MARC
6999
B-24
10 men

Date: 27 July 1944
Place: Southwest of Budapest
Type: Liberator
Target: AK, Southeast.

Rank	Name	U.S.A. 348	No. NE 1819
			ASN.
2nd Lt.	SCHNEIGERT, John		0-731891 .
2nd Lt.	[redacted]		0-700917 .
2nd Lt.	SALECK, Edward		0-716959 .
2nd Lt.	KNICK, Robert F.		0-719035 .
S./Sgt.	POSTERINA, Stanley		
Sgt.	WEINSTEIN, Joseph		
Sgt.	MAXWELL, Bailey		
Sgt.	MILLER, Orvin		
S./Sgt.	LUSTER, George H.		31311451 .

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LUSTER, George H. 6999
Rank: S/SGT.
Serial number: 31311451
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~: Eng. Gnr.

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Szechefehvar, Hungary

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Oxygen
Check 5 minutes prior to loss of plane

Was he injured? Yes, injured ankle + suffering from shock

Where was he when last seen? near Budapest Hungary

Any hearsay information: Taken to hospital at Budapest
and last seen getting in ambulance.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He is a boy
lives in Mass.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as Maxwell

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LUSTER, George H. 6999
Rank: S/SGT.
Serial number: 31311451
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxx Flight (Fighter)~~: Eng. Gnr.

Did he bail out? YES

Where? APP. 40 MI. WEST OF BUDAPEST

If not, why not? _____

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

AT HIS POSITION (TOP TURRET) DURING ATTACT

Was he injured? SPRAINED ANKLE

Where was he when last seen? LEAVING BUDAPEST HOSPITAL

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: WAS ALRIGHT WHEN HE LEFT HOSPITAL APP. END OF AUGUST OR FIRST OF SEPT.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6.

Dates and destinations if possible: 11 JULY THRU 27 JULY 44
① MARAMAS, FRANCE ② PLOESTI ③ AVIGNON FRANCE ④ FRIEDISHAFEN, GERMANY ⑤ BRUX, CHECH ⑥ LINZ, AUSTRIA (ABORTED) ⑦ BUDAPEST HUNGARY

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MAXWELL, Bailey J. 6999
Rank: SGT.
Serial number: 19117082
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~: Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? Fate Unknown

Where?

If not, why not? Believed to have been killed at position waist right side

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

Oxygen check five minutes before fighters attack

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? at his position waist right side

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Believed to have been killed at position waist right side

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: same as Schweigart

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MAXWELL, Bailey J. 6999
Rank: SGT.
Serial number: 19117082
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ (Fighter): Radio Operator 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: ALRIGHT AT TIME OF ATTACT

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? PLANE BEFORE MISSION

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: IT IS MY OPPINION THAT HE AND EVERYONE IN REAR OF PLANE WERE KILLED OR BADLY WOUNDED BY FIRST FEW ENEMY PLANES. OUR GUNS BECAME SILENT SOON AFTER ATTACT (SUPPOSEDLY BECAUSE OF GUNNERS BEING HIT) AND PLANE CAUGHT FIRE. NO INTERCOM

Total number of missions of above crew member: ~~11~~ SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: 11 JULY THRU 27 JULY 44
① MARAMAS, FRANCE ② PLOESTI ③ AVIGNON FRANCE ④ FRIEDISHAFEN GERMANY ⑤ BRUX, CHEH ⑥ LINZ AUSTRIA (TURNED BACK) ⑦ BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MELLO, Arthur R. 6999
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 31310961
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~: Eng. Gnr.

Did he bail out? I don't know.

Where?

If not, why not? Believe to have been killed at Post Tail Position

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Oxygen check 5 minutes prior to loss of plane

Was he injured? —

Where was he when last seen? —

Any hearsay information: Might have been one of two bodies unable to get near to identify

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Killed on first attack by fighters

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as Foster

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MELLO, Arthur R. 6999
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 31310961
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~: Eng. Gnr.

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: CALLED ENEMY FIGHTERS

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? PLANE AT START OF MISSION

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: IT IS MY BELIEF THAT HE AND EVERYONE IN REAR OF PLANE WERE KILLED OR BADLY WOUNDED BY FIRST FEW ENEMY PLANES. OUR GUNS STOPPED PROBABLY BECAUSE OF GUNNERS BEING HIT AND THEN OUR PLANE WAS MORTALLY HIT

Total number of missions of above crew member: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: 12 JULY TO 27 JULY 44 ① MARAMAS, FR. ② PLOESTI ③ AVIGNON FR. ④ FRIEDISHAFEN, GERMANY ⑤ BRUX, CHECH ⑥ LINZ, AUSTRIA (ABORTED) ⑦ BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MILLER, Orrin G. 6999
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 33286513
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Fighter~~ (~~Fighter~~): Aer. Gnr.

