quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-8, Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

J. J. Smith

JOHN J. SMITH
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

Incls

1st Ind.

Subject: Casualty Information on Crew Members
To: Concerned

1. Your Questionnaire Concerning Lt. H.O. Vralsted is indeed a surprise to me. If for some reason he is missing, I am sure it was not due to enemy action at the time of capture or for any reason while in P.W. camp.

2. I regret that positive information is not available as my association with Lt Vralsted was very slight; If this information does not help, I suggest that you might get more accurate information from the Crew Bombardier.

Respectfully Yours,
6-3842, AF
Bernard M Keogh
Capt A C Res

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR SECURITY AND STAMPS

SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: KEOGH, Bernard M. 1st/Lt.

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in Washington and in the theaters overseas, Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Offices to collect all information from our own and enemy sources, correlate this information and furnish it to search teams in the theaters who will go to the scene of the casualty incident and investigate. These teams will question those in the area who have knowledge of the incident and trace all leads down until they have the story. The German records we have translated are excellent. We have just received the Japanese records. By combining all this data with the story available in your memory, we can tell next of kin the things that mean so much to them.

2. You may or may not have been questioned in this manner before concerning the mission on which you were shot down and the events that followed. Regardless of previous questionnaires, it is important that we have the information requested here to complete our records concerning combat crewmen remaining in a casualty status.

3. If you have been sworn to secrecy as a result of your escape, evasion or internment, you may consider yourself released from all restrictions as to disclosure or publication of experiences except:

a. Secret intelligence activities and methods developed for use, or actually used, in prison camps.

b. Details of techniques employed by military intelligence organizations operating behind enemy lines to assist evasion and escape.

c. Negotiations conducted on high government or military level to secure release from internment in a neutral country. (See AAF Reg 46-8 dated 30 October 1945)

4. Please answer all the questions you can promptly and accurately. Re-

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6391

Name of crew member: VRALSTED, Howard O.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-697512
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES AFTER WAITING FOR THE WHOLE CREW TO BAIL OUT - PILOT WAS FIRST.

Where? BOMBAY DOORS.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NO KNOWLEDGE.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? LIBERATED PRISONER-OF-WAR.

Any hearsay information: No

COPILOT DESERVES CREDIT FOR SAVING OUR LIVES. STAYED WITH PLANE UNTIL LAST THING - CAN BE VERIFIED BETTER BY ENGINEER HUGGINS AS HE WAS IN FRONT OF SHIP.

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: about 26

Dates and destinations if possible:

VIENNA 2, MUNICH 2, PLOESTI 2, WELS 1, MONTPELLIER 1, CAMPINA 1, GIRGIU 1, ROME 2, GENOA 2, ETC.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6391

Name of crew member: VRALSTED, Howard O.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-697512
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? NEAR VIENNA

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: A FEW SECONDS BEFORE LEAVING PLANE.

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

Where was he when last seen? AFTER LIBERATION.

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: NO KNOWLEDGE.

Dates and destinations if possible: JUNE 26, 1944.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6391

Name of crew member: VRALSTED, Howard O.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-697512
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter):~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Outskirts of Vienia, Austria

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? Dulag Luft

Any hearsay information: no

Source:

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

When I last saw him he was leaving Dulag Luft enroute for Stalag Luft 3 accompanied by our Pilot and Bombadier, Lt. Keogh and Lt. Mc Cracken

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 35

Dates and destinations if possible: Wein, Munich, Wein-enustat, Budapest Polesti oil fields.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6391

Name of crew member: VRALSTED, Howard O.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-697512
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? After leaving targate (Moosinbeerbaum (GP) eff Vienna)

If not, why not?

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

no Knowledge

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? To the best of My Knowledge, ~~Any hearsay information:~~ some ten months after being Shot down. Lt. Vralsted and I were in same P.W. camp enjoying good health to the extent of circumstances. Not being in one Another's Company very often, I Cannot Positively remember seeing him after liberation

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I Cannot Understand the reason for this Questionnaire as Lt. Vralsted was not a casualty and was returned to States after liberation if I ~~Rem~~ remember correctly

Total number of missions of above crew member: Not Known - not a regular crew member

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6391

Name of crew member: VRALSTED, Howard O.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-697512
Position: Crew (Bomber) Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Target

If not, why not? —

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

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? Last seen at prison camp Wetzler, Germany.

Any hearsay information: No.

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown.

Dates and destinations if possible: —

Above crew member resides at
717 6th. ave
Helena, Montana.

