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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: AMBORSKI, Arthur E.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 42022017
Position: Crew (Bomber) on [redacted]: Asst Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Do not know. Have heard nothing at all concerning him.

Where?

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just as attack began.

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: On 6th Sortie.

Dates and destinations if possible: Not sure.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: ANDORSKI, Arthur E.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 42022017
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Asst Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? --

If not, why not? --

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

None on trip

Was he injured? --

Where was he when last seen? Saw him last at takeoff

Any hearsay information: No

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I opened the bombay doors from under the flight deck just before we went down. At that time I saw the ball turret operating in normal condition. Therefore I believe that he was unable to get out of the ship before it exploded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 sorties, 8 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: (2) Genoa, (1) Ferrera, Italy

Craiova, Rum. Munich, Germany Vienna, Austria

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FRIEDBERG, Louis H.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-709327
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted]: Navigator

Did he bail out? Do not know.

Where?

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: As attack began.

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: I found out nothing. His Mother was notified by the War Dept. that he died after living 22 days.

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Not sure, he had been grounded.

Dates and destinations if possible: Not sure.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FRANBERG, Louis H.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-709327
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Ferry (Pilot)~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? --

If not, why not? --

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

~~Told~~ Told him I was going to open bombay doors just as we were attacked.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? At takeoff

Any hearsay information: No

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe he was hurt and did not get out of plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 sorties, 8 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: (1) to Hungary - (2) Genoa, (1) Ferrera, Italy - Craiova, Rum. Vienna, Austria

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MC COIN, William G.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 34506650
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted]: Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Do not know.

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: As attack began.

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Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: None at all.

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Source: _____

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: On 6th Sortie.

Dates and destinations if possible: Not sure.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MC COIN, William G.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 34506650
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted]: Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? --

If not, why not? --

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I was standing under him Beneath the top turret and he kicked me to to get out of the way, I then jumped.

Was he injured? Not while I was in the ship

Where was he when last seen? Just before I jumped

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The ship exploded just after I left it and I think he didn't have time to get out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 sorties, 8 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: (2) Genoa, (1) Ferrera, Italy Craiova, Rum., Munich, Germany, Vienna, Austria.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MICHAEL, Donald R.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 37676600
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted]: Asst Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? Do not know.

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? Yes, by hearsay information.

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: Lt. Tilley told me in Prison camp that another fellow told him that he was shot down on the same mission and that he was picked up with a man badly wounded who was bleeding badly. Said man died a few minutes after being captured and upon examining his dog-tags found that his name was MICHAEL, Donald R. My bombardier, (Arthur R. Tilley of 40 Fairfax St., Bangor, Maine, told me the story).

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: On 6th Sortie.

Dates and destinations if possible: Not sure.

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File # 6405

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MICHAEL, Donald R.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 37676600
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted]: Asst Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? He got out somehow. Either jumped or was thrown out.

Where? About 1 or ½ mile north of Danube, about 20 kil. N. E. Vienna.

If not, why not? --

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

None after takeoff

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Lying on floor of waist

Any hearsay information: Seen by Sgt. Weiss on floor of waist injured and dead or unconscious. Weiss was injured and unable to help him. He was found on the ground with a bad wound below one knee, bleeding badly. Germans wasted a couple of hours before they started for hospital. He died on the way due to the Germans carelessness in attending to his injury and was put in the toomb at Tullin, Austria. When he was found his parachute was burned and wet.

Source: Lt. Donald Glazer or Glasser. Navigator from Bronx or N.Y.C.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 Sorties, 8 Missions

Dates and destinations if possible: (2) Genoa, (1) Ferrara, Italy
Crieva, Rum. Munich, Germany Vienna, Austria

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MONTGOMERY, Jack D.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-691149
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted]: Pilot

Did he bail out? Don't know, but pretty sure he didn't.

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before it exploded .

Was he injured? Yes, he was hit just before it happendd.

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: None at all.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Not sure.

Dates and destinations if possible: Don't know.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MONTGOMERY, Jack D.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-691149
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted]: Pilot

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? --

If not, why not? --

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

No direct contact after takeoff.

Was he injured? I believe so.

Where was he when last seen? In the pilot's seat just before I left.

Any hearsay information: No.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Just before I left the plane I noticed that he was slightly slouched in his seat and the co-pilot was flying the plane.

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: OVENS, Myron L.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 15329995
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted]: Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? Do not know.

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: As attack began.

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Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: None at all.

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Source: _____

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: [redacted] Not sure.

Dates and destinations if possible: Not sure.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: OWENS, Myron L.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 15329995
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted]: Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? --

If not, why not? --

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

Heard him speak to pilot or co-pilot when we were first attacked, about ten minutes before we went down.