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? Killed at Post. Ball turret

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Oxygen
Check 5 minutes prior to loss of plane

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen? ~~sitting~~ in ball turret down

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:
Killed on first attack by fighters

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as Weinstein

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MILLER, Orrin G. 6999
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 33286513
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Asr. Gnr.

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: O.K. At Time of Attact

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Plane Before Mission

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: My Belief He Was Either Killed Or Wounded At Beginning Of Attact. Our Plane Shot Down Soon After Without Us Being Able To Contact Rear.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: 12 July To 27 July 44 ① Marmas, Fr. ② Ploesti ③ Avignon, Fr. ④ Friedishafen, (Ger) ⑤ Brux, Check ⑥ Linz, Austria. ⑦ Budapest, Hungary

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: POSTORINO, Stanley J. 6999
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 16089561
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Fighter (Pilot)~~: Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? I can't say because I don't know

Where?

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
Oxygen check about 5 minutes before we went down

Was he injured? Not at this time

Where was he when last seen? Waist position Left side.

Any hearsay information: Believed to have been killed on first attack by fighters

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:
His body was found partially burned. Could have been one of the two bodies I couldn't get to identify

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: Avion, France Ploesti, Rumania Friedrichshafen Germany, Brno Czechoslovakia Linz, Austria

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: POSTORINO, Stanley J. 6999
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 16089561
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~ (~~Fighter~~): Radio Operator 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: ALRIGHT WHEN ENEMY WAS FIRST SEEN

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE AT START OF MISSION

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: IT IS MY SUPPOSITION THAT HE AND EVERYONE IN THE REAR OF PLANE WERE KILLED OR BADLY WOUNDED BY FIRST FEW ENEMY PLANES. IN SECONDS OF THE ATTACT NO ANSWERING FIRE FROM OUR PLANE AND IT WAS IN FLAMES. NO INTERCOM

Total number of missions of above crew member: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: FROM MIDDLE OF JULY 44 TO 27 JULY 44 ① MARAMAS, FRANCE, ② ROESTI ③ AVIGNON, FRANCE, ④ FRIEDISHAFEN GERMANY ⑤ BRUX, CHECH) ⑥ LINZ, AUSTRIA (ABORTED) ⑦ BODAPEST HUNGARY

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SCHWEIGART, John T. 6999
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-713891
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Knight (Navigator)~~: pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Szecheefehvar Hungary

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He pushed alarm bell.

Was he injured? Yes Burned about face & ears

Where was he when last seen? We were captured separately but over (1)

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

~~He's alive & well & lives in Weehawken New Jersey~~

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as Postcard.

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(1.) later were joined together + taken to prison went through Stalag Luft III, XIII D, and XIB-H. also liberated together with Pilot Max Gates and Navigator Robert Emrich.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SCHWEIGART, John T. 6999
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-713891
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Fighter (Fighter)~~: pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? WEST APP. 40 MILES OF BUDAPEST

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: AT HIS POSITION WHILE BEING ATTACT

Was he injured? MINOR BURNS

Where was he when last seen? IN BUDAPEST RAILROAD YARDS

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: TALKED TO HIM JUST BEFORE LEAVING GERMANY FOR FRANCE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: 15 JULY 44 THRU 27 JULY 44 ① AVIGNON, FRANCE ② FRIEDISHAFEN, GERMANY ③ BRUX, CHECH ④ LINZ, AUSTRIA (TURNED BACK) ⑤ BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WEINSTEIN, Joseph (NMI) 6999
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 32879965
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Aer. Gnr.

Did he bail out? Yes and No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Chute believed to have gotten caught in Bomb bay

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Helped him out of turret (Nose) Put his hand on his chute & told him to follow me out

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? Prior to me bailing out

Any hearsay information: Believed to have gone down with ship when his chute got caught in bomb bays

Source: Pilot tried to kick out chute believing up in bomb bays

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as Mills.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WEINSTEIN, Joseph (NMI) 6999
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 32879965
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Engr (Engineer)~~: Aer. Gnr.

