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11 men

21 July 44,13.30 Borovnica.Type: Liberator.Markings: ...887 741(H.B.)Sqd. 455 Group,304Wing, Airbase Cerignola 520 Target: Air Fleet Command 2.	USA		ME 1678	
	2nd Lt.	NIXON,Charles Res.Camp II Vienna		
	Maj.	LINFORD, Horace W, Jr.	O-401185	
	1st Lt.	CRIM		
	1st Lt.	BAKANAUSKAS,Sam.	O-688655	captured
	T/SGT	SIMMON		
	S/SGT	MARKOSKI		
	T/SGT	LOICANA,Carl Russell	32832337	captured
	2nd Lt.	BRAMSON,Edward	O-814234	captured
	1st Lt.	BRUIAK,Baddeus	O-683899	captured
	S/SGT	LUDWIG,William John	33303475	captured
	S/SGT	CURTISS,Perry Lavern	36424313	captured

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GRIM, William R.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: O-703[illegible]
Position: Crew (Bomber) [illegible] Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? approximately 20 miles west of Ljubljana, Yugoslavia

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: "You go ahead. I'll wait for Nixon."

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? in parachute

Any hearsay information: escaped back to Italy after making contact with partisans. He is now attending school in the States.

Source: Capt. Lewis D. Nixon

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: approximately 47

Dates and destinations if possible: July 21, 1944--return from bombing mission at Brux, Germany, to Cerignola, Italy.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6972

Name of crew member: GRIM, William R.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: O-703905
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~[illegible]~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? South of KLAGENFURT, Austria 21st. July, 1944

If not, why not? ~~[illegible]~~

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ~~[illegible]~~

Bailed out of the Bomber, ~~[illegible]~~ to bail out, ~~[illegible]~~

Was he injured? ~~hit leg flak~~

Where was he when last seen? ~~in the chute~~

Any hearsay information: ~~I was told by an S-2 of 455th Bomb Group~~ around Dec. 1, 1944 ~~that Lt. Grim~~

I saw Lt. Grim in Feb. 1945 at CERRIGNOLA, ITALY prior to the returning to U.S.

Source: ~~[illegible]~~

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: ~~[illegible]~~

Total number of missions of above crew member: ~~[illegible]~~

Dates and destinations if possible: ~~[illegible]~~

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6972

Name of crew member: Cain, William A.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: O-[illegible]
Position: Crew (Bomber [illegible]): Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Mt. Koim, Yugoslavia

If not, why not? —

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

Instructions were given to stay away from lines of communication.

Was he injured? Not visible

Where was he when last seen? In Italy after his return to Allied control.

Any hearsay information:

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: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6972

Name of crew member: CURTISS, Perry L.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 36432218
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? yes

Where? approximately 20 miles west of Ljubljana, Yugoslavia

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: reported damage on underside of plane

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? in parachute, later in prison camp Stalag Luft III

Any hearsay information: have seen him since at his home in Michigan

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 30

Dates and destinations if possible: July 21, 1944--return from bombing mission at Brux, Germany, to Cerignola, Italy.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6972

Name of crew member: CURTISS, Perry L.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 36422515
Position: Crew (Bomber [redacted]; Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? South of KLAGENFURT, Austria 21st July, 1944.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He was 2nd man to leave through camera Hatch.

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? Saw chute open

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Possibly he was shot in the chute, was fired upon from the ground.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 6973

Name of crew member: CURTISS, Perry L.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 36424213
Position: Crew (Bomber) or (Fighter): Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Mt. Krim, Yugoslavia

If not, why not? —

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

Instructions given to keep away from lines of communication.

Was he injured? Not visibly

Where was he when last seen? I believe Sgt. Curtiss to be the fourth (4th) member of the crew (besides myself) to return to Allied control.

Any hearsay information:

Source: X

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

X

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MARKOSKI, Arthur G.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 20108481
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator (Observer)~~: Aerial Gunner

Did he bail out? yes

Where? approximately 20 miles west of Ljubljana, Yugoslavia

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? in parachute

Any hearsay information: escaped back to Italy after making contact with partisans. discharged from service.

