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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BOTTEEN, Edward J. Jr.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-768 426
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Vicinity of Trencin, Czechoslovakia

If not, why not? ------

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I was flying as co-pilot. Botteen gave the order to abandon ship.

Was he injured? wrenched one knee in parchute jump

Where was he when last seen? at the controls. He returned to U.S. with me.

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17 I believe

Dates and destinations if possible: 13Aug.1944 Avignon France; 16 Aug.1944 Ploesti; 17 Aug.1944 Ploesti;20 Aug.1944 near Budapest;28 Aug.1944 Trento Italy; 29 Aug.1944Bleicheimer; 1 Sept.1944Debrecen 3 Sept.1944Szagreb; 4 Sept.1944 Udine Italy; 5 Sept.1944near Budapest 6 Sept.1944 Novi Sad; 10 Sept.1944Linz; 13 Sept.1944 Bleicheimer.

I am sureof this missons -- Botteen flew several others too.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: EDDY, Harry F. Jr.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 39 414 339
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(illegible)~~: Radio Operator - Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes Chute opened but Eddy fell out of the harness.

Where? Vicinity of Trencin, Czechoslovakia

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Eddy forgot his chest pack in the nose of the ship. Used emergency pack in waist of ship.

Was he injured? I am certain he was killed.

Where was he when last seen? B. H. Racka saw his body on ground

Any hearsay information: Eddy was ~~buried by~~ buried by Czechoslovakian farmers. Racka has photograph of his grave I believe. Eddy was given soldiers buriel.

Source: Information received from B.H. Racka

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Killed by fall. fell out of harness. I saw an empty chute (canopy open but no one in the harness. I know nine men to be alive.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 15 or 16 I believe

Dates and destinations if possible: 13Aug.1944 Avignon France; 16Aug.1944 Ploesti; 17Aug.1944 Ploesti; 20Aug.1944near Budapest; 28 Aug.1944 Trento Italy; 29 Aug. 1944 Blechiemer; 1 Sept.1944 Debrecen 3 Sept.1944 Szagreb; 4 Sept.1944 Udine Italy; 5 Sept. 1944 near Budapest 6 Sept.1944 Novi Sad; 10 Sept. 1944 Linz; 13 Sept. 1944 Blecheimer

I am sure of this. Eddy flew several more besides these.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MADSEN, Clarence L. Jr.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 39 915 655
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(illegible)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? vicinity of Trencin, Czechoslovakia

If not, why not? ----

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Bailed out from Waist. I met him on the ground.

Was he injured? no not that I know of

Where was he when last seen? I met him on the ground and returned to Italy with him.

Any hearsay information: Alive and well.

Source: saw him in Italy about Oct. 10,1944

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17 I believe

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug.13,1945 Avignon France; Aug.16,1945 Ploesti Aug.17,1945 Ploesti Aug.20,1945 near Budapest; Aug.28,1945; Aug.29,1944 BlecheimerSept.1,1944 Debrecen; Sept.3,1944 Szagreb; Sept.4,1944 Udine,Italy Sept.5,1944 near BudapestSept.6,1944 Novi Sad; Sept 10, 1944 Linz Sept. 13, 1944 Bleicheimer These are missons I believe he was on.He flew some others also.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RACZKA, Benedict H.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 12 167 281
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Pilot (Navigator)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Vicinity of Trencin, Czechoslovakia

If not, why not? ---

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Bailed out from the Waist.

Was he injured? Yes Raczka hurt his knee or leg .

Where was he when last seen? in the waist. I have heard from him since his return to the U.S.

Any hearsay information: He was a prisioner of war from December of 1944 to May 1945

Source: ~~correspondence with him since his return to the U.S.~~

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17 I believe

Dates and destinations if possible: 13 Aug.1944 ~~Avignon~~ Avignon France; 16 Aug.1944 Ploesti; 17 Aug. 1944 Ploesti; 20 Aug.1944 near Budapest; 28 Aug. 1944 Trento Italy; 29 Aug.1944 Blecheimer; 1 Sept. 1944 Debrecen 3 Sept 1944 Szagreb; 4 Sept.1944 Udine Italy; 5 Sept. 1944 near Budapest 6 Sept 1944 Novi Sad; 10 Sept. 1944 Linz; 13 Sept. 1944 1944 Blecheimer

I am sure of these.Raczka flew several others also.

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Initials:
Date:

CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

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INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: Nov. 8, 1944

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NARRATOR	: Edw. J. BOTTEEN JR.	SQUADRON	: 743rd B. Sq.
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: O-761486	GROUP	: 458th B. Gp.
HOME ADDRESS	: Rt 1 VanDyne, Wis	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: B-24
EX-REPORT NO.	:	DATE OF MISSION	: Sept. 13, 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
P; 1st T	Edw. J. BOTTEEN JR.	IN USA
CP-P; 2d T	Robert E. Newbery	Enroute TO USA
Navigator,	David Fuchs	"
Bombardier	John P. Campbell	"
Engineer	James F. Pittman	IN U.S.A.
Radio Operator	Harvey F. Eddy Jr.	Believed Dead - Parachute Failure
Ball Gunner	Jacob SAAHEEN	IN U.S.A.
L. - WAIST	Ben. A. Raczka	Believed IN PARTISAN HANDS
R. - "	C.L. Madsen	IN USA.
Tail -	Frank E Bivens	IN U.S.A.

KNOWN INFORMATION:

NONE

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

NONE

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Date:

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NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: 18 Nov 44

NARRATOR	: 1st Lt. John P. Campbell	SQUADRON	: 343
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: 0-772824	GROUP	: 455
HOME ADDRESS	: 10 E. 65th St. N.Y.C.	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: B-24J
EX-REPORT NO.	:	DATE OF MISSION	: Sept 13, 1944

POSITION Bomb'd'r MEMBERS OF CREW ~~to~~ PWIB RECORDS

Pilot	1st Lt.	E. J. Botteen, Jr.	RTD
C.P.	"	R. E. Newberg	RTD
N.	"	D. Fuchs	RTD
B.	"	J. P. Campbell	RTD
E.	T/Sgt.	J. F. Pihman	M.I.A.
R.O. (Nose)	Sgt.	H. F. Eddy	K.I.A.
A.G. (R. Waist)	Sgt.	C. F. Madsen	RTD
G. (Tail)	Sgt.	F. Bivans	RTD
G. (Ball U)	Sgt.	J. SHAHEEN	R.T.D.
G. (L. Waist)	Sgt.	B. H. Raczka	M.I.A.

KNOWN INFORMATION: One of two missing men known to have been killed by chute failure and buried at Ubrow, Slovakia.

HEARSAY INFORMATION: One to description of body and knowledge of type of parachute, I believe Sgt. Eddy, Harry F., was killed.

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Initials:
Date:

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: 11/8/44

NARRATOR	: Burns Frank E	SQUADRON	: 748 Bomb
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: 35749222	GROUP	: 455 Bomb
HOME ADDRESS	: Rupert W Va.	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: B-24
EX-REPORT NO.	:	DATE OF MISSION	: Sept. 13-44

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
Pilot	Bottcen. E.J.	
C. