Date : 26.June 1944, time: 10,00
Place: Kleinzell, district
Lilienfeld
Type : Liberator, markings: 167
Unit : 740 HB Sqd.455 GR.304 Wing
Air Base: Carignola
Target : Air Field Headquarters
A (O) 7/XVII

Rank	Name	USA	Asn.	MF 1914
2nd Lt.	Lebsock, Robert Allen	O-690228	capt.	ø
2nd Lt.	Grisson, George R.	O-816467	dead	s.Rem.
2nd Lt.	Gilliam, Kyle Wilbur	O-702410	capt.	
2nd Lt.	Stewardson, Otis	O-696265	dead	s.Rem
T/Sgt.	Barrons, James Robert	16160336	capt.	
T/Sgt.	Amuroso, Gennaro A.	32572007	dead	s.Rem
S/Sgt.	Manning, Billy Glen	34508652	capt.	
S/Sgt.	Williams, James		dead	
S/Sgt.	Carney, James D.	17108547	dead	s.Rem.
sgt.	Pierce, John I.	32213774	dead	

Remark: the marked dead were interred on the cemetery Kleinzell, on 28.June 1944.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File-# 6433

Name of crew member: AMORUSO Gennaro A.
Rank: T/Sgt
Serial number: 32572007
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Navigator)~~: Engineer

Did he bail out? NO

Where? 25 MILES SE OF VIENNA

If not, why not? HE WAS CAUGHT IN EXPLOSION ESCAPE HATCH WAS JAMMED

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE WAS RIGHT BY ESCAPE HATCH WHEN SHIP EXPLODED

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? NEAR BOMB BAY ESCAPE HATCH

Any hearsay information: SAME AS PAGE ONE

Source:

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

HE WAS PROBABLE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX. 45

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File-# 6439

Name of crew member: ANDRUSO Gennaro A.
Rank: T/Sgt
Serial number: 32572007
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Engineer

Did he bail out? ~~yes~~ No Knowledge

Where? One mile southeast Klein zell Austria.

If not, why not? Plane exploded before he could get out.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: No Knowledge

Was he injured? No Knowledge while in plane.

Where was he when last seen? On flight deck.

Any hearsay information: He was on flight deck when plane exploded.

Source: Pilot & Navigator.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Was killed when plane ~~explode~~ exploded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: About 44

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File-# 6433

Name of crew member: CARNEY James R.
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 17108547
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~: Asst. Radio Operator

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN - NOT PROBABLE

Where? 25 MILES SE OF VIENNA

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE CLAIMED A FIGHTER

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? GETTING OUT OF BALL TURRET

Any hearsay information: SAME AS PAGE ONE

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE WAS PROBABLE CAUGHT IN THE EXPLOSION

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX 30

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File-# 6433

Name of crew member: CARNEY James R.
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 17108547
Position: Crew (Bomber) on ~~[redacted]~~ Asst. Radio Operator

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? He was in lower turret. The interphone system was destroyed & there was no way for us to notify him plane was going down.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He called out some fighters a few minutes before plane was hit.

Was he injured? No Knowledge in plane. Was found beside plane dead.

Where was he when last seen? In lower turret.

Any hearsay information: Navigator saw him beside plane, he was dead at that time.

Source: Navigator

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He must have gone down with plane, but was probably out of lower turret before plane struct ground.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 30

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File-# 6433

Name of crew member: GRISSOM George R.
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-816467
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Crew (Fighter)~~: Co-pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? 25 MILES SE OF VIENNA

If not, why not? SHIP BLEW - WE WERE TRAPPED

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

I TOLD HIM TO LEAVE SHIP

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? TRYING TO GET OUT OF SHIP

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE WAS KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX. 33

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File-# 6433

Name of crew member: GRISSOM George R.
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-816467
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~(Fighter)~~: Co-pilot

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: _____

Was he injured? Yes. One of his legs was cut off.

Where was he when last seen? In cockpit.

Any hearsay information: He was found by plane. He must have bailed out of upper hatch on flight deck & one of the prop's hit him, cutting one of his legs off.

