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B-24
10 men

Date: 27 July 1944
Place: Near Budapest
Type: Liberator
742 (H.B.) Sqd.
455 group
Target: Alf. Southeast.

Rank	Name	U.S.A. 320 ASN.	No. NE 1816
2nd Lt.	PARISH, John W.	0-695764 .	
2nd Lt.	BAUGH, G. T.	0-767970 .	
2nd Lt.	SEEFLUTH, A.	0-762954 .	
2nd Lt.	BRINLEY, John J.	0-710 335.	
S./Sgt.	MASON John J.	31298022	missing KIA.
S./Sgt.	BOLKEVEC James R	39427456	missing KIA
Sgt.	BERTRAM, Paul Hugo	17153759 .	
Sgt.	HANNISH, Charles K	13068792	missing KIA
Sgt.	VESTAL, Tex.		missing ?
Sgt.	LINN, Raleigh J.	6943263 .	

Mack Pool

HUNGARIAN SOLDIER WHO GUARDED ME IN BUDAPEST HOSPITAL STATED HE SAW PLANE CRASH AND BURN. LATER HUNGARIAN CIVILIANS REMOVED AND BURIED 3 BODIES ONE BEING SGT CHARLES HARNISH.

ATTACHED IS SLIP OF PAPER WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ME IN HOSPITAL BY THE GUARD WHOS NAME APPEARS AND HAS NAME OF TOWN OF BURIEL

Name of Guard →

Mr. Joseph Horvath NOT BURIED PPA 72

TOWN WHERE BODIES WERE BURIED →

Hungary. Europe.

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AIR CASUALTY INTERROGATION FORM

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REPORT ON: CHARLES HARNISH SGT.
Name Rank Serial Number

CREW POSITION: BALL TURRET

ORGANIZATION: 455 Bomb Gp - 742 Sqdn

DATE LAST SEEN: July - 27 - 1944

PLACE LAST SEEN: WAIST of SHIP

DETAILS OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING LOSS OF PLANE: KILLED By 20 MILL. FIRED By ME 109.'S

ANY MILITARY INFORMATION CONNECTED WITH THIS PERSONNEL, INCLUDING NAME, RANK, ETC.

ADDRESS OF INFORMANT: Over

OTHER PERTINENT CASUALTY INFORMATION CONCERNING OF PERSONNEL FROM UNITS OF YOUR CREW:

Signature Paul H. Bertram

Name Typed or Printed PAUL H. BERTRAM

Army Serial Number 17153759

Date 16 Nov 1945

AFPDC Form No. 39-527 (TH - 15 October 1945)

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HUNGARIAN SOLDIER WHO GUARDED ME IN BUDAPEST HOSPITAL. STATED HE SAW PLANE CRASH AND BURN. LATER HUNGARIAN CIVILIANS REMOVED AND BURIED 3 BODIES ONE BEING SGT JOHN F. MASON.

ATTACHED IS SLIP OF PAPER WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ME IN HOSPITAL BY THE GUARD WHOS NAME APPEARS. AND HAS NAME OF TOWN OF BURIEL

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REPORT ON: JOHN F MASON S/SGT.
Name Rank Serial Number

CREW POSITION: ENG - UPPER TURRET

ORGANIZATION: 455 Bomb Gp - 742 Sqdn.

DATE LAST SEEN: July -27- 1944

PLACE LAST SEEN: IN UPPER TURRET

DETAILS OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING LOSS OF PLANE: KILLED BY 20 MILL. FIRED BY ME 109's.

