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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: [redacted], Richard A File # 6352
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: O-565714
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? Lt. Huber effected a forced landing in Dubendorf, Switzerland.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Pilot ordered crew to prepare for bailing out. Told us to hold on and he'd try to land

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? We were together in Switzerland.

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Lt. Huber managed to get out of Switzerland around the 20th of Dec. 1944. I got out on the 3rd of Jan, 1945 and upon reaching my base in Italy, I again made contact with Huber. We were sent home to the states together and as far as I know Mr. Huber is now residing in Chicago, Ill.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: [redacted] File # 6352
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: O-[redacted]
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where?

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?

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11 Missions

Dates and destinations if possible: 2 - Hlacheimer, Germany, 2 - Northern Italy,
Remaining missions UNKNOWN.

Cannot remember the names of the places of the remaining missions

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HUBER, Richard A File # 8352
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: O-568714
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Co-Pilot~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? —

If not, why not? WE LANDED IN SWITZ. ON TWO ENGINES

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: PLANE WAS NOT LOST

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? SWITZ.

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAFE AT HOME NOW

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: [redacted] Richard A [redacted] File # 6352
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: O-[redacted]
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Pilot

Did he bail out? no

When? _____

If not, why not? not necessary

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

Was he injured? not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? He was interned in Switzland

Any hearsay information: I heard that he excaped to France in Jan. 45

Source: can't remember

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16

Dates and destinations if possible: I only flew the last mission with him which was on Sept. 12,1944 which was to Munich

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: BUNER, Richard A File # 8352
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-566724
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~[illegible]~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? —

If not, why not? Because it wasn't necessary.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: We crashed landed in Switzerland and all the crew was together

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? —

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: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: As I was not a member of the original crew I don't know. I was taking the navigator place the day we were shot down over Munich Germany.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HUBER, Richard A File # 8352
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: O-568714
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight Officer/Flight Nurse~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? ———

If not, why not? He & the co-Pilot continued to fly the plane.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He called us at the Waist of the plane & told us We were going in to land & to brace ourselves.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Swiss prison camp; WAWil, Switzerland.

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate ~~based in part or wholly on supposition:~~ He reported for duty in Allied control just around Dec. 25th 1944 & was sent back to the zone of interior shortly afterward. He is now out of the Army & living at: 7130 & Cottage Grove Chicago, Ill.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11 missions 16 sorties

Dates and destinations if possible:

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to RESTRICTED
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 1 5 1946

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9. Gunner Schultz, Lawrence J Sgt 37549834 Hilma E. Schultz Mother RTD
1062 Euclid St. St. Paul, Minnesota

10. Gunner Eckles, Sylvester (NMI) Sgt 33706514 Anna M. Eckles Mother RTD
RFD #5 Box 263 Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

11. Photographer Carraher, Robert P. Sgt 32728492 Anna Carraher Mother RTD
1508 Bedford Ave. Brooklyn, New York

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	Forced Landing
1. Miller, Robert T.	F/O	T-126331		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) Aircraft 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, aircraft last sighted over enemy territory.

Date of this Report: 15 September 1944

Harry H. Horn
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
HARRY H. HORN
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Adjutant

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Statement of F/O Miller
Incl 2 - Sketch Where Aircraft last Seen

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by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AG
Date 1-5-1945

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Field, Italy Command or AF 15th Group 455th Bomb Group (H) Squadron 740th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Field Course Direct Target 48° 11'N 10° 52'E Type of Mission Combat

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

4. GIVE: (a) Date 12 September 1944 Time 1350 Location 48° 08'N/10° 56'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 (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft ( ) Other circumstances as follows:

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24J AAF Serial No 42-99748

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R 1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) BP 431571 (b) CP 313115 (c) CP 325670 (d) BP 430809

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) 705779 Browning Cal .50 M2 (b) 400438 Browning Cal .50 M2
(c) 989253 (d) 989873
(e) 989430 (f) 227694
(g) 941137 989719 (h) 941969 940816

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 eith "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