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: _____

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Plane Before Mission

Any hearsay information: Pilot (Lt. Gates) claims to have seen parachute caught on plane as it went down. Bombardier (Lt. Salek) claims to have released him from nose turret before jumping.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Probably opened chute too soon and caught on plane

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: 12 July to 27 July 44 ① Marmas, Fr. ② Ploesti ③ Avignon, Fr. ④ Friedishafen, Ger. ⑤ Brux, Chech. ⑥ Linz, Austria ⑦ Budapest, Hungary

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

9. Aer. Gnr. MILLER, ~~ORIN~~ ORRIN G. Sgt. 33286513 AMY Z. MILLER, Mother R #2, Avella, Pa.

10. Aer. Gnr. WEINSTEIN, JOSEPH (NMI) Sgt 32879965, ETHEL WINSTEIN, Mother 23 Rutgers Place, New York City, NY

11.

12.

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. JOHN (NMI) NOSKE JR.	2nd Lt	O-713874		X		
2. THOMAS J. HEATHERLY	S/Sgt	12028744		X		
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 chutes were seen as plane Nosed-up and went straight down in tight spin.

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. Plane lost over enemy territory

Date of this Report: 29 July 44

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

3 Incls:
Incl 1 Sketch of Area(sept)
Incl 2 Statement of Lt.NOSKE JR.(sept)
Incl 3-Statement of S/Sgt HEATHERLY(sept)

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by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAY 15 1946

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

6999

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 15 AAF
Group 455th Bomb Group Squadron 741st Bomb Squadron

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Field Course Direct
Target Budapest, Hungary Type of Mission Operational

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
3/10 cumulus at 8000 feet.

4. GIVE: (a) Date 27 July 44 Time 10:05 hours Location 47 29'N 18 52'E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: (X) Last Sighted ( ) Last Contacted by Radio
( ) Forced Down ( ) Seen to Crash; or
( ) Information not available.

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

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-H AAF Serial No 41-29266

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-85 AAF Serial No (a) BP-429747
(b) BP-446526 (c) BP-425923 (d) CP-325637

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) 1152899 (b) 1520439
(c) 1152399 (d) 965188
(e) 1152932 (f) 973973
(g) 1152464 1152838 (h) 748422 926286