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen? Did not see him after takeoff

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

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

Believe he was hit as the nose was full of bullets and 20 mm. and was unable to get out of turret before it exploded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Exact number unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: YORK, Philip (NMI)
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 16187242
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted]: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? I do not know. Sgt. Weiss said York was still in ship when Weiss jumped, and that he was on his knees.

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Last conversation with any of the crew was that fighters were attacking.

Was he injured? Sgt. Weiss isn't sure, but thinks he was.

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: He was on his 6th sortie.

Dates and destinations if possible: Not sure.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: TOMK, Philip (NMI)
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 16187242
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted]: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? --

If not, why not? --

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

Had no contact on entire trip.

Was he injured? --

Where was he when last seen? Did not see him after we took off.

Any hearsay information: Tail Gunner, Sgt. Sidney Weiss, said he saw him attempting to put on his chute as he, Weiss, Pulled himself out one of the waist windows.

Source: Sgt. Sidney Weiss

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe he was unable to get out of ship as I feel sure it exploded a few seconds after he was seen by Sgt. Weiss.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 sorties, 8 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: (2)Genoa - Ferrara(1). Italy. Craiova. Rum. Munich, Germany Vienna, Austria

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

9. Armorer Gunner York, Phillip (NMI) Sgt. 16187242 Charlotte Spiro (Grand-Mother) 2959 West Division St, Chicago, Illinois

10. Gunner RTD Weiss, Sidney (NMI) Sgt. 20640945 Anne Weiss (Wife) 4257 Richton Ave., Detroit, Michigan 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.	Henry C. Kelly	1st Lt	O-684873		Not known		
2.							
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
( ) Any other reason (specify) Information not available

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.

Date of this Report: 29 June 1944

William W. Berg
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
WILLIAM W. BERG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Statement by Lt. Kelly
Incl 2 - Sketch of Target

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by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 9 1948

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 Fld Italy Command or AF 15th Air Force
Group 455th Bomb Gp Squadron 742nd Bomb Sqdn

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Fld Italy Course Direct
Target Moosbierbaum, Austria Type of Mission High Altitude Formation Bombing

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU

4. GIVE: (a) Date 26 June 1944 Time Fr 0938 to 0945 Location Moosbierbaum, Austria of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: ( ) Last Sighted ( ) Last Contacted by Radio
( ) Forced Down ( ) Seen to Crash; or
(X) 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-J AAF Serial No 42-997771

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) 43-1830
(b) 43-1998 (c) 43-1621 (d) 43-0853

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) Browning AC Mach Gun M-2 704852 (b) Browning AC Mach Gun M-2 704574
(c) " " " 989531 (d) " " " 989443
(e) " " " 989666 (f) " " " 989602
(g) " " " 941904 (h) " " " 933949
(i) " " " 941039 (j) " " " 942364

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
1.	Pilot 371	Montgomery, Jack D	2nd Lt	0-691149	Dr. Benjamin F. Montgomery (Father) 1618 No. Danville St. Arlington, Virginia
2.	Co-Pilot RTD	Sims, Lewis P	2nd Lt	0-815985	Mrs. Elizabeth Sims (Wife) 77 Hunt St. Jackson, Ohio
3.	Navigator 371	Friedberg, Louis H.	2nd Lt	0-709327	Mrs. Dorothy Friedberg (Mother) 1351 East 8th St., Brooklyn, New York
4.	Bombardier RTD	Tilley, Arthur R.	2nd Lt.	0-708962	Mrs. Harriet G. Tilley (Wife) 40 Fairfax St. Bangor, Maine
5.	Rad Oper Gun.	Ovens, Myron L.	Sgt.	15329995	Kathryne Ovens (Wife) RFD# 2 Vermilion, Ohio
6.	Engineer Gun 371	McCoin, William G.	S/Sgt.	34506650,	Mrs. Vada M. McCoin (Mother) Route 1 Whitleyville, Tennessee
7.	Asst Rad Oper Gun	Michael, Donald R.	Sgt.	37676600	Mrs. Welcome Michael (Wife) 808 13th St., West Des Moines, Iowa
8.	Asst Eng Gun	Amborski, Arthur E.	Sgt.	42022017	Cecelia Amborski (Mother) 380 Goodyear Ave., Buffalo, New York

KOSSIEREAIM, AUSTRIA. SCALE---1:250,000 TARGET CHART No. [illegible]-59-NA

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MITTENDORF

LAST SEEN

PURKERSDORF

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PERCHTOLDSDORF

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BADEN

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Incl # 2 to MACR Lt Montgomery & Crew