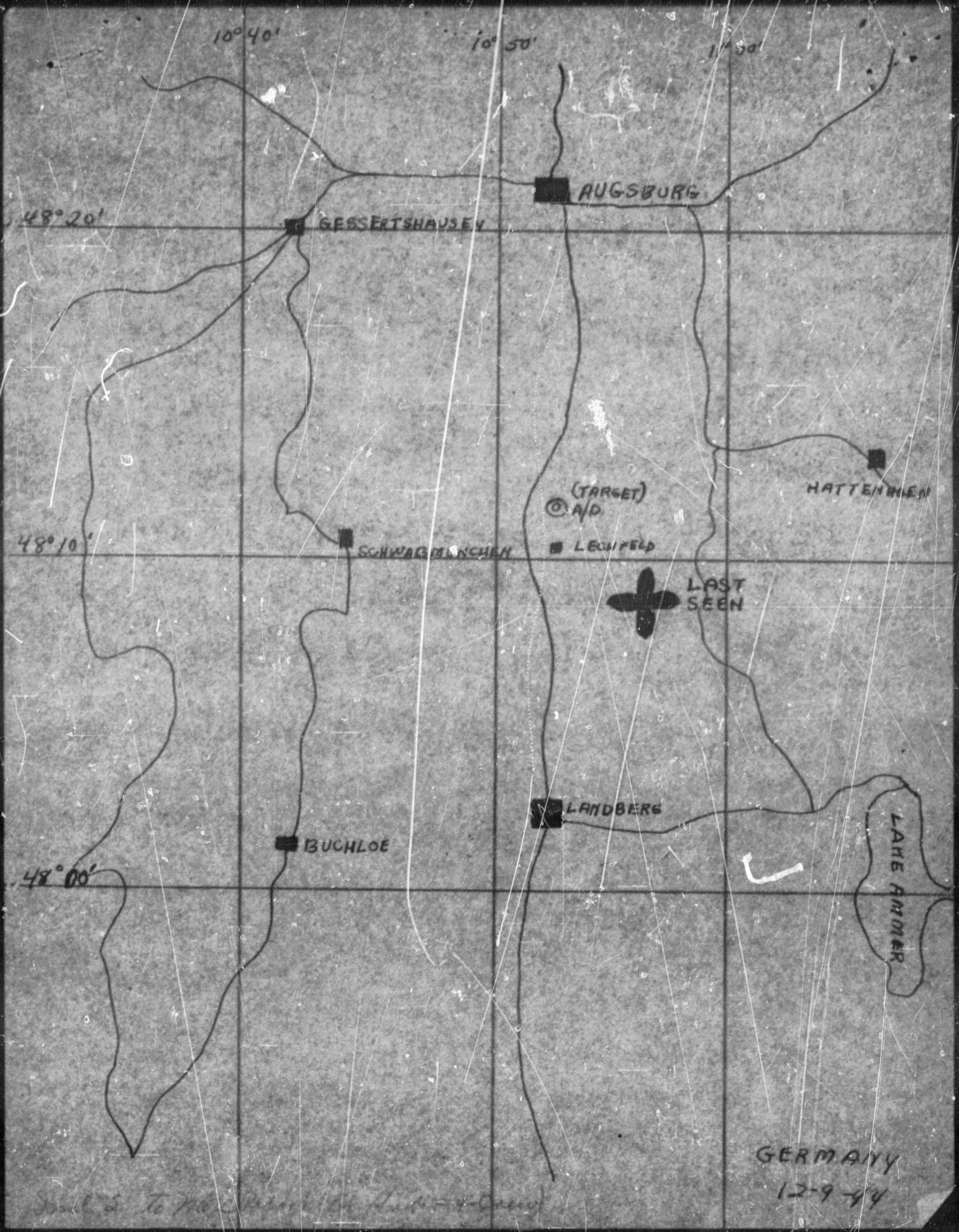
	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS	
1.	Pilot	Huber, Richard A.	2nd Lt	O-563714	Mrs. Theresa Huber Mother 4978 Delor St. St. Louis, Missouri	
2.	Co-Pilot	Crawford, Milton N.	2nd Lt	O-[illegible]5114	Alvin E. Crawford Father Cleveland Ave. Fulton, Kentucky	RTD
3.	Bombardier	Dias, Ronald A.	2nd Lt	O-717882	Mrs. Gertrude Dias Wife 722 Castner Ave. Donora, Pennsylvania	RTD
4.	Navigator	Ward, John N.	1st Lt	O-703974	Lillian E. Ward Mother 2503 Montgomery Louisville, Kentucky	RTD
5.	Engineer	Lavin, Thomas J.	S/Sgt	31158329	James J. Lavin Father 27 So. Munros Ter. Dorchester, Mass.	RTD
6.	Radio	Bielinski, Walter R.	S/Sgt	32669928	Angelina Bielinski Mother 470 Sweet Ave. Buffalo, New York	RTD
7.	Gunner	Vaughn, Winston E.	S/Sgt	38[illegible]2789	Allen Vaughn Uncle 219 W. Hardy St. Altus, Oklahoma	RTD
8.	Gunner	Thursby, George E.	Sgt	33706675	Gladys Thursby Mother 182 S. Linwood Ave. Crafton, Pennsylvania	RTD