WHERE INFORMATION CONNECTED WITH DISAPPEARANCE, INCLUDING NAME, RANK, AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT: (OVER)

OTHER PERTINENT CASUALTY INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER PERSONNEL OF CREWS OF YOUR CREW:

Signature Paul H Bertram

Name Typed or Printed PAUL H BERTRAM

Army Serial Number 17153759

Date 16 - Nov - 1945

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BALKOVEC, James R.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 33 427 326
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~: Radio Operator - Gunner

Did he bail out? I'M NOT SURE BUT THE OTHER WAIST ~~GUNNER~~ GUNNER SAYS YES

Where? NEAR BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKEOFF WHEN WE WENT ON OXYGEN

Was he injured? I DON'T KNOW

Where was he when last seen? I DON'T KNOW

Any hearsay information: THE OTHER WAIST GUNNER SAYS HE WAS LAST SEEN AS HE SNAPPED ON HIS CHUTE BEFORE BAILING OUT. HE WAS APPARENTLY O.K. THEN. THIS WAS JUST AS WE TURNED OUT OF THE BOMB RUN IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE TARGET BEFORE BAILING OUT. BALKOVEC APPARENTLY BAILED OUT NEAR THE LINE OF THE BOMB RUN.

Source: HAROLD VESTAL, RIGHT WAIST GUNNER (SGT.) AND PAUL BERTRAM, TAIL GUNNER (SGT.)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: IT IS MY OPINION THAT HE WAS LYNCHED OR SHOT WHEN HE REACHED THE GROUND, THE HUNGARIANS WERE VERY BITTER AGAINST U.S. HE MUST HAVE LANDED IN THE CITY OF BUDAPEST AS HE WAS FIRST OUT OF THE SHIP. I HAVE NO PROOF OF THIS OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT HE BAILED OUT OVER BUDAPEST.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7 SORTIES

Dates and destinations if possible: July 12 - MIRAMAS, FRANCE, July 13, PLOESTI, ~~RUMANIA~~ July 16, FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, GERMANY, July 20, VIENNIA, AUSTRIA, July 24, BRUX, CHECHOSLOVAKIA, July 25, LINZ, AUSTRIA, July 27, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BALKOVEC, James R.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 33 427 326
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Radio Operator - 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: Takeoff

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Takeoff

Any hearsay information: Sgt. Harold Vestal, waist gunner, told me that he had bailed out.

Source: No knowledge

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Hungarian guard at Budapest prison hospital told me that they recovered three bodies from burning plane, and were buried 35 kil. So. of Budapest, Hungary. (Town pronounced in English Kol St. Peter)

Total number of missions of above crew member: Ten or Eleven

Dates and destinations if possible: 27 July 1944 - Budapest

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BALKOVEC, James R.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 33 427 326
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Radio Operator & Gunner

Did he bail out? By Harold M. Vestal's word yes (opposite W.G.)

Where? Over flak area edge of the city of Budepest, Hungary

~~If not, why not?~~ target area

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: unknown inter phone between waist and nose gone

Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? at take off

Any hearsay information: Harold M. Vestal told me that Balkovec, James R. bailed out as soon as the fighters attacked while in flak area 2nd Lt John J. Brinly (navigator) said that he saw a chute go down in streams although he

Source: did not know if it was from our ship

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I myself have no idea except what I have heard from the men listed above my inter-phone was out a minute or approximately before I bailed out

Total number of missions of above crew member: seven

Dates and destinations if possible: July 12 - 15 - 16 - 18 - 20 - 25 - 27, 1944 our last mission was over Budepest, Hungary, E.T.O.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HARNISH, Charles K.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: ~~18/12A~~ 13 068 792
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where?

If not, why not? DEAD

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ROUTINE CREW CHECK WHEN WE WENT ON OXYGEN.

Was he injured? YES, BADLY. THEN IN FIGHTING FIRE WAS HIT AGAIN AND KILLED

Where was he when last seen? IN THE WAIST

Any hearsay information: TAIL GUNNER AND WAIST GUNNER SAY HE WAS HIT ONCE BUT CONTINUED FIGHTING FIRE UNTIL HIT AGAIN IN THE HEAD BY A 20 MM SHELL