Source: Pilot & Navigator.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 36

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File-# 6433

Name of crew member: PIERCE John F.
Rank: Sgt
Serial number: 32213774
Position: Crew (Bomber) of~~/////////////~~ Gunner

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN - NOT PROBABLE

Where? 25 MILES SE OF VIENNIA

If not, why not? UNKNOWN- PROBABLE CAUGHT IN EXPLOSION

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

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN NOSE TURRET

Any hearsay information: SAME AS FIRST PAGE

Source:

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

HE WAS PROBABLE KNOCKED UNCONCIOUS OR KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX 36

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN- SOME OF MISSIONS WERE - MUNICK - VIENNA - TOULON . WEINER NEWSTADT - GENOA NORTHERN ITALY

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File-# 6433

Name of crew member: PIERCE John P.
Rank: Sgt
Serial number: 32213774
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Gunner

Did he bail out? yes.

Where? One mile south of Kleinzell, Austria.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In the ~~front~~ nose turret.

Any hearsay information: Civilians told us that several men bailed out with their chutes afire. Pierce must have been one of these as his body was found ½ mile from plane.

Source: Civilians in vicinity.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The pilot said he was in nose turret firing at fighter's at the time he first noticed plane was damaged.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 34

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File-# 6433

Name of crew member: STEWARDSON Otis (NMI)
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: O-696265
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~#####/#####~~ Bombardier

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? 25 MILES SE OF VIENNA

If not, why not? UNKNOWN. PROBABLE LACK OF TIME

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE WAS CALLING OUT FIGHTERS

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN NOSE COMPARTMENT

Any hearsay information: SAME AS PAGE ONE

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: MY OPINION IS IT WAS HIS CHUTES THAT WAS ON FIRE

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX 30

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File-# 6433

Name of crew member: STEWARDSON Otis (NMI)
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: O-696265
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Four miles south of the town of Klausen Austria

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He called bombs away. That was about 6 minutes before plane went down

Was he injured? No knowledge when plane was found dead.

Where was he when last seen? No knowledge.

Any hearsay information: Civilians said several chutes were seen there. Lt. Stewardson must have been one of these as he was found several miles from plane in a badly mangled condition.

Source: Civilians, Pilot & Navigator.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Must have baled out when plane was only two hundred feet from ground

Total number of missions of above crew member: 34

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File-# 6433

Name of crew member: WILLIAMS James C.
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 34686651
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of/////////////////~~ Gunner

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN - NOT PROBABLE

Where? ACCIDENT OCCURRED APPROX. 25 MILES SE OF VIENNA

If not, why not? SHIP BLEW UP

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: DO NOT REMEMBER WHAT LAST CONVERSATION WITH WILLIAM'S WAS

Was he injured? HE HAD BULLET HOLE IN HEAD WHEN I SAW HIM TWO DAYS LATER

Where was he when last seen? PREPARING TO BAIL OUT.

Any hearsay information: GERMANS SAID ONE CHUTE FROM SHIP WAS AFIRE - ACTUAL PERSON UNKNOWN UNKNOWN TO ME

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE WAS PROBABLE FATALLY WOUNDED - IF NOT HE WAS TRAPPED IN EXPLOSION

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX. 35 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: DATES IMPOSSIBLE — SOME OF HIS MISSIONS WERE PLOESTI - VIENNA - MUNICH - TOULON GENOA - BOLONA - WEINER NEWSTADT

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6433

Name of crew member: WILLIAMS James C.
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 34686651
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~ Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? He was at escape hatch with chute on, but was shot before leaving plane.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Spoke with him 30 sec. before bailing out. He was in tail turret & I went back & told him to bail out.

Was he injured? Not at the time I saw him last.

Where was he when last seen? At the rear escape hatch ready to bail out.

Any hearsay information: He was found beside plane with bullet ~~wound~~ wound in forehead. This wound was inflicted while plane was still in air as the wound was so large that only a machine gun bullet or one of large caliber could have caused the wound

Source: Navigator & Pilot.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: As he was prepared to bail out at the time I left the plane, he must have been shot by attacking planes before leaving ship.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 34

Dates and destinations if possible:

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DED 9. Gunner Williams, James C. S/Sgt 34636651 Mrs. Leopie Williams Wife N/A
Gen. Delivery, McRae, Georgia

KIA 10. Gunner Pierce, John F. Sgt 32213774 Mrs. Catherine Pierce Mother
123 Sixth St., Garden City, New York

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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. Adkisson, Jr., William R.	1st Lt	0-692029		X		
2. Teasdale, Albert W.	1st Lt	0-673832		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. 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: 29 June 1944