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LECHFELD
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1st Lt. John H. Ward	Mrs. Lillian H. Ward, (mother) 2503 Montgomery Street, Louisville, Kentucky.
2nd Lt. Richard A. Baker	Mrs. Theresa C. Baker, (mother) 4978 Dolor Street, Saint Louis, Missouri.
2nd Lt. Milton H. Crawford	Mrs. Mae A. Crawford, (mother) Cleveland Avenue, Fulton, Kentucky.
2nd Lt. Harold A. Diaz	Mrs. Catherine H. Diaz, (wife) 721 Center Avenue, Dunbar, Pennsylvania.
S/Sgt. Thomas J. Levin	Mr. James J. Levin, (father) 27 South Bacon Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts.
S/Sgt. Walter W. Stallwald	Mrs. Angeline K. Stallwald, (mother) 740 Ninth Avenue, Buffalo, New York.
S/Sgt. Winston E. Wright	Mrs. Wanda D. Wright, (guardian) General Delivery, Chapman, Kansas.
Sgt. George A. Thornby	Mrs. Gladys Thornby, (mother) 102 South Linwood Avenue, Crafton, Pennsylvania.
Sgt. Lawrence J. Schultz	Mr. Julius C. Schultz, (father) 1062 Tuxedo Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota.
Sgt. Sylvester Robles	Mrs. Anna M. Robles, (mother) Rural Delivery # 5, Box # 253, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Sgt. Robert P. Carraher	Mrs. [illegible] Carraher, (mother) 1908 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Carraher Robert Rank Sgt. Serial No 32728492

2. Organization 455 Gp Commander Cool (full name) Rank Cl. Sqn CO Harper (full name) Rank LC

3. What year 1944 month Sept. day 12 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Munich , target, _____ , target time, _____ , altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____ , route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? over Munich

6. Did you bail out? No

7. Did other members of crew bail out? no

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". _____

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Duahendorph Switzland

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

11. Where were they in aircraft? in position for crash landing

12. What was their condition? no one was hurt

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I was interned with all the inlisted in camp Moloney till Feb. 1945

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 Ronald A. Dias Rank 1st Lt. Serial No O-717882

2. Organization 455th BG 740B. Sq Commander Snowden Rank Lt.Col. Gp CO Harp Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month Sept day 11 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, 12, target, Airfield outside Munich, time, around 2 P.M., altitude, 24,500 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? No.3 position Doing the 2nd 360 over Munich

6. Did you bail out? No

7. Did other members of crew bail out? No

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 members of the crew were landed safely in Switzerland.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Duebendorf, Switzerland

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

11. Where were they in aircraft? In positions ready for bailing out

12. What was their condition? Noone was injured in any manner

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. Lt Harry J. Faust His crew came into Switzerland about 10 days after we did. You can reach him by writing to 108 N. Wilson Ave., Brooklawn, N.J.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name E C K L E S, Sylvester Rank Sgt. Serial No. 33 706 514
740th Bomb Sq, 455th Bomb Group,
2. Organization 15th AAF Sq Commander _____ Rank ___ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month September day 12th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Munich, Germany, target, _____, target time, approx. 23,000, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Munich, Germany
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No
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". _____
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) _____
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? _____
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name George E. Thursby Rank Sgt. Serial No. 33706675

2. Organization Discharged. Gp Commander _____ Rank ____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1943 month September day 12th did you go down?

4. What was the mission, 11, target, Munich, target time, _____, altitude, 23,000 feet, route scheduled, Adriatic Sea, _____, route flown Adriatic Sea.

5. Where were you when you left formation? East of Munich somewhere.

6. Did you bail out? No

7. Did other members of crew bail out? No

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". None of the crew bailed out.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Dübendorf, Switzerland

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

11. Where were they in aircraft? 6 in waist, the rest in nose.

12. What was their condition? None were injured.

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. _____

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IT should be EXPLAINED here THAT WE MADE A FORCED LANDING IN Swiz., AND No SECRET INFORMATION IS KNOWN TO ME.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WINSTON E. VAUGHN Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 38416789

2. Organization civilian Gp Commander _____ Rank ___ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month Sept day 12 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Munich, target, Same, target time, No knowledge, altitude, 24,000 ft route scheduled, No knowledge, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER MUNICH

6. Did you bail out? NO.

7. Did other members of crew bail out? NO.

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". NONE BAILED OUT.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? AIRCRAFT LANDED IN SWITZ.

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

11. Where were they in aircraft? RESPECTIVE PLACES.

12. What was their condition? Good

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL MEMBERS SEEN IN SWITZ WELL.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name John N Ward Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0-708974

2. Organization 15th Air Force Gp Commander [illegible] Rank Col Sqn CO ——— Rank Lt Col
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month Sept day 12 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Airfield Munich, Germany, time 11:30 AM, altitude, 22,000 ft route scheduled, Italy over the Alps to Southern France, route flown same

5. Where were you when you left formation? over the target, about 5 min S of Munich

6. Did you bail out? no

7. Did other members of crew bail out? no

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? Zurich, Switzerland

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

All Eleven members

11. Where were they in aircraft? In Crash landing position

12. What was their condition? fairly good,

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?

All were interned in Switzerland

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

No Information.

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

16 Sept 44

SUBJECT: Eyewhitness description of missing aircraft.

TO : Whom it may concern.

1. On the 12 Sept 1944, we were flying nine (9) ships in "A" box north of Munnich. We were south of the I.P. and nine (9) ships were still in "A" box when we made a 360° turn and lost (3) ships which followed "B" and "C" boxes. Just before the flak area 748 salvoed and feathered one engine and did not go over the target.

Robert T. Miller

ROBERT T. MILLER,
F/O, Air Corps,
Navigator.

Incl 1 to MAC Report (Lt Hubar & Crew)