Source: TAIL GUNNER AND WAIST GUNNER

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7 SORTIES

Dates and destinations if possible: July 12, MIRAMAS, FRANCE, July 15, PLOESTI July 16, FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, GERMANY, July 20, VIENNIA, AUSTRIA, July 21, BRUX, CHECHOSLOVAKIA, July 25, LINZ, AUSTRIA, July 27, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HARNISH, Charles K.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 13 068 792
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? Killed

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

Was talking to him while extinquishing the fire in the waist of the ship.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In the waist of the ship

Any hearsay information: None

Source: No knowledge

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

Hungarian guard at Budapest prison hospital told me that they recovered three bodies from burning plane, and were buried 35 kil. So. of Budapest, Hungary. (Town pronounced in English Kil St. Peter)

Total number of missions of above crew member: Ten or Eleven

Dates and destinations if possible: 27 July 1944 - Budapest

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HARNISH, Charles K.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 13 068 792
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? Dead

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Don't remember

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen? Take off

Any hearsay information: Buried outside Budepest

Source: One of our crew-don't remember on

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: seven

Dates and destinations if possible: July 12-15-16-18-20-25-27, 1944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MASON, John F. Jr.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 31 298 022
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Engineer - Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? DIRECT HIT WITH 20 MM SHELL, DEAD

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: JUST BEFORE TURNING ON BOMB RUN.

Was he injured? KILLED INSTANTLY

Where was he when last seen? STILL IN HIS TURRET AS CREW BAILED OUT.

Any hearsay information: THE NAVIGATOR CHECKED MASON AND HIS TURRET. MASON WAS DEAD AND THE TURRET OUT. THE NOSE GUNNER CHECKED MASON AND THE CO-PILOT CHECKED HIM. ALL REPORTED HIM AS DEAD - FROM A DIRECT HIT IN THE HEAD BY A 20 MM SHELL

Source: NAVIGATOR, NOSE GUNNER AND Co-Pilot.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 SORTIES

Dates and destinations if possible: JULY 12, MIRAMAS, FRANCE, JULY 15 PLOESTI, JULY 16, FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, GERMANY, July 20, VIENNA, AUSTRIA, JULY 27, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MASON, John F. Jr.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 31 298 022
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~: Engineer - 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:

Takeoff

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Takeoff

Any hearsay information: Lt. John Parrish, Pilot, and Lt. George Baugh, Co-pilot, told me that Sgt. Mason was killed in the turret.

Source: No knowledge

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

Hungarian guard at Budapest prison hospital told me that they recovered three bodies from burning plane, and were buried 35 kil. So. of Budapest, Hungary. (Town pronounced in English Kol St. Peter)

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: 27 July 1944 - Budapest

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HASKE, John F. Jr.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 31 298 022
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Engineer - Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? killed in action

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: from ~~Mission~~ enemy fighters comming in from three to nine o'clock

Was he injured? Head shot off

Where was he when last seen? in the top turret dead

~~Any hearsay information~~: He went down with the ship

Source: Raleigh J. Linn, Jr. (S/SGT.) 6943263

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ~~seven~~ six

Dates and destinations if possible: last target Budepest

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HEADQUARTERS
Army Air Forces Pilot School (ATE)
Turner Field, Albany, Georgia

73727

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Bldg.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

a. Name of casualty BALKOVEC, JAMES L.

b. Rank S/Sgt. Crew position L. gunner.

d. Date last seen 27 July '44. Place last seen Budapest.

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft

g. Known information (eye witness only)
Last seen bailing out over Budapest

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving information requested above.)

1st Lt. J. W. Pennick
Rank and Name of Reporter

453 B.Gp. 1426 B.Sq.
ASN Unit

Meldung über den Abschuß eines US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuß-Nr. M. 1816

Abschußtag und Zeit: 27.7.44

Abschußort: b. Budapest

Flugzeugtyp: Liberator

Meldende Dienststelle: A.W. Südost

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienstgrad	Erk.-Marke:	Verbleib: gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
PARISH J.	2.Lt.	0-695764	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
BAUGH G.T.	2.Lt.	0-767970	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
SEEFLUTH A.	2.Lt.	0-762954	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
BRINLEY J. John	2.Lt.	0-710335	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3

Bemerkungen: Macr 7527

DULAG-LUFT, den 10.10.44 Wo.