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371	2nd Lt. Jack D. Montgomery K/A	Dr. Benjamin F. Montgomery, (Father) 1618 North Danville Street, Arlington, Virginia.
	2nd Lt. Lewis F. Sims RTD	Mrs. Elizabeth L. Sims, (Wife) 77 Hunt Street, Jackson, Ohio.
371	2nd Lt. Louis H. Friedberg K/A	Mrs. Dorothy Friedberg, (Mother) 1351 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, New York.
	2nd Lt. Arthur R. Tilley RTD	Mrs. Harriette G. Tilley, (Wife) 40 Fairfax Street, Bangor, Maine.
Del	Sgt. Myron L. Ovens 1495 mo info	Mrs. Kathryne K. Ovens, (Wife) R. F. D. Number Two, Vermillion, Ohio.
371	S/Sgt. William G. McCoin no info	Mrs. Vaday Mae McCoin, (Mother) Route Number One, Whitleyville, Tennessee.
	Sgt. Donald R. Michael K/A	Mrs. Welcome M. Michael, (Wife) 808 Thirteenth Street, West Des Moines, Iowa.
	Sgt. Arthur E. Amborski K/A	Mrs. Cecilia B. Amborski, (Mother) 380 Goodyear Avenue, Buffalo, New York.
	Sgt. Phillip York K/A	Mrs. Charlotte Spiro, (Grandmother) 2959 West Division Street, Chicago, Illinois.
	Sgt. Sidney Weiss RTD	Mrs. Anna Weiss, (Wife) 4257 Richton Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Sims, Lewis P. 0815985

Paul [illegible] (absfod 44)
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Michael, Donald R. 37676600
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MACR 6405 26th June Simon

Weiss, Sidney 20640945

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Simon
26th June

MACR 6405

Tilley, Arthur R. 0708962
2Lt.

POW 26 Jun 44
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MACR 6405 26th June Simon

SIR:

We had just reached the I.P. and opened the bomb-bay doors when enemy fighters attacked. The crew had been reporting having seen fighters taking off from bases as we were nearing the target. We were hit badly on the first fighter pass. As I remember it #2 Eng. was knocked out immediately and a hit near 3 and 4 started the right wing burning. We were flying #3 position and I have talked to members of the #1 and #2 position crews. They said we were burning from wing tip to wing tip and from nose to tail. I know that the nose was on fire, that both wings were also and that the instrument panel was hit. Our oxygen system was on fire and we were quickly losing control of the ship. Lt. Montgomery and I attempted to contact the crew but with no success. Lt. Tilley had opened the bomb-bay doors and was there when we were hit. He attempted to fight the fire there but was forced to the flight deck. He touched me on the shoulder and I looked back to see the bomb-bays filled with smoke and flame. The ship was losing control then so I told him to jump immediately. Just at that time Lt. Montgomery was hit and slumped forward against the wheel. That is all I remember. Members of other crews have told me that we rolled over on our back to the right and just barely missed the lead ship, before exploding.

I would estimate the time elapse from time first hit until the end to be perhaps two or three minutes. I was flying as co-pilot with my regular crew and Lt. Montgomery was flying as 1st Pilot. I was the regular 1st pilot for my crew. I was wearing a back-type chute and didn't have the shoulder harness fastened when the ship blew. I don't remember opening the chute but when it opened the jar revived me enough to see that I was almost on the ground. I must have opened the chute at not less than 500 ft. I landed near in an open field and was picked up almost immediately. I was taken to a farm-house and then to an air-field, a fighter base. Late in the evening I was taken to a Hospital in Vienna. I had a fractured left fore-arm, a minor concussion, two light pieces of shell fragments in my right leg, a sprained neck, and various bruises, including a sprained right knee. I We met my tail gunner, Sgt. Sidney Weiss in the same Hospital the next day, the 27th of June, 1944. He had a badly shot up right foot. He knew nothing whatsoever about the crew except that he had seen Lt. Tilley, our Bombardier, on the ground just as he was picked up.

I know absolutely nothing about the crew other than what I have mentioned in the questionaires. I sincerely hope that what little I know will help in bringing the facts together. I have talked to both crew members other than myself who are alive and we have attempted to piece the facts together but have found out nothing about the other crew members.

Lewis P. Sims.

LEWIS P. SIMS
1ST LT. A.C.

P.S. I have not received the Air Medal or the Purple Heart yet. I was put in for them at Miami Beach in Sept. 1945. Evidence substantiated and Drs. authorized the Purple Heart at Miami Beach but I have heard nothing. Also, the Air Medal was authorized. I was commissioned in Nov. 1943 and was supposedly recommended for 1st Lt. when I went down in June, 1944. I came back to the States in June 1945 but did not receive my 1st Lt. until Nov. 1945 I would greatly appreciate your co-operation in receiving the Air Medal and Purple Heart and seeing if my promotion to 1st Lt. could not be made retroactive. I am trying for a Regular Army Commission.