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

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

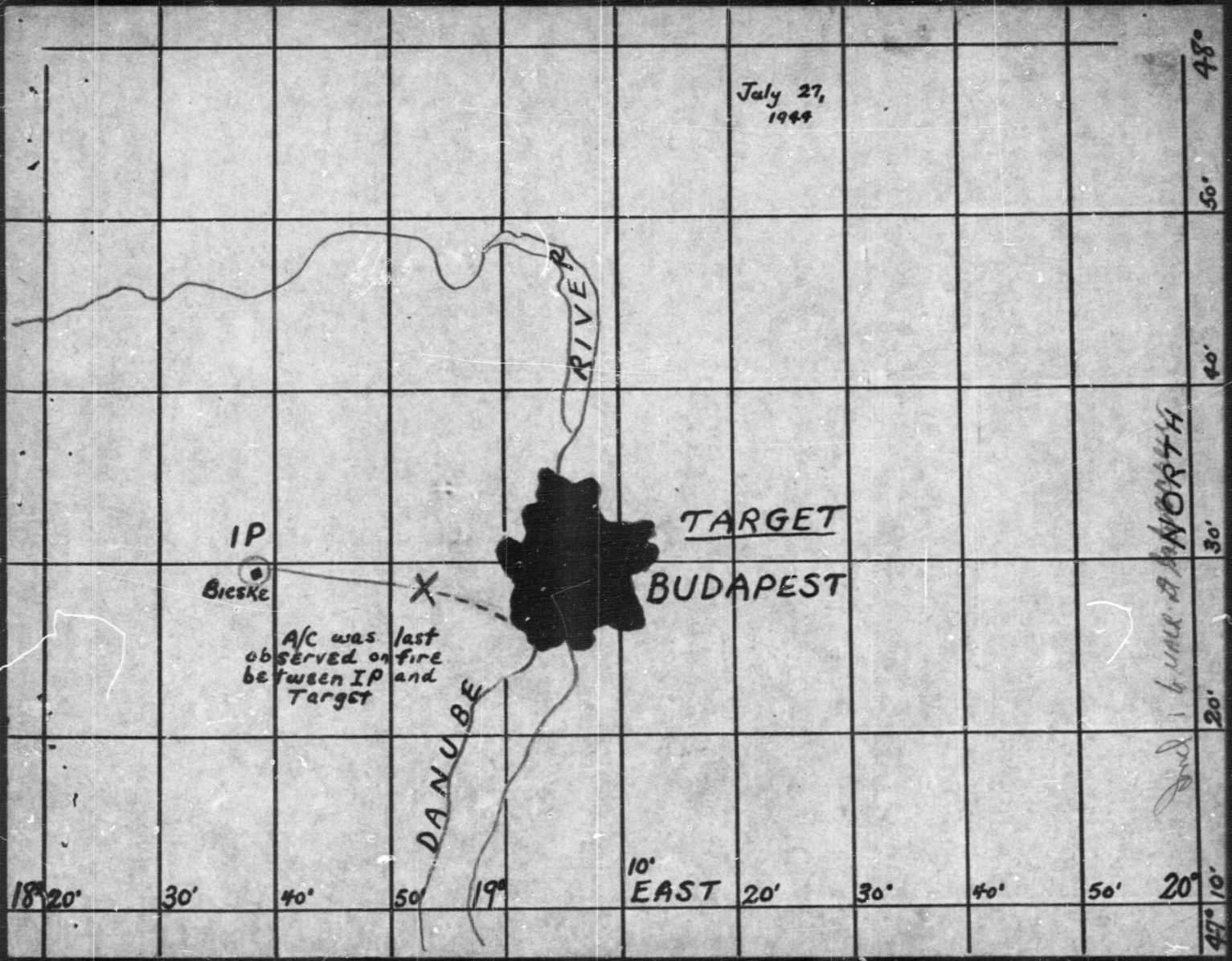
	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
1.	Pilot	GATES, MAXWELL B.	2nd Lt.	O-700917	BURTON GATES, Father RTD 1214 Jenne Grand Lodge, Michigan
2.	Pilot	SCHWEIGART, JOHN G.	2nd Lt	O-713891	MADELINE (FRITCHIE) SCHWEIGART Wife, 201 Dodd St, Weehawken, New Jersey
3.	Navigator	FREDRICK ROBERT F.	2nd Lt.	O-719035	FREDRICK W. FREDRICK, Father RTD 810 Pittston Ave, Scranton, Pa
4.	Bombardier	SALECK, EDWARD D.	2nd Lt.	O-716959	EDWARD J. SALECK, Father RTD 4028 15th Ave. So. Minneapolis, Minn.
5.	Radio Op Gnr.	POSTORINO, STANLEY J.	S/Sgt	16089569	CARMELA POSTORINO, Mother 1100 Hagerer St., Racine, Wisconsin
6.	Radio Op Gnr	MAXWELL, BAILEY J.	Sgt	19117082	JACOB L. MAXWELL, Father 4[illegible] W. Howthorne, Glendale, Calif.
7.	Eng. Gnr.	LOUSTER, GEORGE H.	S/Sgt	31311451	SOPHIE LOUSTER, Mother [illegible] Franklin Ave, Chelsea, Mass.
8.	Eng. Gnr.	MELLO, ARTHUR R.	Sgt	31310961	ADELINE MELLO, Mother 223 Plain St., Fall River, Mass.

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July 27, 1944
RIVER
TARGET
IP
BUDAPEST
BICSKE
A/C was last observed on fire between IP and Target
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30'
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EAST
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10'
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Second Lieutenant Maxwell B. Cates	Mr. Burton Cates, (Father) 1214 Jenne Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan.
Staff Sergeant Stanley J. Postorino	Mrs. Helen Postorino, (Wife) 1100 Hagerer Street, Racine, Wisconsin.
Sergeant Joseph Weinstein	Mr. Louis Weinstein, (Father) 25 Rutgers Place, New York, New York.
Second Lieutenant John G. Schweigart	Mrs. Madeline B. Schweigart (Wife) 201 Dodd Street, Weehawken, New Jersey.
Sergeant Bailey J. Maxwell	Mrs. Ida E. Maxwell, (Wife) 319 Sixth Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho.
Second Lieutenant Robert F. Emick	Mr. Frederick W. Emick (Father) 810 Pittson Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania.
Second Lieutenant Edward D. Salock	Mr. Edward J. Salock, (Father) 4038 Thirteenth Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Staff Sergeant George H. Luster	Mrs. Sophie Luster, (Mother) 29 Franklin Avenue, Chelsea, Massachusetts.
Sergeant Orrin G. Miller	Mrs. Amy Z. Miller, (Mother) Avalla, Pennsylvania.
Sergeant Arthur R. Mello	Mrs. Adeline Mello, (Mother) 223 Plain Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name EMICK, ROBERT F. Rank 1ST LT. Serial No. O-719035