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

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REPORT on CAPTURE of an AIRCRAFT of the USAAF

Case - Nr. ~~ME 1816~~

DATE and TIME AIRCRAFT was shot down: 27 July 1944

PLACE of CRASH: ~~Dampost~~

TYPE OF CRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING STATION: A.W. southcoast

C R E W :

NAME and FIRST NAME: DATE and PLACE of BIRTH:	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER:	CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD:	DISPOSITION: NAME of CAMP TYPE of INJURY GRAVE LOCATION
PARISH John T W	2nd Lt	O-695764	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
BAUER G. T.	2nd Lt	O-767970	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
BEBELUTH A.	2nd Lt	O-762954	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
BRINLEY J. John	2nd Lt	O-710395	captured	Stalag-Luft 3
Case-No ME 1816	first supplementary report, dated 3 November 1944			
LINK Raleigh J 14 Dec 19 Glenmonton, Pa.	SGT	6943263	captured	Stalag-Luft 4
Case-No ME 1816	second supplementary report, dated 21 December 1944			
BERTRAN Paul Hugo 25 Sept 10 Minneapolis	T/SGT	17153739	captured	Dulag-Luft West

REMARKS:

DULAG-LUFT
Date 10 October 1944 Wo.

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6. Engineer Gun Mason, John F Jr. S/Sgt 31298022 Mrs. Marion Mason (Mother)
26 Commonwealth Ave., Attleboro Falls, Mass
7. Asst Rad Oper Gun Linn, Raleigh J. Jr. Sgt 6943263 Mrs. Helen Linn (Mother) RTD
607 Spruce St., Williamsport, Pa
8. Asst Eng Gun Bertram, Paul H. Sgt. 17153759 Mabel Bertram (Wife) RTD.
804 25th Ave. N. Minneapolis, Minn
9. Armorer Gun Harnish, Charles K Sgt. 13068792 Mr. Charles Harnish (Father)
1516 6th Ave. Altoona, Pa
10. Gunner Vestal, Harold M. Sgt 18184841 Mrs. Laura E. Vestal (Mother) RTD
1500 W. Wall St., Midland, Texas
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 Last Radio	Saw Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw forced Landing
1. Louis (NMI) Stengl	2nd Lt	0815583	Unknown			
2.						

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 reasons (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) None-Over enemy territory.

Date of this Report 30 July 1944

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

2 Incls:
Incl #1 Chart of Target Area.
Incl #2 Statement by Lt. Stengl.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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IMPORTANT: This report will be complied by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Field Italy Command or AF 15th Air Force Group 455th Bomb Group (H) Squadron 742nd Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of departure San Giovanni Field Italy Course Direct Target Budapest, Hungary Type of Mission High Altitude Formation Bombing.

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OR CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 3.10 Comulus at 21,000 at Target.

4. GIVE: (a) Date 27 July 1944 Time 1000 Location Budapest, Hungary. 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 airgraft ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft ( ) Other circumstances as follows:

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-J AAF Serial No. 42-50497

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) CP326178
(b) CP326158 (c) CP326098 (d) CP326019

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
All are Browning Aircraft Mach Gun M-2 (a) 1242905 (b) 1254503 (c) 940525
(d) 1354800 (e) 1242741 (f) 1243258 (g) 1254882 (h) 1254789 (i) 1254739 (j) 1243208

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

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 seperate 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	Parish, John W	2nd Lt	0695764	Mr. W.L. Parish (Father) Route 4, Batesville, Arkansas
RTD 2. Co-Pilot	Baugh, George T/ Jr.	2nd Lt	0767970	Jeanette L. Baugh (Wife) 814 West Pedragosa St., Santa Barbara, Calif.
RTD 3. Navigator	Brinley, John J	2nd Lt	0716335	Mary C. Howes (Legal Guardian) Glory Hill, Toms River, N. J.
RTD 4. Bombardier	Seefluth, August R.	2nd Lt	0762954	Nannie Lou Seefluth (Wife) 510 W. 8th Ave., Fordyce, Arkansas
5.	Rad Oper Gun Balkovec, James R	S/Sgt	#33427326	Mrs. Rose Balkovec (Mother) 216-57th St. Pittsburg, Pa.

