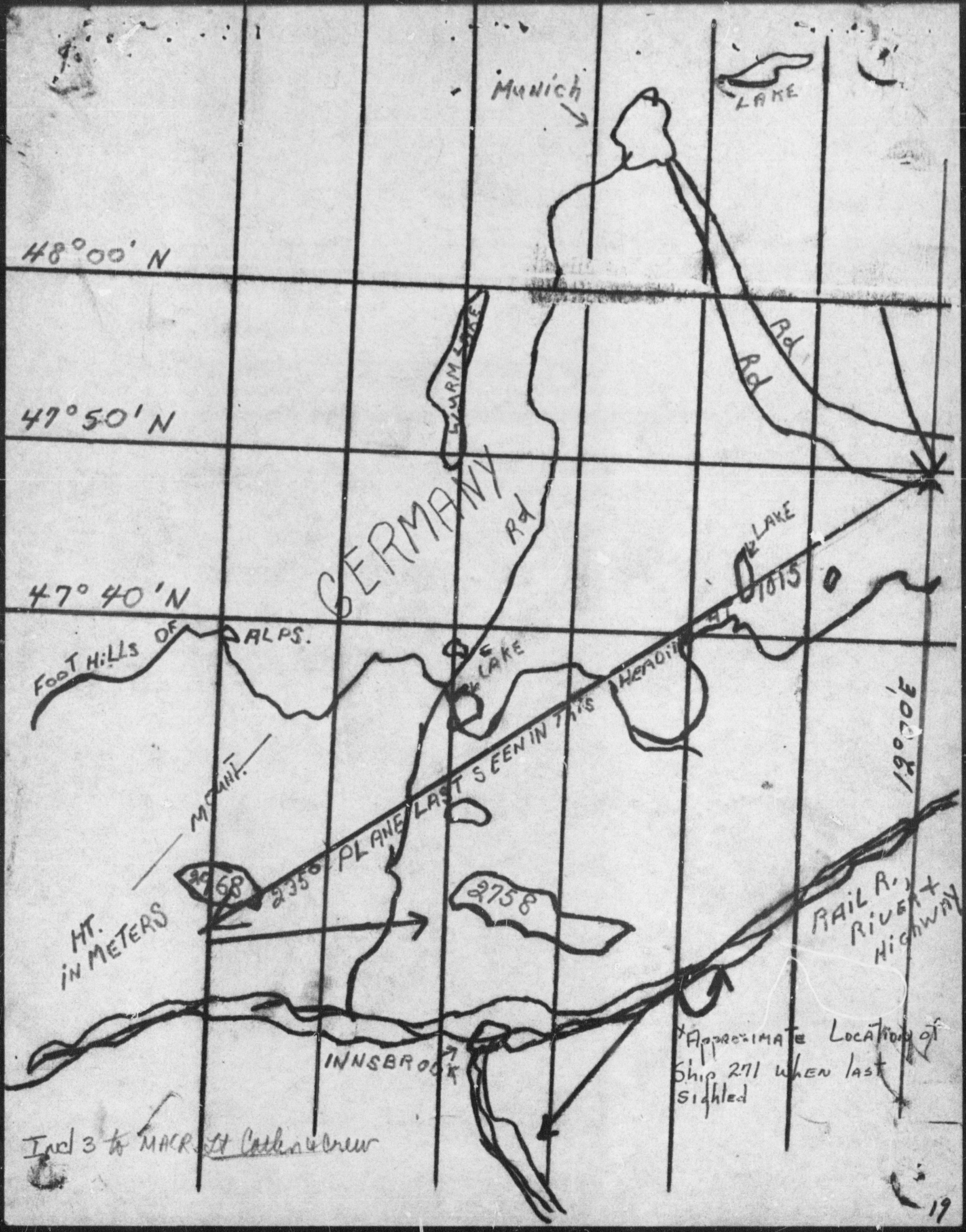
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers none Total 10
(Starting eith "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
RTD 1.	Pilot	Catlin, Almon E	2d Lt	0452459	Mrs Micheal B Catlin (Wife) 8754 24th Ave., Brooklyn, New York
RTD 2.	Co-pilot	Paurice, James M	2d Lt	0819594	Mrs Pauline M Paurice (Mother 35-20 94th St Jackson Heights, LI, NY
RTD 3.	Navigator	Greenquist, Robert E	2d Lt	0708454	Mr Conrad E Greenquist (Father) 15 Elm St., Everett, Mass
RTD 4.	Bombardier	Singer, Irving E	2d Lt	0703526	Mr Abraham Singer (Father) Englishtown, New Jersey
KIA 5.	Radio Oper Gunner	Lycan, William H	S Sgt	15338874	Mrs Virginia P Lycann (Wife) 1806 Waller St., Portsmouth, Ohio KIA
RTD 6.	Engineer Gunner	Linneweh, Harold R	S Sgt	37664153	Mrs Malinda Linneweh (Mother) Calumet, Iowa RTD
RTD 7.	Engineer Gunner	Skinner, Robert D	Sgt	37500112	Mr Falbert Skinner (Father) Rt #4, Macon Mo.
RTD 8.	Armorer Gunner	Bodenhorn, Earl D	Sgt	36570636	Mrs Mary Bodenhorn (Mother) 19361 Charleston St, Detroit, Mich. RTD