Joe B Goodrich
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOE B. GOODRICH
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

3 Incls:
Incl 1 - Statement of Lt. Adkisson
Incl 2 - Statement of Lt. Teasdale
Incl 3 - Sketch Where Aircraft Last Seen

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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, Italy Command or AF 15th
Group 455th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 740th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Field Course Direct
Target 48° 15 ' N 16° 40 ' E Type of Mission Combat

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

4. GIVE: (a) Date 6/20/44 Time 0938 Location 47° 40'N/15° 40'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 G AAF Serial No 42-78167

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R 1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) 42-8367
(b) 42-7628 (c) 42-89995 (d) 42-6445

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

(a)	406422 Browning Cal.50 M2	(b)	406396 Browning Cal.50 M2
(c)	399679	(d)	399515
(e)	399523	(f)	369590
(g)	369679 370529	(h)	369635 368537

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

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 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)

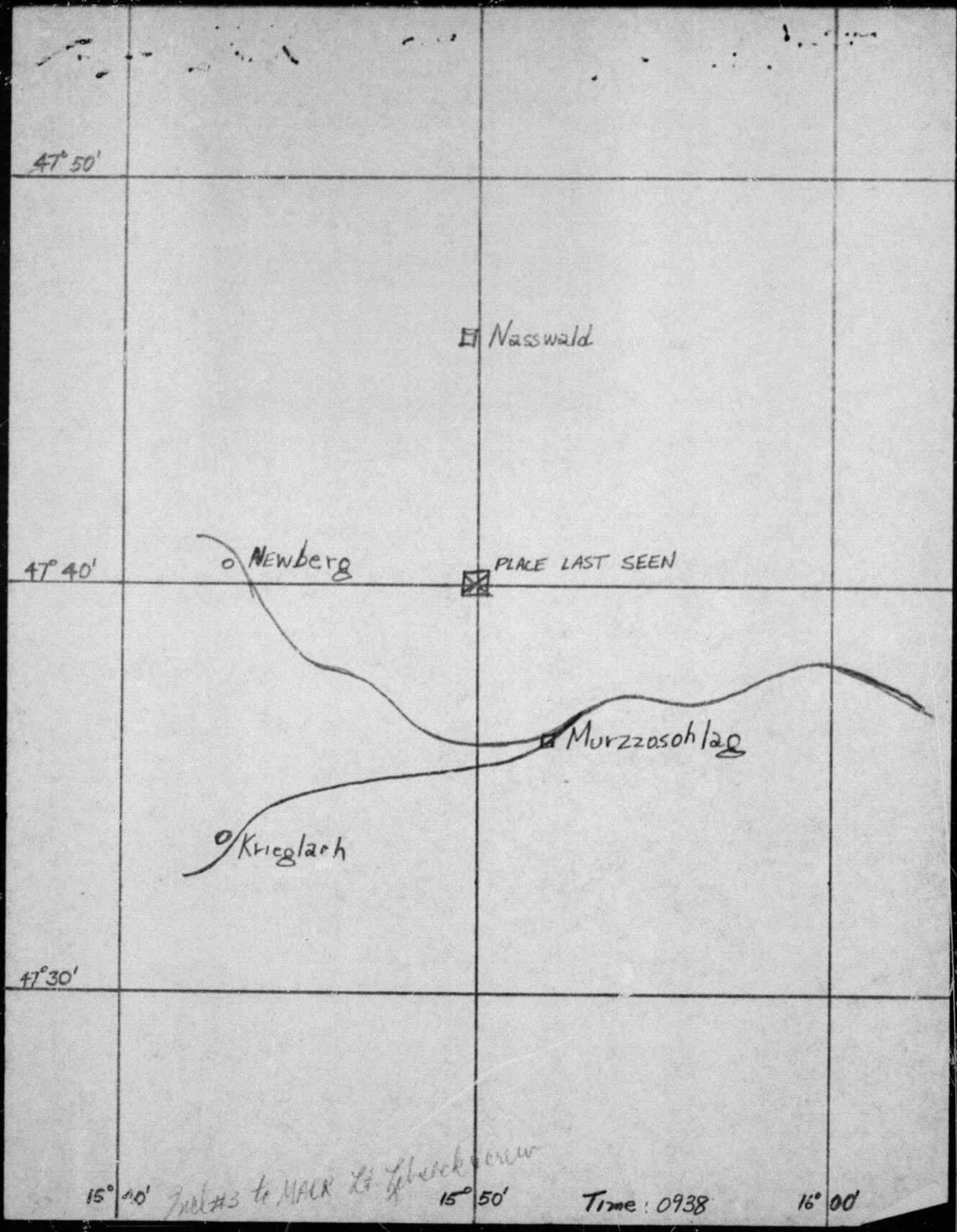
	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS	
EUS 1.	Pilot	Lebsock, Robert A.	2nd Lt	0-690228	Mr. George Lebsock Father Box 14 Snyder, Colorado	RTD
KIA 2.	Co-Pilot	Grissom, George R.	2nd Lt	0-816467	Mr. George R. Grissom Father 717 11th St., Mt. Vernon, Illinois	
EUS 3.	Navigator	Gilliam, Kyle W.	2nd Lt	0-702410	Mrs. K.W. Gilliam Wife 2809 Glenn Ave., Los Angeles, California	RTD.
KIA 4.	Bombardier	Stewardson, Otis (NMI)	2nd Lt	0-696265	Thomas H. Stewardson Father RFD #5, Shelbyville, Illinois	
KIA 5.	Engineer 37	Amoruso, Gennaro A.	T/Sgt	32572007	Mrs. Mary Amoruso Mother 53 Sherman Place, Garfield, New Jersey	
RMC 6.	Asst Engineer	Manning, Billy G.	S/Sgt	34508652	Mrs. Mollie W. Manning Mother 2412 Malone, Memphis, Tennessee	RTD
EUS 7.	Radio	Barrons, James R.	T/Sgt	16160336	Lillian Barrons Mother 29901 Breton Road, Farmington, Michigan	RTD
KIA 8.	Asst Radio	Carney, James D.	S/Sgt	17108547	Myrtle Carney Mother 216 So. Menlo, Sioux Falls, So. Dakota	