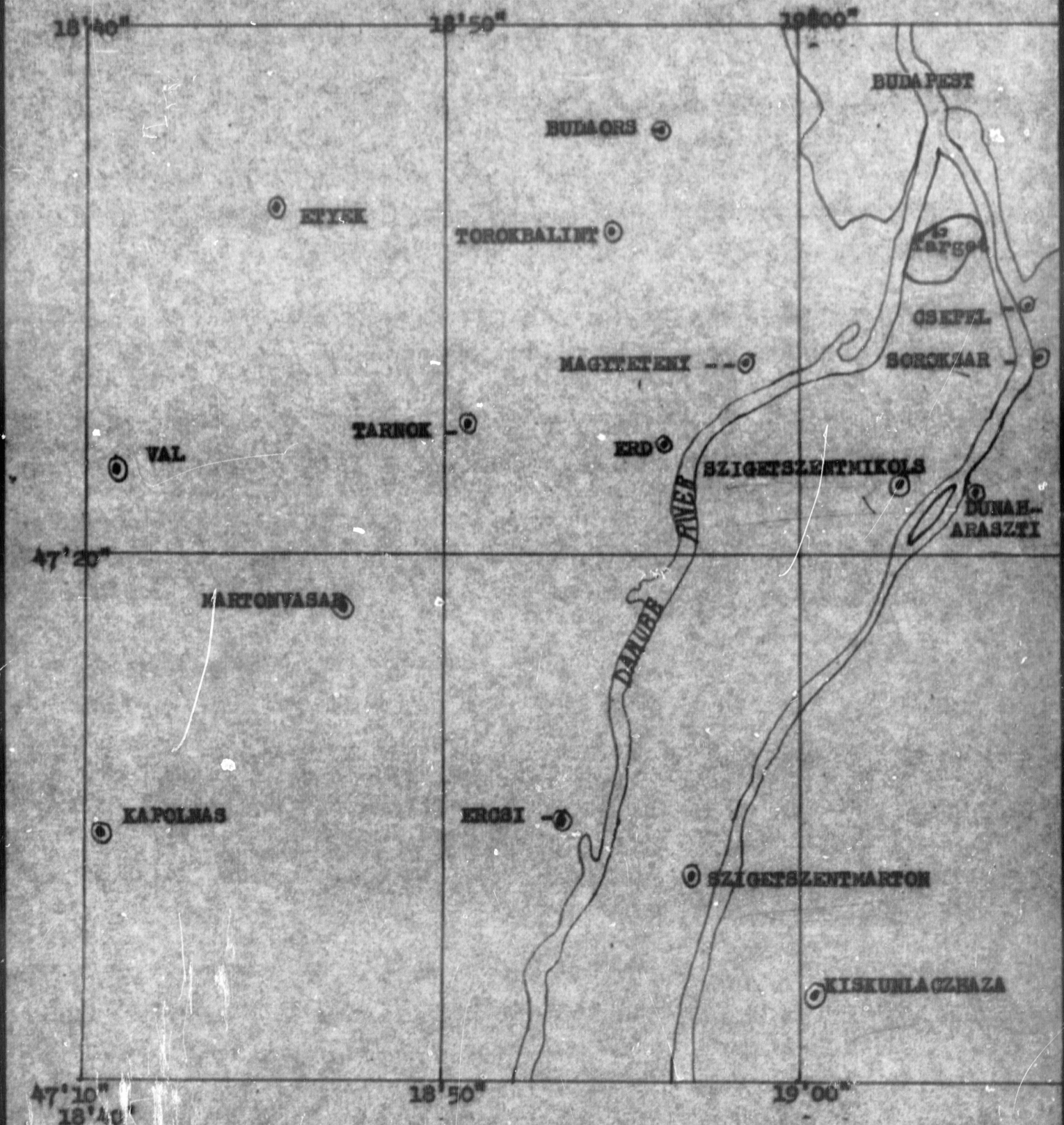
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BUDAPEST (SOUTH) & BUDAPEST/CSEPEL A/D, HUNGARY. TARGET CHART NO. 12-3-MA.

