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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name David C. Brothers Rank Capt. Serial No. 0-688910

2. Organization A-C Gp Commander Kenneth A. Cool (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Edwin C. Ambrosen (full name) Rank Lt. Col.

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

4. What was the mission, Moosbiabaum, Austria, target, Synthetic Oil refinery target time, 09:37, altitude, 18,500 route scheduled, Up Adriatic circled Vienna to West North of City to Target, route flown Same

5. Where were you when you left formation? Approximately 20 mile West North West of Vienna, Austria

6. Did you bail out? I was pushed out by co-pilot due to wounds

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes. Co-pilot, Engineer, and Tail Gunner.

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". Co-pilot bailed out Approximately 20 Miles West of Vienna - Not injured.

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) No definite Knowledge

11. Where were they in aircraft? No Knowledge

12. What was their condition? No Knowledge

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. No Knowledge

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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ALL CASUALTY INFORMATION IS AS ACCURATE AS possible. Due TO ENEMY AIR ATTACKS, fire, And SCATTERED positions of crew, I Am unable To verify ANY MORE INFORMATION.

David C. Brothers
CAPT. MC

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: KYLE, Edward L.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32365930
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~: 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: Interphone conversation during fighter attacks

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Prior To Take off

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Over 40

Dates and destinations if possible: June 26, 1944 To Moosbirbaum, Austria

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: KYLE, Edward L.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32365930
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where?

If not, why not? No knowledge

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

He was in the ball turret and last heard he was talking to one of the waist gunners.

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information:

None

Source:

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 48 missions

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: LEITHAUSER, Thomas J.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32507207
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ (Fighter): Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Approximately 20 miles West of Vienna

If not, why not? —

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

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Stalag Luft III - Sagan, Germany - Dec. 1944

Any hearsay information: —

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: This gunner was not killed. He was repatriated Jan. 1945 due to severe injuries

Total number of missions of above crew member: 50

Dates and destinations if possible: June 26, 1944 To Moosbierbaum, Austria

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: LEITHAUSER, Thomas J.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32507207
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ (Fighter): Gunner

Did he bail out? This man last heard from was in a army
Where? hospital in Vermont, United States of America., and very ~~much alive.~~

If not, why not? _____

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

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Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

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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: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: MASON, James B.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 11084773
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~): Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Approximately 20 miles West of VIENNA

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: While giving him oxygen and aid on flight deck

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? On ground near VIENNA where he died

Any hearsay information: No

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believed To be shock

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Total number of missions of above crew member: Over 40

Dates and destinations if possible: June 26, 1944 To Moosbirkbaum, AUSTRIA only knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: MASON, James B.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 11064773
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight Engineer~~: Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge.

Where? _____

If not, why not? ~~He was fatally injured.~~

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

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Was he injured? ~~Yes~~

Where was he when last seen? ~~On the Flight Deck~~

Any hearsay information: T/Sgt. Mason was believed to have been injured during the first ememy attack and shortly afterwards died of these injuries.

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Source: Information came from LT. Brothers who was on the Flight deck with him at the time of the attack.

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: About 44 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: MONTGOMERY, Robert A.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: O-745142
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxx~~ (~~Fighter~~): Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? —

If not, why not? He STAyed AT the CONTROLS cutting off escape due TO fire and ship's explosion

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: INTERPHONE CONVERSATION prior TO my leaving ship.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? IN pilOT's SEAT

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Over 45

Dates and destinations if possible: June 26, 1944 To Moosbinbaum, AUSTRIA

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: MONTGOMERY, Robert A.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: O-745142
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxx~~ (~~Fighter~~): Pilot

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? Last seen attempting to free himself from oxygen equiptment and flak suit.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: During the attack. Lt. Montogomery and I (co-pilot) were talking about the condition of the aircraft when the inter phone system was shot out. His last motion (signal) was for us to abandon the ship. Which I promptly done.

Was he injured? ~~He was uninjured when last seen him.~~

Where was he when last seen? Trying to leave his seat.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Lt. Montogomery was on 50th mission

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: MOORE, Francis M.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 6576628
Position: Crew (Bomber)~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~: Photographer

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? —

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Interphone conversation about Three (3) minutes before I left ship

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In nose Turret about Target Time

Any hearsay information: No

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: 26 June 1944, To Moosbie baum Austria

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: MOORE, Francis M.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 6576628
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Photographer

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: alerted the crew.

~~Prior to the attack he was first to spot enemy aircraft and~~

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In nose turret.

Any hearsay information:

None

Source:

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge- he was assigned to our crew for the first time that day.

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: P R I T C H A R D , Edward J.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 33298006
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~ Rad. Oper . Gun.

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: I motioned him To bail out (IN bomb bay).

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? IN Bomb bay.

Any hearsay information: No

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: June 26, 1944 Moosbin baum, AUSTRIA

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PRITCHARD, Edmund J.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 32298006
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~ Rad. Oper. Gun.

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where?

If not, why not? No knowledge

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

On route to target, Approx. 15 minutes before the first attack.

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: Was on his 50th mission

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: SMITH, Henry G.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 14066023
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~: Asst Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? —

If not, why not? Believed To be dead in waist position

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Interphone conversation About Ten(10) minutes before I left ship

Was he injured? No definite Knowledge but believed killed

Where was he when last seen? One hour before Target Time in bomb bays

Any hearsay information: No

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believed killed in major fighter attack.

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: June 26, 1944 To Moosbirbaum, Austria

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE **File # 6516**

Name of crew member: **SUTTON, Joe M.**
Rank: **S/Sgt.**
Serial number: **34457134**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~[illegible]~~): **Asst Engineer Gunner**

Did he bail out? No knowledge.

Where?

If not, why not? No knowledge

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

He was a waist gunner and was last heard speaking to the ball turret gunner

Was he injured? ~~No knowledge~~

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: ~~47 missions~~

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: SMITH, Henry G.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 14066023
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Fighter~~: Asst Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? ~~No knowledge.~~

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not, why not? no knowledge

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

~~About 5 minutes prior to the first attack.~~

as he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: About 46 or 47

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6516

Name of crew member: SUTTON, Joe M.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 34457134
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~: Asst Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? —

If not, why not? No Knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Interphone conversation during fighter attacks

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? One hour prior to target time.

Any hearsay information: —

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believed killed at waist gun position due to severe enemy fighter attacks.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Over 40

Dates and destinations if possible: June 24, 1944 To Moosbierbaum, Austria

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		Smith.

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On: June - 26 - 44 at: ?

Place: near Tulln

Type: LIBERATOR

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Rank:	Name:	A.S.N.:
2nd LT	SABO Edward Hospital	6516 O - 750 855
1st LT	MONTGOMERY R. A. missed	
2nd LT	BROTHERS D. C. missed	
T/Sgt	MASON J. B. missed	
S/Sgt	LEITHAUSER T. M. missed	
S/Sgt	SUTTON J. M. missed	
S/Sgt	SMITH Henry missed	

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

9. Gunner — Leithauser, Thomas J. S/Sgt 32507207 Mrs. Helen Leithauser (Mother) 1223 Wheeler Ave., Bronx, New York

10. Armorer Gunner — Kyle, Edward L. S/Sgt 32365930 Daisy Kyle (Mother) 413 Sassafras St., Millville, New Jersey

**11. Photographer — Moore, Francis M. S/Sgt 6576628 Mr. Karl F. Moore (Father) Route 1, Box 433 San Deigo, California

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

** Assigned to 743rd Bomb. Sqdn.

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Classification changed to RESTRICTED
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 15 1946

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

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Fld, Italy Course Direct Target Moosbierbau, 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-H AAF Serial No 42-52230

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) CP-300336 (b) CP-301528 (c) CP-312494 (d) BP-400768

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) Browning AC Mach Gun M-2 1152250 (b) Browning AC Mach Gun M-2 1152252
(c) " " " 1152604 (d) " " " 1152485
(e) " " " 1152877 (f) " " " 1152745
(g) " " " 1152570 (h) " " " 1152623
(i) " " " 1152126 (j) " " " 1152326

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

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

	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS	
1.	Pilot	Montgomery, Robert A.	1st Lt	O-745142	Mrs. Carrie J. Montgomery (Mother) Nowata, Oklahoma	PDD
2.	Co-Pilot	Sabo, Edward (NMI)	2nd Lt	O-750855	Mrs. Coleman Sabo (Mother) 1026 Garden St., Warren, Ohio	RTD
3.	Navigator					
4.	Bombardier	Brothers, David C.	1st Lt	O-688910	Mrs. A.R. Brothers (Mother) 613 Fayetteville Rd. Rockingham, North Carolinia	KIA
5.	Rad Oper Gun	Pritchard, Edward J.	T/Sgt	33298006	Mr. Edward D. Pritchard (Father) 1004 Mercer St. New Castle, Pennslyvania	KIA
6.	Engineer Gun	Mason, James B.	T/Sgt	11084773	Mildred V. Mason (Mother) 243 Pearl St. Newton, Mass.	KIA
7.	Asst Rad Oper Gun	Smith, Henry G	S/Sgt	14066023	Willie E. Smith (Mother) W.A. 14-590 Apt., Brunswick, Georgia	KIA
8.	Asst. Eng Gun	Sutton, Joe M.	S/Sgt	34457134	Mrs. Pauline W. Sutton (Wife) Route 1, Jacksonville, North Carolinia	PDD

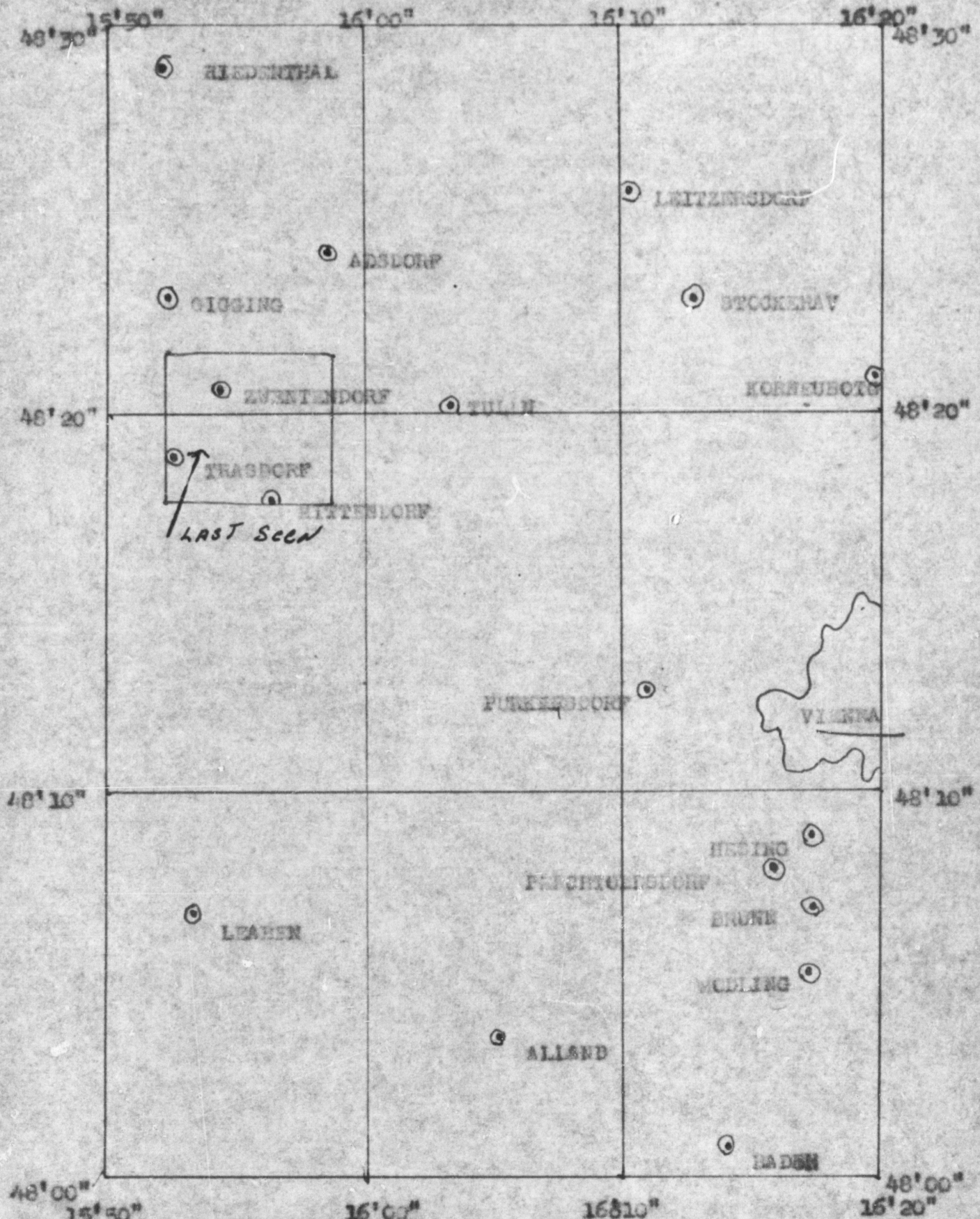
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MOOSBRUNNBAUM, AUSTRIA SCALE 1:250,000 Target Chart No. 14-39-RA



Incl #2 to MACR 61 Montgomery 9 Dec 44

OS ✓ Staff Sergeant Joe M. Sutton PDD X Mrs. Pauline M. Sutton (Wife)
Route Number One,
Jacksonville, North Carolina.

✓ First Lieutenant David C. Brothers RTD X Mrs. Virginia L. Brothers (Mother)
615 Fayetteville Road,
Rockingham, North Carolina.

OS ✓ Technical Sergeant Edward J. Pritchard KIA O Mrs. Margaret E. Pritchard (Mother)
209 Edgewood Avenue,
New Castle, Pennsylvania.

O.S. ✓ Technical Sergeant James B. Mason KIA X Mrs. Mildred V. Mason (Mother)
243 Pearl Street,
Newton, Massachusetts.

RUS 371 ✓ Staff Sergeant Henry G. Smith 371 KIA X Mrs. Willie E. Smith (Mother)
W. A. 14-590 Apartment,
Brunswick, Georgia.

RUS ✓ Staff Sergeant Edward L. Kyle PDD O Mrs. Daisy Kyle, (Mother)
413 Sassafras Street,
Millville, New Jersey.

✓ Staff Sergeant Thomas J. Leithauser RTD X Mrs. Helen Leithauser (Mother)
1223 Wheeler Avenue,
Bronx, New York.

RUS ✓ Staff Sergeant Francis M. Moore PDD O Mrs. Gladys I. Moore (Mother)
Route Number 3, Box Number 433,
San Diego, California.

Grave Buried ✓ First Lieutenant Robert A. Montgomery PDD X Mrs. Carrie J. Montgomery (Mother)
Nowata, Oklahoma.

✓ Second Lieutenant Edward Sabo KIA RTD X Mr. Coleman Sabo, (Father)
1026 Garden Street,
Warren, Ohio.

Leithauser, Thomas J. 32509207

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Edward Sabo Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. o-750855

2. Organization 455th Gp Commander Cool (full name) Rank Brig. Gen. Sq Com, Ambrosen (full name) Rank Lt. Col.

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

4. What was the mission, bombing of Oil Refinery, target, Moosierbaum, Austria, target time, About 9:30 A.M., altitude, Approx. 17000ft. route scheduled, northward to Vienna, Austria, route flown same as scheduled.

5. Where were you when you left formation? Deputy Flight Leader in no. 6 flight. Left Formation just prior to bombing run.

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? to my knowledge 2 others. (1) Lt. D.C. Brothers and (2) S/Sgt. Thomas J. Leithauser.

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 except on above mentioned two. Both these men are alive and are now in the U.S. - Last known fact about S/Sgt Leithauser is that he is still in a army hospital in Vermont. Lt. Brothers is home at Rockingham, N.C.

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

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, Except I believe T/ Sgt. Mason, J.B. was injured fatally, and went down with the aircraft. He was the flight engineer and was on the flight deck at the time, when last seen.

11. Where were they in aircraft? Flight deck - Mason

12. What was their condition? Mason was fatally injured.

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I last noted Lt Montogomery attempting to free himself from his oxygen equiptment and flak suit. He was unconscious at the time -

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No knowledge.

(Any additional information may be written on the back) a-1.

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File No. A.V. 1509/45

REPORT ON DEATH

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Name	:	M A S O N , James B.
Serial No.	:	11084773
Rank	:	Pfc. American flier.
Date of birth	:	June 23, 1923
Place of birth	:	Newton Mass.
Date of death	:	June 26 , 1944
Place of death	:	Tulln (TULIN) N.D. (COUNTY)
Cause of death	:	crash of downed aircraft
Interment	:	interred on June 28, 1944 on municipal Cemetery Tulln N. D. (new sector)

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Signature

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Lt. Col . and Army Senior Officer.

File No. A. V. 1513 / 45

Report on Death

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Name	:	S M I T H Henry G.
Rank	:	American flier
Date of death	:	June 26, 1944
Cause of death	:	Burned in downed aircraft.
Next of kin	:	Willie E Smith Brunswick Ga. W. A. 14 Apt. 590
Interment	:	interred on June 28, 1944 on municipal Cemetery Tulln N.D. (new Sector)
Distributor	:	Army Senior Officer Tulln. Army District Command Wien I (Vienna I) Stubenring 1

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Lt. Col. and Army Senior Officer.

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.

One aircraft behind us was seen with #3 engine on fire. Aircraft exploded in air. Nochutes were seen.

One aircraft in the first attack unit ahead of us caught fire in #2 engine and started spirling 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,
0-684873

Incl #1 to MACR 4 Montgomery's crew