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(See Reverse Side)


47° 50'
Nasswald
47° 40'
Newberg
PLACE LAST SEEN
Murrzzoschlag
Krieglach
47° 30'
15° 40'
15° 50'
16° 00'
Time: 0938

2nd Lt. Robert A. Lebsock	RTD	6	Mr. George Lebsock (Father) Box 14, Snyder, Colorado.
2nd Lt. George R. Grissom	K/A	5	Mr. George G. Grissom (Father) 717 North 11th Street, Mount Vernon, Illinois.
2nd Lt. Kyle W. Gilliam	RTD	4	Mrs. Patsy M. Gilliam (Wife) 2809 Glenn Avenue, Los Angeles, California.
2nd Lt. Otis Stewardson	K/A	9	Mr. Thomas Hardie Stewardson (Father) Rural Free Delivery Number Five, Shelbyville, Illinois.
T/Sgt. Gennaro A. Amoruso	K/A	1	Mrs. Mary Amoruso (Mother) 53 Sherman Place, Garfield, New Jersey.
T/Sgt. James R. Barrons	RTD	7	Mrs. Virginia Barrons (Wife) 29901 Breton Road, Farmington, Michigan.
S/Sgt. Billy G. Manning	RTD	1	Mrs. Mollie W. Manning (Mother) 2412 Malone Street, Memphis, Tennessee.
S/Sgt. James D. Carney	K/A	3	Mrs. Myrtle Carney (Mother) Richland, Washington.
S/Sgt. James C. Williams	K/A	10	Mrs. Leoria Williams (Wife) General Delivery, McRae, Georgia.
Sgt. John F. Pierce	K/A	8	Mrs. Catherine J. Pierce (Mother) 123 6th Street, Garden City, New York.

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PIERCE OR AMORUSO. GARNEY WAS NOT MUTILATED.
WILLIAMS HAD BULLET HOLE IN HIS HEAD.
GRISSOM WAS MUTILATED, ONE LEG WAS ALMOST OFF.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ROBERT A. LEBSOCK Rank 2ND LT 1ST LT Serial No. O-690[illegible]

2. Organization 4 5586 Gp Commander COOL (full name) Rank COL. Sqn CO UNKNOWN (full name) Rank MAJOR

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

4. What was the mission, UNKNOWN - VIENNA AREA, target, APPROX 1000 ←, target time, 12,500 ←, altitude, UNKNOWN route scheduled, UNKNOWN, route flown UNKNOWN

5. Where were you when you left formation? SHIP BLEW IN FORMATION

6. Did you bail out? NO

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". MANNING & BARRONS BAILED OUT BEFORE EXPLOSION - GILLIAM & MYSELF WERE CAUGHT IN EXPLOSION - GILLIAM REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS & OPENED CHUTE - MINE WAS OPEN WHEN I CAME TO.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR KLEINZELL, AUST.

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? NO KNOWLEDGE

12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE ON STEWARDSON (OVER)

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 Billy G. Manning Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 34508652

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

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

4. What was the mission, _____, target, Oil refinery 16 miles from Vienna, target time, 10.30 AM, altitude, 21,000 thousand route scheduled, yes _____, route flown yes

5. Where were you when you left formation? We were in formation in number 6 position

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". James Barron bailed out. Explane was going into spin, over the town of Klenzell, Austria, He left by the rear escape hatch. Pilot & Navigator were blown from plane when it exploded.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In mountains south of Klenzell, Austria 2 miles.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) James R. Carney. And ~~possibly~~ possibly Lt. George R. Grisson.

11. Where were they in aircraft? Carney was beside lower turret. Lt. Grisson was ~~in cockpit or on step~~ outside plane.

12. What was their condition? Carney was in fair condition Lt. Grisson was mangled.

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? No Knowledge. Pilot & Navigator, decapitated bodies

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. ~~No Knowledge. Not~~ No knowledge.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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Casualty No. NE 1514

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 26 June 1944 - 10.00

PLACE OF CRASH: near Kleinzell

TYPE OF CRASH: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: AIR BASE HQ A(O) 7/XVII

NAME:		RANK:	SERIAL NO:	CAPTURED WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT:
LEBSOCK 16 Jan 23	Robert Allen Colo.	2nd Lt	O-690228	capt	Dulag Air
GILLIAN 4 Dec 17	Kyle Wilbur Clinton Tenn.	2nd Lt	O-703410	capt	Dulag Air
MANNING	Billy Glenn Memphis, Tenn.	S/Sgt	34308652	capt	Dulag Air
BARRONS 30 October 22	James R. Farmington	T/Sgt	16160336	capt	Dulag Air
GRIESSOM	George R. KIA -	2nd Lt	O-816447	dead	28 June 44 cemetery Kleinzell
STEWARDSON	Otis	2nd Lt	O-696265	dead	- KIA
AMOROSA AMOROSA, GUNNARO A.	G.A.	T/Sgt	32572007	dead	- KIA
CARNEY	James D.	S/Sgt	17108547	dead	- KIA
PIERCE	John F.	Sgt	32213774	dead	

Dulag Air , July 10, 1944/We.

KSU 1514

Downing: Liberator on 26 June 44, 100, near Kleinzell Hochstaff

AMORUSO	G.A.	-	32572007 T 42-43	dead	KIA
CARNEY	James D.	-	17108547	dead	KIA
GRISSOM	George R.	-	O-816467 T 43-43 O	dead	KIA
STEWARDSON	Otis	-	O-696265 T 43-43 A	dead	KIA

GENNARO A.

MB-KSU-1514

Air Base Headquarters A (O) 9/XVII - Markersdorf 7 July 1944

Br. B. No. 1121

Case: D (Luft) 2706/DV

Ref: Report of Enemy Drew Members

Enclosure: Four form pages, two identification tags

To: Dulag-Luft, Oberursel

In the enclosure is transmitted herewith four form pages and two identification tags.

Both identification tags of John P. Pierce, Identification No. 33 213 774 - T-43-43-8, were today by the Burgmaster in Kleinzell transmitted only with report that Pierce was buried in the Local Cemetery at Kleinzell on 26 June 1944.

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1514

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: 26 June 1944 at 10;00 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: Kleinzell Hochstaff

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Command A (O) 7/XVII - Markersdorf near St. Poelten - 29 June 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Amoruso, G. A.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 32 572 007 - T-42

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: Dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: Local Cemetery at Kleinzell on 28 June 1944.

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1514

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: 26 June 1944 at 10;10 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: Kleinzell (Hochstaff)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Command A (O) 7/XVII - Merkersdorf near St. Poelten - 29 June 1944.