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~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

9. Aerial Gunner, ~~Puslat~~, Alfred (NMI) ~~S~~/Sgt 35623775 ~~Mr. Alfred H. Puslat,~~ RTD
(Father) 36 N. Cherrywood Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

10. _____

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.	Paul C. Roadman	T/Sgt	33404118		X		
2.	James Q. Anderson	S/Sgt	14040326		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. ATTACK, 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 MIA over Enemy Territory.

Date of this Report: 28 June 1944

John F. Davis
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

3 Incls:
Incl 1 -Sketch of Area(Sept)
Incl 2 -Statement,T/Sgt Roadman (Sept)
Incl 3 -Statement, S/Sgt Anderson (Sept)

JOHN F. DAVIS,
Capt. Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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By E.A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 15 1946

WAR DEPARTMENT
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, Italy Command or AF 15th AAF.
Group 455th Bomb Group (H) Squadron 741st Bomb Sq. (H)

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

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear - Wind 20 Knots

4. GIVE: (a) Date 26 June 1944 Time 0943 Location 48°20'N-15°56' 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)
(X) Enemy Aircraft ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft ( ) Other circumstances as follows:

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-H AAF Serial No 42-95462

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) CP-310693
(b) CP-310702 (c) CP-310747 (d) CP-309341

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number) Browning M-
(a) 1536120 (b) 1184708
(c) 1536054 (d) 1535607
(e) 1535589 (f) 1532794
(g) 1554429 (h) 1534541
1535980 1532802

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

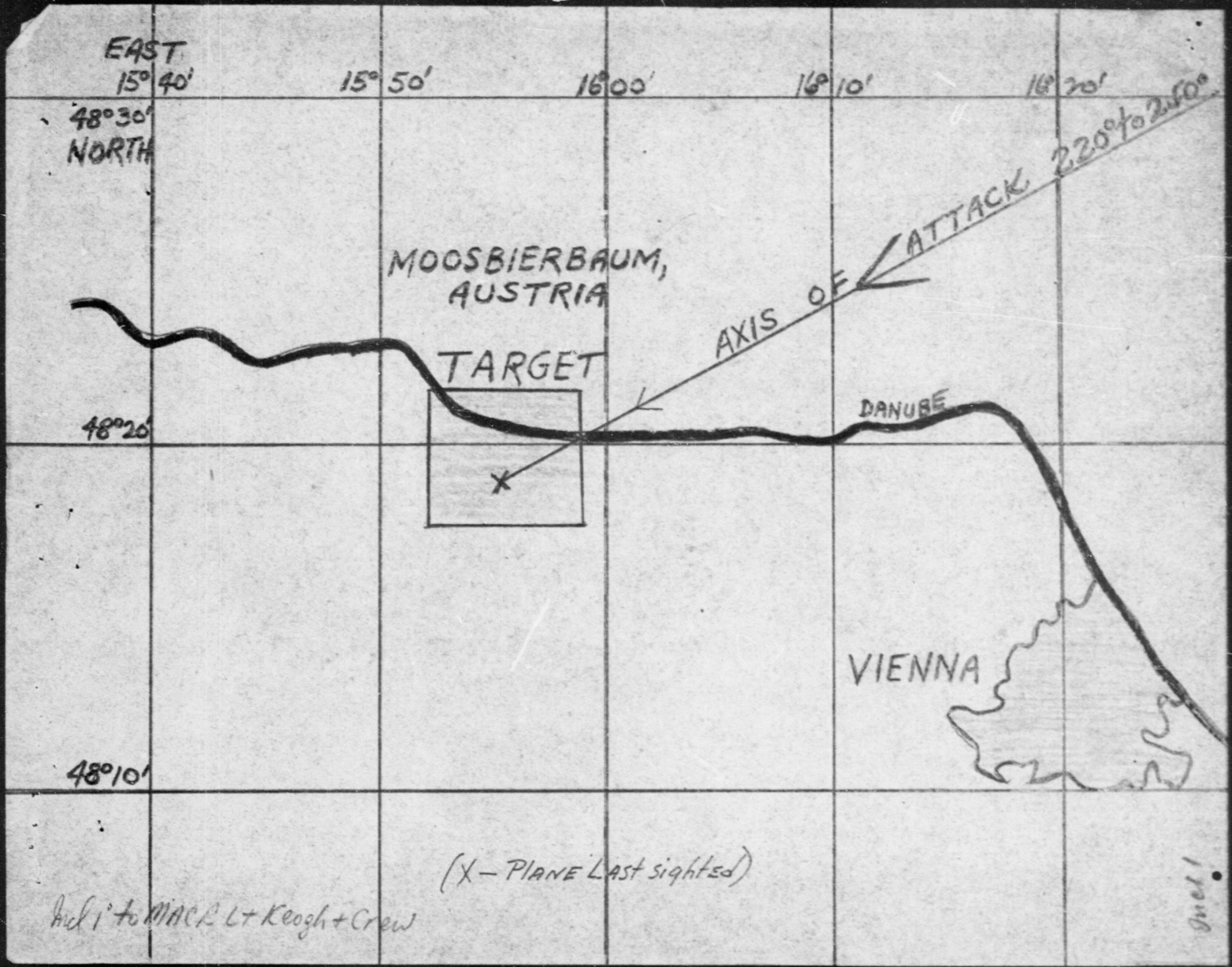
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 Passengers None Total 9
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS	
1.	Pilot	KEOGH, BERNARD M.	1st Lt.	0-660650	Mr. Vince Keogh (Father) Lake Park, Minnesota	RTD
2.	Co-pilot	VRALSTED, HOWARD O.	2nd Lt.	0-697512	Mr. Helmer O. Vralsted (Father) Stanford, Montana	RTD
3.	Bombardier	MC CRACKEN, HARRY F.	2nd Lt.	0-702067	Mrs. Janet L. McCracken (Wife), 1024 Kern St. Bakersfield, California	RTD
4.	Rad-Op-Gunner	Dendy Jr., Fred L.	T/Sgt	12203046	Mrs. Margaret M. Dendy Sr (Mother), 18 Clark St. Chatham, New Jersey.	RTD
5.	Ap-Mech-Gunner	Huggins, Fred O.	T/Sgt	34609123	Mrs. Annie L. Huggins, (Mother), 2018-16th Ave, Hickory No. Carolina.	RTD
6.	Ap-Mech-Gunner	Watson, Harold L.	S/Sgt	34602766	Mrs. Edith F. Watson, (Mother), 12 Threadgill St. Wadesboro, No, Carolina	RTD
7.	Ap-Mech-Gunner	Lundquist, Stanley W.	S/Sgt	36457656	Mrs. Sophia Lundquist, (Mother), Ensign, Michigan.	RTD
8.	Armorer-Gunner	Logue Jr. William G.	S/Sgt	14091662	Mrs. Annie G. Logue Sr., (Mother), Box 230, Panama City, Florida.	RTD