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Incl 3 to MACR-11 Collins Crew

PoW	Second Lieutenant Almon E. Catlin	Mrs. Micheal B. Catlin, 8754 24th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.	(Wife)
	Second Lieutenant James M. Paurice	Mrs. Pauline M. Paurice, 7812 35th Street, Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York.	(Mother)
	Second Lieutenant Robert E. Greenquist	Mr. Conrad K. Greenquist, 15 Elm Street, Everett, Massachusetts.	(Father)
PoW	Second Lieutennant Irving E. Singer	Mr. Abraham Singer, Englishtown, New Jersey.	(Father)
KIA	Staff Sergeant William H. Lycan	Mr. Burke H. Lycan, 831 Sixth Street, Portsmouth, Ohio.	(Father)
RTD	Staff Sergeant Harold R. Linneweh	Mrs. Malinda Linneweh, Calumet, Iowa.	(Mother)
PoW	Sergeant Robert D. Skinner	Mr. Falbert Skinner, Route Number Four, Macon, Missouri.	(Father)
PoW	Sergeant Earl D. Bodenhorn	Mrs. Mary E. Bodenhorn, 19361 Charleston Street, Detroit, Michigan.	(Mother)
MIA	Sergeant Arthur W. Mattson	Mrs. Bertha Mattson, 1157 Yuill Street, Medicine Hat, Alberta Province, Canada.	(Mother)
RTD	Sergeant Gust Mazeros	Mrs. Thelma Mazeros, 3001 Judah Street, San Francisco, California.	(Mother)

Remarks-

Left formation just after rally from target - because of a flak hit. putting #4 engine out of commission and loss of half the power in #3. Flew south west toward Swiss border at 15'000' - Hit by flak near border and in evasive action lost altitude to 10,000 - continued on thru alps at 10'000' ft. coming out ~~near~~ over Lake Verona. Italy. Hit by flak twice again after crossing Lake Verona - then decided to hit deck continuing toward home base at 500 to 1000' - Last #1 engine about (15') fifteen minutes after hitting deck. and was forced to bail out crew!.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Catlin, Almon E. Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. 0-452459

2. Organization 455 B.G. 743 Sq. Gp Commander _____ Rank Col Sqn CO _____ Rank Major
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month June day 9 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, _____, target, Munich, target time, 10:10, altitude, 22,500 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? 10 minutes S.E. Munich

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 bailed out near Po river North of Reggio Italy.

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) 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

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1. Your name ROBERT E. GREENQUIST Rank 1ST LT. Serial No. O-708454

2. Organization 455 Gp Commander COOL (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO THAYER (full name) Rank MAJ.

3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 9 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, MUNICH, target, (SECONDARY) RAIL CONCENTRATION IN CITY, target time, 1000, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, adriatic, Udine area to Munich, route flown as briefed

5. Where were you when you left formation? About 5 minutes after bombs away

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 bailed out shortly before plane struck the ground.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? South of Po River in Italy between Reggio & Parma

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? SAW NO ONE EXCEPT LT CORTUN, LT SINGER, & SGT ROBERTSON AFTER LEAVING PLANE. MET THEM JUNE 11TH AT VERONA INTERROGATION CENTER. ALL OKAY.