2. Organization 15th A.F. Gp Commander COOL (full name) Rank COL. Sqn CO LANGFORD (full name) Rank MAJOR

3. What year 1944 month JULY day 27 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, AIRCRAFT FACTORY, target, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, target time, APP. 1115, altitude, 22,500 route scheduled, AROUND 30° FROM ITALY, route flown SAME

5. Where were you when you left formation? No. 4 HIGH SQUADRON

6. Did you bail out? YES

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, PILOT - GATES CO-PILOT - SWEIGART BOMB. - SALEK ENGINEER - LUSTER NAV. - EMICK

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. GATES AND LT. SALEK BAILED APP. SAME TIME PLANE WAS HIT. EVERYONE LANDED CLOSE AS WE WERE ALL TAKEN TO SAME SMALL VILLAGE. LT. GATES + EMICK USED BOMB BAY; LT. SWEIGART - TOP HATCH; LT SALEK - NOSE WHEEL DOOR.

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) PROBABLY SGTS - MILLER, POSTORINO - MELLO - MAXWELL - WEINSTEIN

11. Where were they in aircraft? TAIL - BALL TURRET - 2 WAIST - NOSE GUNNERS

12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? SAW LTS. GATES, SWEIGART, SALECK WHEN LIBERATED AND LEAVING FOR FRANCE.
SAW S/SGT. LUSTER WHEN HE LEFT BUDAPEST HOSPITAL AUG - 44 CONDITION ALL RIGHT

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 Edward D Saleck Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. O-716959

2. Organization 15th AAF Gp Commander Col Cool Rank Col Sqn CO — Rank Major
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month July day 27th did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Weiss Manufacturing, target, Budapest Hungary, target time, 0902, altitude, ____ route scheduled, 30° ____, route flown 30°

5. Where were you when you left formation? 30 Miles NNE of Lake Balaton

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". Max Gates 1st pilot. Bailed out with me. About 8000 ft. He went through Bomb Bays. Robert Emick Navigator. bailed out before Gates. Through Bomb bays. John Schweigert through top hatch. George Leister through Nose wheel doors.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Szechefehrvar Hungary

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) I dont know

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? Before we started climbing to high altitude

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Two bodies were found in the woods near where I landed but I wasnt allowed to see or identify them.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Schweigart John G. Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. O-713891

2. Organization 455th B. Gp Commander Cool (full name) Rank Col Sqn CO ? (full name) Rank Major

3. What year 1944 month July day 27th did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Budapest, target, Steel foundry, target time, 1002, altitude, 23.500 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? On Bomb run

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". No Knowledge

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? ?

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? M. Gates, E. Saleck, R. Emick, C. Luster } P.W. Camp. Good Condition

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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Meldung über den Abschuß eines US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuß-Nr. ME 1819

Abschußtag und Zeit: 27.7.44

Abschußort: SW Budapest

Flugzeugtyp: Liberator

Meldende Dienststelle: A.W. Mdost

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienstgrad	Erk.-Marke:	Verbleib: gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: weiches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
SCHWEIGART J.	2.Lt.	O-731891	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
GATES M.	2.Lt.	O-700917	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
SALECK E.	2.Lt.	O-716959	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3

Bemerkungen: MACR - 6999

DULAG-LUFT, den 15.10.44 Wo.

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REPORT on CAPTURE of an AIRCRAFT of the USAAF

Case - Nr. MS 1819

DATE and TIME AIRCRAFT was shot down: 27 July 1944

PLACE of CRASH: south-west of Budapest

TYPE OF CRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING STATION: A. V. south-east

CREW:

NAME and FIRST NAME: DATE and PLACE of BIRTH:	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER:	CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD:	DISPOSITION: NAME of CAMP TYPE of INJURY GRAVE LOCATION
SCHWEIGART J.	2nd Lt	O-731891	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
GATES H.	2nd Lt	O-700917	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
SALECK E.	2nd Lt	O-716589	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
Case-No MS 1819	first supplementary report, dated 2 November 1944			
RMICK Robert F	2nd Lt	O-719035	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
LUSTER George E 13 June 23 Chelsea, Mass.	S/Sgt	31211451	captured	Stalag-Luft 4

REMARKS:

DULAG-LUFT
Date: 15 October 1944 Mo.

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