Source: Capt. Lewis D. Nixon; received mail from Markoski

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 30

Dates and destinations if possible: July 21, 1944--return from bombing mission at Brux, Germany, to Cerignola, Italy.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6972

Name of crew member: MARKOSKI, Arthur G.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 20106181
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Aerial Gunner

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Santhay Klagenfurt, Austria

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? I saw him at Cerignola, Italy prior to his return to U.S. march 1945.

Any hearsay information: _____

I received a letter from him 8 aug. 1945 he was then at Selma, Ala. Ala. He was then being discharged.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6972

Name of crew member: MARKOSKI, Arthur G.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 20100481
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Right) (Flight)~~ Aerial Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Mt Krim, Yugoslavia

If not, why not? —

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

Instructions were given to stay away from lines of communication.

Was he injured? Not insofar

Where was he when last seen? In Italy, after his return to Allied control.

Any hearsay information:

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: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6972

Name of crew member: NIXON, Lewis D.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-761173
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~/ / / /

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6972

Name of crew member: NIXON, Lewis D.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-761173
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? South of Klagenfurt, 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? _____

Any hearsay information: I saw Lt. Nixon in March 1945 at Cerignola, Italy, prior to his return to U.S. Received a letter from him Aug. 1945. He was then stationed at Victorville, Cal.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6972

Name of crew member: NIXON, Lewis D.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-761173
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Mt. Krim, Yugoslavia

If not, why not? —

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

Instructions were given to stay away from lines of communication.

Was he injured? Not visibly

Where was he when last seen? In Italy after his return to Allied Control

Any hearsay information:

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: Unknown

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9. Engineer-Gunner Loiocano Jr. Carl A. T/Sgt. 32832337 Mrs. Lucy Loiocano (Mother) RFD # 1, Dunkirk, New York
10. Armorer-Gunner Ludwig, William J. S/Sgt. 33305475 William C. Ludwig (Father) 1520 Bennett St. Pittsburgh Pa.
11. Aerial-Gunner Markoski, Arthur G. S/Sgt 32108481 Harry Markoski, (Father) 21 Jackson St., Holyoke, Massachusetts.
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.	ROBERT W. LACKNER	2nd Lt.	O-827700		X		
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
(X) Any other reason (specify) No parachutes were used, as plane was under control, when last sighted.

13. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH; MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) No search made, as aircraft was lost over Enemy Territory.

Date of this Report: 24 July 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOHN F. DAVIS,
Capt. Air Corps,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Statement by Lackner (Sept)
Incl 2 - Sketch of Area (Sept)

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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 Field Command or AF 15th AAF.
Group 455th Bomb Group (H) Squadron 741st Bomb Squadron.

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Field Course Direct
Target Brux Czechoslovakia Type of Mission Operational

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
4/10 to 5/10 Cumulus at 12000 Feet

4. GIVE: (a) Date 21 July 1944 Time 1319 hours Location 46°51'N-13°35'E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: (X) Last Sighted ( ) Last Contacted by Radio
( ) Forced Down ( ) Seen to Crash; or
( ) Information not available.

5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
( ) Enemy Aircraft ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft (X) Other circumstances as follows: Cause Unknown

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-H AAF Serial No 41-2887

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) Cp-300304
(b) CP 42-3465 (c) BP-400002 (d) BP-400279

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number) .50 Cal Browning Maching Guns
(a) 1370951 (b) 1372963
(c) 1370273 (d) 1376427
(e) 1342767 (f) 1152634
(g) 1297537 1304275 (h) 1293102 1347273

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

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 Passengers 0 Total 11
(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)