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 HAROLD R. LINNEWEH Rank T/SGT Serial No. 37664153

2. Organization 455th Gp Commander _____ Rank ___ Sqn CO THAYER Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 9 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, MUNICH, target, MARSHALLING YARDS, target time, APPROX. 1015, altitude, 22,000 FT. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET, AFTER Bombs AWAY

6. Did you bail out? YES

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". LT ALMON CAITLIN No Knowledge — LT JAMES PAURICE Time 12:15, GUASTALLA ITALY, THREW BOMBAY — LT E SINGER, No Knowledge — G MAZOROS, Time 12:15, GUASTALLA Italy, THREW NOSE WHEEL DOOR — A. MATTSON No Knowledge — E BODENHORN, No Knowledge

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR GUASTALLA, ITALY

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) LT ALMON CAITLIN, PILOT — LT JAMES PAURICE, CO-PILOT — R GREENQUIST, NAVIGATOR — I. SINGER, BOMBARDIER — Wm LYCAN, RADIO, H. LINNEWEH - ENG — GUS MAZOROS, E. BODENHORN, A. MATTSON R. SKINNER, GUNNERS

11. Where were they in aircraft? SINGER, MAZOROS - NOSE — CAITLIN, PAURICE, GREENQUIST, LINNEWEH FLIGHT DECK — LYCAN, MAZOROS, BODENHORN, MATTSON, SKINNER WAIST.

12. What was their condition? ALL ABLE BODIED

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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Sgt. E. D. Bodenhorn was captured the day he bailed out. He is now discharged and home at 19361 Charleston, Detroit 3, Michigan.
Lt. Catlin our pilot was captured the day he bailed out. I heard he was mistreated by Facists when they threw a hand granade at him. This is heresay.
Lt. Singer our Bombardier was captured the day he bailed out. Hear he was in prison with Lt. Catlin and Lt Greenquist and Sgt Bodenhorn.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Arthur W. Mattson Rank T Sgt. (Sgt when on mission) Serial No. 19050515

2. Organization 455 Gp Commander Unknown (full name) Rank ___ Sqn CO Thayer (full name) Rank Major

3. What year 1944 month June day 9 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Munich, Germany, target, _____, target time, Unknown, altitude, Unknown route scheduled, _____, route flown Unknown

5. Where were you when you left formation? Over the target (Munich)

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". Upon order of pilot Lt. Catlin about 1200 noon all of the crew bailed out in the Area of Guastalla, Italy.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Guastalla Italy We believe about a mile or more after we bailed out from an altitude of 600 Ft.

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

11. Where were they in aircraft? No members in the aircraft to my knowledge

12. What was their condition? _____

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?
Sgt. Harold Linneweh in good condition Evaded capture crossed lines in October He is now home at Calumet, Iowa.
Sgt. Gust Mazeros in good condition evaded capture with Linneweh and crossed lines in Italy in October. Believe he can be contacted at his home in San Fransico
Lt. James Paurice in very nervous condition evaded capture with me. We crossed enamy lines in Italy on October 24, 1944

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
While with the underground in Italy I met several other crews who were evading also. One B-25 crew on a Balonia, Italy raid got shot down by Flak. This entire crew evaded captured and crossed the lines with Lt. Paurice and my self.
Another crew (B-17) raided Genoa, Italy and got shot down. Four of the gunners were in the same town as I was(Febio, Italy) for awhile. On the first part of October or Last part September These boys left us to cross the lines. We learned that three of boys failed to get across and were captured. Heard one was killed but this is only heresay.

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AV 1060/44

Downing No 558.

On 9 June 1944 about 15.00 one Liberator B 24 was downed by Flak near REGGIO EMILIA. 1 Crew-member was killed.

NAME	William h. L Y C A N
RANK:	Sgt.
IDENT. TAG:	15338874
DATE OF BIRTH:	unknown
ADRESS OF KIN:	unknown
DATE & PLACE OF CRASh:	9 June 1944 15.00 near REGGIO EMILIA.
PLACE OF INTERMENT:	Cemetery Guastalla near REGGIO EMILIA.

Home Address: Route #4, Macon, Missouri

Emergency Address: Father

Amount of Confiscated money: None

Date of entrance into the Hospital: 9 Aug. 1944

Signed:

Robert D. Skinner
PCW

ME-KSU-1358

15 July 1944

Air Corps-Area (Germany) 2

Tactical Group of General Staff Section IC/Prisoners of War

Ref to: Casualty # 558 - Sgt. Robert D. Skinner - Serial # 37 500 112

To: The Prisoners of War Hospital #651, Verona

Information for: Evaluation Station West, Oberursel/Taunus

It is requested that a report for the above mentioned American Air Force Personnel, by this station is not necessary, however with the next transport under the same report, the day of departure and the hospital number from here in the Prisoner of War Hospital Freising/ near Munich be transmitted.

By order of and authority

Major.

743RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
A.P.O. 520 U. S. ARMY

9 June 1944

STATEMENT

On June 9, 1944, at approximately 1015, after leaving the target area, I saw ship number 271, B-24, piloted by Lieutenant Catlin, leave the formation at 47° 50' N - 12°E, losing altitude at heading 235°. Ship was under control at 16,000' altitude when it was last seen. No chutes were seen to have left the ship.

Renord F. Haywood

RENORD F. HAYWOOD
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Navigator.

Incl 2 to MACR Lt Catlin's crew

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743RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
A.P.O. 520 U. S. ARMY

9 June 1944

S T A T E M E N T

On june 9, 1944, at approximately 1015, after leaving the target area, I saw ship number 271, B-24, piloted by Lieutenant Catlin, leave the formation turning right, losing altitude at heading 235°. It was last sighted about 3000 feet below the formation heading towards Switzerland. The ship was under control and no external apperance of trouble of any kind was noticed although flak was heavy and accurate over target. No chutes were seen to have left the ship.

George O. Keahey
GEORGE O. KEAHEY
1st Lt., Air Corps
Pilot

Encl 1 to MACR Lt Catlin & Crew

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Reserve Hospital Freising

(for Prisoners of War)

To: Transit Camp - Air Forces

Evaluation Station, West Oberursel

Ref to: Delivering of an enemy Air Force Personnel

Case: D (Luft) 2706/7 # VI Area B

Enclosed are the personal papers for the transfer on 9 Aug. 1944 from the Reserve Hospital St. Ottilien of an American Air Force person.

Sgt. Robert D. Skimer - 31 500 112

1 enclosure

Lt. Colonel

Particulars of Prisoner of War:

Name: Robert D. Skimmer (Skinner)

Date and place of Birth: 4 Jan. 1923

Nationality: Macon, Missouri - American

Religion: Protestant

Christian name of Father: F. Albert Skinner

First name of Mother: Genevieve

Unit Reg Co: Air Corps

Profession: Salesman

Rank: Sgt.

Identif. Number: 37 500 112

Date and place of capture: 9 June 1944 - Italy

State of Health: - - -

Kind of wounds or illness: Broken left leg

Married or single: Single

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743RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of the Commanding Officer
A.P.O. 520 U. S. ARMY

12 June 1944

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding Officer, 455th Bomb Gp (H) AAF, APO 520, US ARMY.

1. Transmitted herewith is Missing Air Crew Report of 2d Lt., Almon E. Catlin and Crew, Missing in Action 9 June 1944, over enemy territory near Munich, Germany.

For the Squadron Commander:

Phillip F. Starkman

PHILLIP F. STARKMAN
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

1 Incl:
MAC Rpt of Lt Catlin and Crew
with 3 inclosures.

360.33 1st Ind. G-CO-3
HQ 455TH BOMB GROUP (H), APO 520, 13 June 1944.

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

1. Forwarded.

2. Battle Casualty Report was forwarded to 15th Air Force on 10 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

C. A. Olson

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

1 Incl: n/c

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360.33 C-DB-4 2nd Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 15 June 44.
TO: CG, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520.

Hqw H.G.W.

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1 Incl: MAC Rpt Lt Catlin and Crew w/3 incls (sex)

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360.33 3d Ind. GP/hm/rcc
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 20 June 1944.

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

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR #L-105 dated 12 June 1944 which was forwarded to the 30th MRU 12 June 1944.

For the Commanding General:

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

1 Incl:
Incl 1 (trip).

INCL #5