Ship went down on course to target between 4729N/1836E and Target(4726N-1904E)



Incl #1 to MACR St. Patrick + Crew

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2nd Lt. John J. Brinley	Mrs. Mary P. Howes (friend) Glory Hill, Toms River, New Jersey.
2nd Lt. August H. Seefluth	Mrs. Nannie L. Seefluth (wife) 810 West Eighth, Fordyce, Arkansas.
2nd Lt. John W. Parish	Mrs. Gerald Parish (wife) Route Number Two, Batesville, Arkansas.
2nd Lt. George T. Baugh, Jr.,	Mrs. Jeanette Baugh (wife) 814 West Pedregosa Street, Santa Barbara, California.
S/Sgt. John P. Mason, Jr.,	Mrs. Marion M. Mason (mother) 26 Commonwealth Avenue, Attleboro Falls, Massachusetts.
S/Sgt. James R. Balkovec	Mrs. Rose Balkovec (mother) 216 87th Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Sgt. Harold M. Vestal	Mrs. Laura E. Vestal (mother) 1500 West Wall Street, Midland, Texas.
Sgt. Charles K. Harnish	Mr. Charles K. Harnish (father) 1516 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania.
Sgt. Paul M. Bertram	Mrs. Mable E. Bertram (wife) 804 25th Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Sgt. Raleigh J. Linn, Jr.,	Mr. Raleigh J. Linn, Sr., (father) 607 Spruce Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Paul H. Bertram Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 17153759

2. Organization 455th B. Gp Commander Kool Rank Col. Sqn CO Ambrossen Rank Major
742nd Sq. 15th AF (full name) (full name)

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

4. What was the mission, High alt. bombing target, Budapest, Hungary, target time, 10:05, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? Lake Ballaton

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Seven other members bailed out.

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? Pronounced in English (Kil St.Peter)

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Sgt. Harnish known to be in plane and two other members hearsay, S/Sgt James R. Balkovec and S/Sgt. John F. Mason, Jr.

11. Where were they in aircraft? Sgt. Harnish in waist, other two unknown

12. What was their condition? Harnish was killed, others unknown

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw Lt. Parrish, Pilot, and Lt. Baugh, co-pilot and Lt. Brinley navigator, in the hospital at Budapest, all three were injured. I met Sgt. Lynn, nose-gunner, in German prison camp and was all right.

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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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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(22)

1. Your name Linn, Raleigh J., Jr. Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 6943263

2. Organization 15th Gp Commander ? (full name) Rank ? Sqn CO ? (full name) Rank Major

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

4. What was the mission, Budapest, target, ~~tank engine fac~~ aircraft and factory, target time, 11:03, altitude, 18,500 ft. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? running over Target

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Seven others of which I am sure and one in doubt (J. M. Balkovec)

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? ? Unknown

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

John F. Mason, Jr. S/SGT 31 298 022
Harnish, Charles K. Sgt. 13 068 782

11. Where were they in aircraft? Mason - Top Turret G., Harnish - waist

12. What was their condition? Mason - dead — Harnish - dead

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All of our crew ~~as far~~ with the exception of Balkovec, Mason, and Harnish are now in the U.S.A. and alive

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) a-1

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name AUGUST RAYMOND SEEFLUTH Rank 2ND LT. Serial No. 0-762954

2. Organization 455 Bomb. Gp. Gp Commander I DON'T KNOW Rank col. Sqn CO AMBROSEN Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)

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

4. What was the mission, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, target, AN ISLAND IN THE DANUBE, target time, 1000 APPROX., altitude, 19,000 route scheduled, BETWEEN VENICE AND TRIESTE, route flown SAME

5. Where were you when you left formation? ON THE BOMB RUN

6. Did you bail out? YES

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, ALL BUT SGTS. BALKOVEC, MASON AND HARNISH.

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 I KNOW IS THAT ALL BUT BALKOVEC ~~AND~~, MASON, AND HARNISH ARE BACK IN THE STATES.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? SOUTH WEST OF BUDAPEST

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

11. Where were they in aircraft? MASON WAS IN THE UPPER TURRET AND HARNISH WAS IN THE WAIST

12. What was their condition? DEAD

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? WHEN WE TOOK OFF. ALL WERE IN GOOD SHAPE THEN.

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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RJB — 3664 - Crew #1

✓ Parish, John W.	0695764	2nd Lt.
POW - 246058-3-0-5- 1 Sept 44		
✓ Bandy, George T. Jr.	0767970	2nd Lt.
POW - 246058-4-0-10	Sept 44	
✓ Brinley, John J.	0716335	2nd Lt.
POW - 246-58-3-0-11- 1 Sept 44		
✓ Seefluth, August P.	0762954	2nd Lt.
POW - 258141-26-0-16- 12 Sept 44		
✓ Linn, Raleigh J. Jr.	6,943,263	Sgt.
POW - 251069-3-0-3-6 Sept 44		
✓ Bertram, Paul F.	17,153,759	Sgt.
POW - 246058-4-0-13- 1 Sept 44		
✓ Vestal, Harold M.	18,184,841	Sgt.
POW - 262161-4-0-4-18 Sept 44		

246058	US/1284	1 Sep 44
251069-	US/2200	6 Sep
~~262161~~ -		
		12 Sep
258141-	US/2232	
262161 -	US/2261	18

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STATUS REVIEW AND DETERMINATION SECTION

CHECK SHEET

AG 201 _____ ASN _____

GRADE _____ Organization or Arm or Service _____

Reported missing in action in Philippine Islands 7 May 1942.

Reports received from--

Officers' Branch	Yes____	No____
Machine Records Branch	Yes____	No____
Q.M.G. Office, Memorial Div.	Yes____	No____
Prisoner of War Bureau	Yes____	No____
Casualty Branch Visi-report	Yes____	No____

Files Examined--

AG 201 file	Yes____	No____
Enlisted Jacket	Yes____	No____
Casualty Branch 201 file	Yes____	No____

Files or reports show individual--

Interned _____ Dead _____ On duty since 7 May 1942 _____

Prisoner of war _____ Nothing to change missing status

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Notification Letter(s) to--

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS

Requests for notification from--

_____

_____ Date _____
Examiner

_____ Date _____
Reviewer

_____ Date _____
Officer of Sub-section

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German Reports on Crashed American Aircraft

Date	Time	Place	Height
27 July 44	1022	Kajcsszo Scentpeter (Jenomyr)	7000 m.

Aircraft type	Identification markings	Serial No.
Liberator	USA	None

How Aircraft Landed

Crashed on fire

Airframe % Destroyed

Fate of the crewmembers

1 man dead, 3 men bailed out, 2 men captured

Cause of loss

The a/c was one of a unit. The a/c was hit and the left inside engine went on fire. The a/c lost altitude and became detached from the formation. The crash could not be seen because of the distance.

Weather conditions: very hazy

STATEMENT

On 27 July 1944 on a Bombing Mission to Budapest, Hungary I was flying next to Lt. Parish in number 6 position. Lt Parish's plane was not observed going down because of numerous and aggressive attacks by enemy fighters. Several B-24's were observed going down over the target but none definitely identified as the plane in which Lt. Parish was Pilot.

Louis Stengl

LOUIS STENGL
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
O-815583.

Inst #2 to MACR 4 Parish