Lewis P. Sims

LEWIS P. SIMS 1st Lt. A.C.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name SIMS, LEWIS PARRY Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-815985

2. Organization 455 Gp. 742 Sq. Gp Commander COOL (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO AMBROSEN (full name) Rank Maj.

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

4. What was the mission, _____, target, Moosairbearhaum, Aus., target time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? Exploded while in formation.

6. Did you bail out? No, I was blown out unconscious, but became conscious in time to open chute a few hundred feet above the ground.

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, two. 2nd Lt. Arthur R. Tilley, and Sgt. Sidney Weiss.

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. Tilley jumped thru the bomb bays after trying to extinguish fire and on my verbal orders. Sgt. Weiss jumped from the left waist window, after being wounded in right foot and having his guns knocked out. He didn't hear the order bail out because our inter-phone system was knocked out. Both men say the ship exploded a few seconds after they jumped.

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) It exploded.

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? 2nd JACK D. MONTGMERY was flying as 1st pilot and was wounded just before it exploded. I think he was hit hard with a 20 mm. but didn't have time to investigate before it happened. He was still sitting beside me.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Have none. Will attempt to tell my story on the back.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Arthur R. Tilley Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. O-708962

2. Organization 455 B.G. Gp Commander Cool (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Ambrosen (full name) Rank Maj.

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

4. What was the mission, Moosierbaum, Aus. target, oil refinery, target time, 9:30 A.M., altitude, 19,000 route scheduled, --, route flown --

5. Where were you when you left formation? On the bomb run.

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Only one that I am sure of.

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". Sgt. Sidney, Weiss, tail gunner, was hit by a 20 mm. and his turret was knocked out. He bailed out the waist window by pulling himself out as he could not walk.
Lt. L. P. Sims, Co-pilot, was blown out of ship and opened chute on way down.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Blew up.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) No knowledge

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 members of the crew not described above after reaching the ground. I landed about ¾ of a mile from Sgt. Weiss.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. After being picked up on ground was taken to a little village and then taken into Vienna with Sgt. Sidney Weiss, my tail gunner, and Sgt. Appondelli (?) who was a gunner on another ship of the same squadron.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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REPORT ON LOSSES

Name	:	A m b o r s k i , Arthur
Rank	:	American Flier
Serial No	:	42022017 T 43 33 A C
Date of death	:	June 26. , 1944
Place of death	:	Absdorf district Tulln
Place of interment	:	Local Cemetery Absdorf Ditrict Tulln N. D. Grave No 2
Date of interment	:	July 2 , 1944 16.30
Cause of death	:	Shot down

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REPORT ON LOSSES

Name	:	F r i e d b e r g , Lois H.
Rank	:	Lieutenant Air Corps Army of the United States
Date of death	:	July 26, 1944
Place of death	:	Absdorf District Tulln N. D.
Place of interment	:	Local Cemetery Absdorf District Tulln N. D. Grave No. 4
Date of interment	:	July 23, 1944 18.00
Cause of death	:	shot down (crash)

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Lt. Col. Senior Officer

File No. A. V. 1534/45

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REPORT ON LOSSES

Name	:	M o t g o m e r y Jack D.
Rank	:	American flier
Serial No	:	O-691149 T 42 - 43 A B.
Date of death	:	June 26, 1944
Place of death	:	District Ober-Absdorf
Cause of death:		Shot down
Place of inter-ment	:	Local Cemetery Absdorf District Tulln Grave No. 1
Date of inter-	:	July 2 , 1944 16.30

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S T A T E M E N T

Observation of our losses during Mission of June 26 near Vienna, Austria by crew members of ship no. 989.

Four B-24's were observed to go down during a period of five minutes after bombs away, as a result of enemy aircraft.

One airchaft behind us was seen with #3 engine on fire. Aircraft exploded in air. No chutes were seen.

One aircraft in the first attack unit ahead of us caught fire in #2 engine and started spiraling downward. Four chutes were seen before plane struck ground.

Another plane back of us believed to be ship No. 570, was observed with both inboard engines on fire and spiraling downward. Aircraft did not explode. Six chutes were seen to open.

Another aircraft behind us was seen to have the entire tail section apparently blown off and spiraling down. One chute was seen. No fire seen.

Henry C. Kelly

HENRY C. Kelly,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
O-684873

Exhibit A to MACR Lt Montgomery's Crew