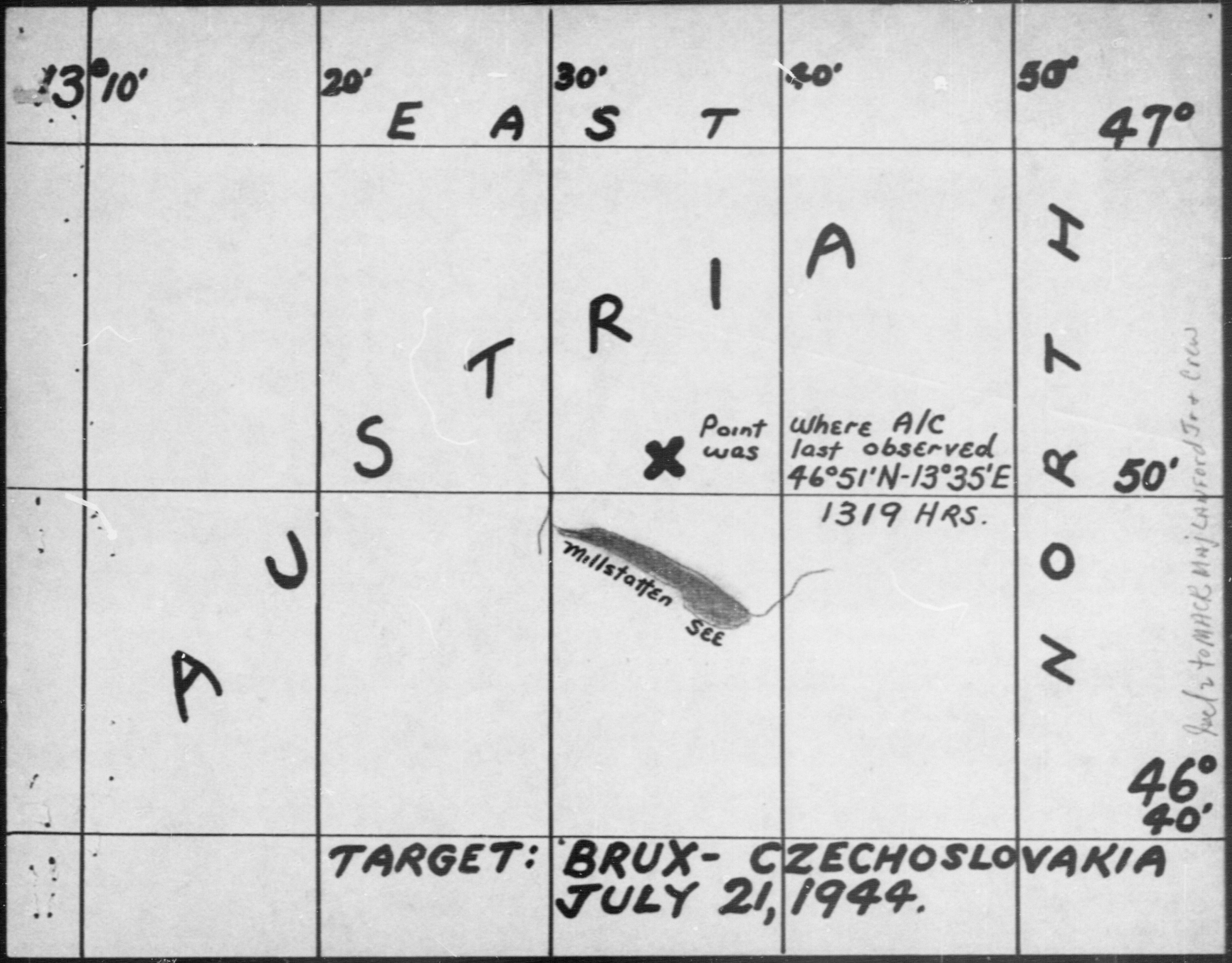
	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
1.	Pilot	LANFORD JR, HORACE W.	Major	O-401185	William Stanley Lanford (Father) 341 Gordon Ave. NE., Atlanta Georgia RTD
2.	Co-Pilot	NIXON, LEWIS D.	2d Lt.	O-761173	Marjorie J. Nixon, (Wife) 1150 Kagawa St. Pacific Palisades, California
3.	Navigator	ERNIAK, THADDEUS (NMI)	1st Lt	O-683899	RTD Mrs. Anna Erniak (Mother) 1633 W. 32 St. Chicago, Illinois.
4.	Navigator	CRIM, WILLIAM R.	1st Lt.	O-702905	Jesse E. Crim (Father) 2206 Walnut St. Texarkana, Texas.
5.	Radar Navigator	BRAMSON, EDWARD S.	2nd Lt.	O-814234	Mrs. Beatrice R. Bramson (Mother) 540 Ocean Ave. Brooklyn, New York RTD
6.	Bombardier	BAKANAUSKAS, SAM (NMI)	1st Lt.	O-688655	Josephine Bakanauskas (Mother) 166 Wilson St., Haverill, Massachusetts RTD
7.	Asst-Top-Gunner	Siemon, vincent F.	T/Sgt.	32517219	Lillian Siemon (Mother) 311 85th St. Brooklyn, New York.
8.	Engineer Gunner	Curtiss, Perry L.	S/Sgt.	36424313	Stella Curtiss (Mother) 201 Miles St. Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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Incl #1

(See Reverse Side)


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EAST
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Point was
Where A/C last observed 46°51'N-13°35'E 1319 HRS.
NORTH
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46° 40'
Sent to MHCL Maj Crawford Tr. Crew
TARGET: BRUX- CZECHOSLOVAKIA
JULY 21, 1944.

Maj Horace W. Lanford	Dr Horace W. Lanford, (Father) 341 Gordon Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia.
2nd Lt Lewis D. Mixon	Mrs. Marjorie J. Mixon, (Wife) 1150 Kagawa Street, Pacific Palisades, California.
1st Lt Thaddeus Urniak	Mrs. Anna W. Urniak, (Mother) 1633 West 32nd Street, Chicago, Illinois.
1st Lt Sam Bakanauskas	Mrs. Josephine K. Bakanauskas, (Mother) 166 Wilson Street, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
2nd Lt Edward S. Bramson	Mrs. Beatrice R. Bramson, (Mother) 35 West 53rd Street, New York, New York.
T/Sgt Vincent F. Siemon	Mrs. Ella Siemon, (Wife) 1533 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.
T/Sgt Carl R. Loiocano, Jr.	Mrs. Lucy Loiocano, (Mother) Route Number One, Dunkirk, New York.
S/Sgt Arthur G. Markoski	Mr. Harry Markoski, (Father) 21 Jackson Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts.
S/Sgt William J. Ludwig	Mr. Herbert Ludwig, (Brother) 7722½ Fernona Way, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
S/Sgt Perry L. Curtiss	Mrs. Virginia A. Curtiss, (Wife) 6450 Bemis Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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S/Sgt Perry L. Curtiss	Mrs. Virginia A. Curtiss, (Wife) 6450 Bemis Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Lanford, Horace W., Jr. Rank Lt. Col. Serial No. O-401185
   (455 Bomb. Gr. (H) Col. Unarth A)
2. Organization 741 B. Sq. Gp Commander Col (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Horace W. Lanford Jr. (full name) Rank Lt. Col.
3. What year 1944 month Jan day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Brux, Czech. , target, Oil Refin. , target time, — , altitude, 21000 route scheduled, _____ , route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Unknown
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 eleven (11) crew members bailed out at the same time in the vicinity of Mt. Krim, Yugoslavia
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Mt. krim, Yugoslavia
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? Lt. Crim, Lt. Nixon, S/Sgt. Markoski, S/Sgt. — } All seen in Italy after their return — in apparent good health
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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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Loiocano, Carl R. Jr. Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 32832337

2. Organization 455 B.G. Commander Cool (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO H.W.Lanford (full name) Rank Lt. Col.

3. What year 1944 month July day 21 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Brux, Germany, target, Zepplin plant, target time, 11:20, altitude, 21,000 route scheduled, unknown, route flown scheduled route

5. Where were you when you left formation? 40 miles south of Munich

6. Did you bail out? yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Wm. J. Ludwig, S/Sgt.--3rd man to leave ship, Vincent F. Siemon, T/Sgt.--4th by rear hatch; Lt. Sam Bakanauskas--5th; Lt. Thaddeus Brniak--6th; Lt. Edw. S. Bramson--7th; T/Sgt Carl R. Loiocano--8th; Lt. Col. H. W. Lanford--11th and last man to leave by front bomb bay.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? exploded in air after all left

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? all members last seen in parachutes after explosion of ship in the vicinity of Ljubljana, Yugoslavia

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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FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
MITCHEL FIELD, NEW YORK

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

June 3, 1946

To: Commanding General
From: T/Sgt. V. F. Siemon
Subject: Casualty information of Crew Members.

Sir: Concerning the enclosed list of members of my crew, who were shot down with me. I would like to bring to your attention the list which you sent me. The names mentioned have all returned to the states with the exception of one. S/Sgt. Percy S. Curtis.

Your letter contained no crew list, so it is impossible to give you all the details contained in the matter. If your office will forward me a complete set on this casualty information I will return it to you by return mail.

Also I would appreciate any information you could tell me concerning our status of M.I.A., P.O.W. What rights and promotions that may be coming to us under Project R. Thanking you in advance.

T/Sgt. Vincent F. Siemon
R.R. 32517219
Hq. Sqdn. 100th AAF B.U.
Mitchel Field, L.I.N.Y.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Vincent E. Siemon Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. R.A. 32511209

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

3. What year 1944 month July day 21 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Brux, target, Brux, Germany, target time, 1230, altitude, 27,000 route scheduled, Italy-Austria, Germany, route flown Italy

5. Where were you when you left formation? Brux, Germany

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". S/Sgt. William Ludwig, ~~T/Sgt.~~ Saw him bail out. T/Sgt. Carl Liaciano. Last saw in chute. Col. Horace D. Langford, returned to U.S. We were eleven person on board, I saw all bail out. The names I have here stated are the only one I remember.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? South of Klagenfurt Austria.

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? S/S See individual casualty list.

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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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR FIELD COMMAND A (O) 106 / XVII

PLACE: K L A G E N F U R T

DATE: 6. FEBR. 1945

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, u n k n o w n

EM. LANDING: AT: Unterkrain / Kaernten 21. JULY 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) L U D W I G SGT.

FIRST NAME: William J

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33303475

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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RMC+E Kdo apr 45
air Corps

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR FIELD COMMAND A (O) 106 / XVII

PLACE: K L A G E N F U R T

DATE: 6. FEBR. 1945

REGARDING: CRASH: *(DOWNED)* OF, u n k n o w n

EM. LANDING: AT: Unterkrain / Kaernten 21. JULY 1944

NAME: *(LAST OR SURNAME)* L U D W I G SGT.

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: *(USA)* 33303475

RESULT: *(DEAD OR CAPTURED)* captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Meldung über den Abschuß eines US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuß-Nr. MR 1678

Abschußtag und Zeit: 21.7.44 - 13.30

Abschußort: Borovnica 25.8.44

Flugzeugtyp: Liberator

Meldende Dienststelle: Luftfl. Kdo. 2

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienstgrad	Erk.-Marke:	Verbleib: gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
LOZOCANO, Carl Russell 17.6.23 North East Pa.	T/Sgt.	32832337	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
CURTISS, Perry La Vern 15.6.23 Ypsilanti, Wisc.	S/Sgt.	364 4313	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
BRAMSON, Edward 30.3.24 New York City	2.Lt.	O-814234	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
BRNIAK, Thaddeus 16.4.18 Chicago, Ill.	1.Lt.	O-683899	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
BAKANAUSKAS Sam	1.Lt.	O-688655	gef.	Dulag-Luft

Bemerkungen: Mace 6972

DULAG-LUFT, den 5.8.44 Wo.

S 5857/44 He Heidelberger Gutenberg-Druckerei GmbH. V. 44

Date and Time aircraft was shot down: 21 July 1944 - 1330 — Case-No: NS 1678

Place of crash: Berczynica

Type of plane: Liberator

Reporting post: Air Fleet Hqs 2

Name and first name, date and place of birth		Rank	ASN	Captured wounded dead	Disposition - name of camp type of injury grave location
LOIOCANO 17 June 23	Carl Russell North East Pa.	T/SGT	32832337	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
CURTISS 15 June 23	Perry La Vern Ypsilanti, Wisc.	S/SGT	3644313	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
BRANSON 30 March 24	Edward New York City	2nd Lt	O-814234	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
PENIAK 16 Apr 18	Thaddeus Chicago, Ill.	1st Lt	O-683899	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
BAKANAUSKAS	Sam	1st Lt	O-688655	captured	Dulag-Luft

Dulag-Luft 5 August 1944 We.

741st Bombardment Squadron (H)
455th Bombardment Group (H)
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

23 July 1944

CERTIFICATE

About 1230 hours, I saw a burst of flak to the left and in front of Major Lanford's ship, which was flying in front of me. The number on the ship was 887. Then about 20 minutes later, he peeled to the right of the formation, but flew with no apparent damage. After flying there for about 15 minutes, he began to lose altitude slowly and drop behind the formation. About 1310 hours, we lost sight of the plane

Robert W. Lackner

ROBERT W. LACKNER, O-817700
2nd Lt. Air Corps.

Incl 1 to MACR Maj Lanford Jr + Crew

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

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520 US ARMY GP/ecs/eh

Classification changed to RESTRICTED
by R. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by E. M. MEINCH, Capt., AC
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4 August 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports.

TO : Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534. ATTENTION: Casualty Branch, AGD.

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1. In compliance with letter, War Department, AG 360.33 (5-21-43) OB-S-AF-A, "Missing Air Crew Report", 23 May, 1943, transmitted herewith Missing Air Crew Reports as follows:

Incl No.	Date of MAC Rpt	Organization	Name of Pilot
1.	22 July 1944	52nd Ftr Gp	Hyde, R. M.
2.	20 July 1944	14th Ftr Gp	Jekot, A. L.
3.	23 July 1944	332nd Ftr Gp.	Williams, W. F.
4.	20 July 1944	14th Ftr Gp	Watson, D. L.
5.	29 June 1944	459th Bomb Gp	Henning, A. C.
6.	22 July 1944	449th Bomb Gp	Rye, W. C.
7.	22 July 1944	14th Ftr Gp	Stout, C. D.
8.	21 July 1944	14th Ftr Gp	Van Gelder, D.J.
9.	21 July 1944	454th Bomb Gp	Hilton, C. H.
10.	24 July 1944	455th Bomb Gp	Lanford, H. W.

For the Commanding General:

WINDLE D. REEL,
Major, Air Corps,
Assistant AG.

10 Incls:
Missing Air Crew Reports as listed in dup.

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TRANSPORT NO 382A

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21 Jul 44

Air Fleet Command 2

Guidance Division

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Ref: Transfer of American Air Force Personnel

To: Prisoner of War Camp No. 3 for Air Force Personnel - Sagan

With transport No. 382 A will be transferred S/Sgt. Curtiss, Perry L.
36 424 813 - Casuality No, 667 -

RMC

Notice : H. d. L. U. Ob d. L. (L. In 17)
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By order of: Major

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MIA 21 Jul 44 1st Lt. Brniak Thaddeus - Brniak - O-683 699 - Casuality No. 867 EUS

MIA 21 Jul 44 T/Sgt. Loiocano 32 832 337 Casuality No. 867 Loiocano, Carl R. Jr. EUS

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Delivery -

EUS 1st Lt. Bakunas, [illegible] O-678 655 - Casuality No. 667 21 Jul 44 MIA

EUS 2nd Lt. Bramson, Edward L. O-814 234 " " 667 21 Jul 44 MIA

Klein

Fritz - Officer

Uschinger - Corporal

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