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Incl #1

(See Reverse Side)


EAST
15° 40'
15° 50'
16° 00'
16° 10'
16° 20'
48° 30'
NORTH
48° 20'
48° 10'
MOOSBIERBAUM, AUSTRIA
TARGET
AXIS OF ATTACK 220° to 240°
DANUBE
VIENNA
(X – PLANE LAST SIGHTED)
Incl 1 to MACR Lt Keogh + Crew
Quest!

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1st Lt. Bernard M. Keogh	Mr. Vince Keogh, (Father) Lake Park, Minnesota.
2nd Lt. Howard O. Vralsted	Mr. Helmer O. Vralsted, (Father) Stanford, Montana.
2nd Lt. Harry F. McCracken	Mrs. Janet Lee McCracken, (Wife) 1024 Kern Street, Bakersfield, California.
T/Sgt Fred L. Dandy, Jr.	Mr. Fred Dandy, Sr. (Father) 18 Clark Street, Chatham, New Jersey.
T/Sgt Fred Q Huggins	Mr. Harrison G. Huggins, (Father) 2018 16th Avenue, Hickory, North Carolina.
S/Sgt Harold L. Watson	Mrs. Edith F. Watson, (Mother) 12 Threadgill Wadesboro, North Carolina.
S/Sgt Stanley W. Lundquist	Mrs. Jean M. Lundquist, (Wife) 35 Highland Avenue, Wells, Michigan.
S/Sgt William G. Logue, Jr.	Mrs. Annie [illegible]. Logue, (Mother) Box 230, Panama City, Florida.
S/Sgt Alfred Puslat	Mr. Alfred H. Puslat, (Father) 36 North Cherrywood Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name DENDY, FRED L. JR. Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 12203046

2. Organization 450 Gp Commander COOL (full name) Rank COL. Sqn CO LOCKWOOD (full name) Rank MAJ.

3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 26 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, 26, target, VIENNA (MOOSBIERBAUM), target time, 9:20 A.M., altitude, 21,000, route scheduled, ADRIATIC SEA STRAIGHT NORTH TO VIENNA, route flown SAME UNTIL SHOT DOWN.