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Barrows, J. R.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: T/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 16 160 336 - T-43-43-O

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured at Kleinzell on 26 June 1944 at 18;00 o'clock

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KMU-1514

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 26 June 1944 at 10,00 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: Kleinzell

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Command A (O) 7/XVII - Markersdorf near St. Poelten - 29 June 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Carney, James D.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 17 108 547

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: Dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: Local Cemetery at Kleinzell, District Hainfeld on 28 June 1944

REMARKS:

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KMU-1514

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 26 June 1944 around 10;00 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: Kleinzell (Hochstaff)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Command A (O) 7/XVII - Markersdorf near St. Poelten - 29 June 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Cilliam, Kylew

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Lieutenant

SERIAL NUMBER: O-102 410

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured at Kleinzell on 26 June 1944 at 11;00 o'clock

6-3224.AF(6)

47 5114

CASUALTY NO.

ME-KSU-1514

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 26 June 1944 at 10;00 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: Kleinzell Hochstaff

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base A (O) 7/XVII - Markersdorf near St. Poelten

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CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Grissom, George R.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: O-816 467 - T-43-43-O

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: Dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: Local Cemetery at Kleinzell on 28 June 1944.

REMARKS:

CASUALTY NO.
WE-KSU-1514

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 26 June 1944 at 10;10 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: Kleinzell

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Command A (o) 7/XVII - Merkersdorf near St. Poelten - 29 June 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Lebsock, Robert

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: O-690 228 - T-42-43-O

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured at Kleinzell on 26 June 1944 at 13;00 o'clock

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1514

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 26 June 1944 at 10;00 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: Kleinzell

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Command A (O) 7/XVII - Markersdorf near St. Poelten - 29 June 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Manning, Billi

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 34 508 652

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured at Kleinzell, District Lilienfeld on 26 June 1944 at 14;00 o'clock.

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1514 '

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: - - - 26 June 1944

PLACE OF CRASH: Kleinzell

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Mustang

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Command A (O) 7/XVII - Markersdorf near St. Poelten - 7 July 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Pierce, John F.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Unknown

SERIAL NUMBER: 32 213 774 - T-42-43-B

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: Dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: Local Cemetery in Kleinzell on 29 May 1944.

REMARKS:

6-3324.AF(6)

67 8114

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1514

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 26 June 1944 at 10:00 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: Kleinzell (Hochstaff)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Command A (O) 7/XVII - Markersdorf, near St. Poelten - 29 June 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Stewardson, Otis

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Unknown

SERIAL NUMBER: O-696 265 - T-43-43-A

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: Dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: Local Cemetery at Kleinzell on 28 June 1944.

REMARKS:

740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer

26 June 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness Description.

TO : Whom it may concern.

At approximately 0940 hours, just after leaving the Target I noticed Ship No. 167's Number one (1) engine burning badly. He was flying on our right wing in, no 5 position in "A" Box. This was soon after a frontal attack by two Me-109's. I called twice to-tell him his engine was burning because I couldn't see any gunners in his waist that might have seen it. I recieved no answer and about the time I finished calling his left wing started buckling slowly. The outer half of the wing folded up to a right angle and the wing fuel tanks exploded blowing the wing clear of the ship. Ship side slipped t o the right and gradually went into a spin almost completely enveloped in flames. Waist Gunner on our ship reported seeing two parachutes open before ship crashed.

William R. Adkisson Jr.
WILLIAM R. ADKISSON JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

Sent to MACR 11 Forward Crew

740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUAD ON (H) AAF
Office of The Operations Officer

26 June 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness description.

TO : Whom it may concern.

Ship No. 234 was in No. five position all the way from rendezvous to the I.P., at that point he feathered No. one engine and fell back. Ship No. 167 took No. 5 position. Shortly after the target at approximately 0940, three ME 109's attacked from twelve O'clock slightly above our level and passed between the lead and high flight. No. one engine on ship No. 167 started burning and burned for approximately five minutes with out any apparent action of crew on ship 167 to extinguish flames. The waist gunner was not at the left waist window.

At 0947, a spurt of flame, notlike a flare was seen coming from No. one engine. The wingtip outboard of No. one engine burned fiercely and apparently melted off, folding upward before breaking off.

The ship peeled off down and to the left and then went into a right hand spin and went down. The ship blew up when it hit the ground.

Two chutes were observed immediately after the wing came off and three more a few seconds later.

Robert M Teasdale
ROBERT M. TEASDALE,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Navigator.

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