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

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". H. WATSON, FUSLAT AND I WENT OUT RIGHT WAIST WINDOW. MCCRACKEN AND LOGUE WENT OUT NOSE. LUNDQUIST, KRALSTED, KEHOE, AND HUGGINS WENT OUT BOMBAY DOORS.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) 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 Fred Q. Huggins Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 34609123

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

3. What year 1944 month June day 26 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, 8 , target, Near Vienna , target time, 10:20 , altitude, 21,000 route scheduled, _____ , route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? _____

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? All 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". No knowledge.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) 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? ~~Keogh~~, last of June, 44 McCraken last of June, 44. Dendy and Watson May 45. Logue, Puslat, Lunquist March 45.

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 Bernard M. Keogh Rank Capt. Serial No. 0-660650

2. Organization 455 Gp Commander Kenneth Cool (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Horace Landford (full name) Rank Lt. Col

3. What year 1944 month June day 26 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Vienna, target time, 10:15, altitude, 21,000 route scheduled, (not Remembered), route flown As scheduled

5. Where were you when you left formation? off the targate after Release

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 Members in Waist left from Waist Windows - Nose Co. & Bombardier from nose Wheel Escape Hatch - Pilot, Co. Pilot & top turret Co. left from Bomb bay (# nine men on ship and All bailed out safely)

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? not Known

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

11. Where were they in aircraft? none

12. What was their condition? none

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.

none

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William G. Logue, Jr. Rank S-Sgt Serial No. 14091662

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

3. What year 1944 month June day 26 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Mein , target, Synthetic Oil Refinery, target time, 9:35 A. M. , altitude, 18,0000 route scheduled, _____ , route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? 3 minutes before target

6. Did you bail out? yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? all did

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 of my crew bailed out and they all reached the ground safely.

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? I last saw the officers, Lts. Keogh, Vralsted and McCracken at Lulag Luft on July 6, 1944, theywere all in good condition. I last saw all the enlisted men, Sgts Huggins, Dendy, Watson, Lundques and Puslat on January 25, 1945 at Stalag Luft 4, they were all fine.

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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Dear Sir:

In reference to the Individual casualty questionnaire of Co-Pilot Vralsted, Howard O. 0-697512 2nd. Lt. It seems he is listed as a Casualty.

For Your Information he resides at 717 6th. ave Helena, Montana. as I have contacted him a this address.

Truly Yours.
Stanley W. Lundquist
424 So. 19th. St.
Escanaba, Michigan

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Stanley H Lundquist Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 36457056
2. Organization 7418 S.S. 455 B.G. Gp Commander (full name) ——— Rank ___ Sqn CO (full name) ——— Rank ———
3. What year 1944 month June day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Vienna, Austria, target, oil refineries, target time, 10:30 A.M., altitude, 21,000 ft. route scheduled, ———, route flown ———
5. Where were you when you left formation? at Vienna, Austria
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". TAIL GUNNER, LEFT & RIGHT WAIST GUNNER LEFT SHIP THROUGH RIGHT WAIST WINDOW. ENGINER GUNNER & PIOLET LEFT THROUGH FRUNT BOMB BAY DOOR. NOSE TURRET GUNNER & BOMBADIER LEFT SHIP THROUGH NOSE ESCAPE HATCH.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR TARGET
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? ——— NONE
12. What was their condition? ———
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? CO-PIOLET IN FAIR CONDITION UNINJURED BUT VERY NERVOUS.
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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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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S T A T E M E N T

At about 0939, while over Moosbierbaum, Austria, I saw the B-24 No 462, piloted by Lt. KEOGH, with its Number three (3) and four (4) engines afire.

The plane made its bomb run and dropped its bombs.

At this point, I became busy with Enemy Fighters, and lost Number 462 for not more than one minute.

When I next saw it, the plane was losing altitude in a steep glide and there were three (3) chutes open in its immediate vicinity. A moment later the plane blew up.

James Q. Anderson

JAMES Q. ANDERSON, 14040326
S/Sgt. 741st Bomb Sq.

Incl 3 to MACR 1 + Keogh + Crew

S T A T E M E N T

At about 0938, while over Moosbierbaum, Austria, I saw the B-24 Number 462, piloted by Lt. Keogh attacked by a FW 190 from 4:30 high.

The FW 190 was hit by the crew of Lt. Keogh's plane setting its engines afire and apparently killing the pilot.

The FW 190, out of control, crashed into the Number three (3) and four (4) engines, knocking the props off and part of the wing away.

Lt. Keogh then fell off to the left. The plane appeared to be under control. No chutes emerged.

I lost him at this point as he passed to our left and under our tail.

Paul C Roadman

PAUL C. ROADMAN, 33404118
T/Sgt. 741st Bomb Sq. (H)

Incl 2 to MACR Lt Keogh + Crew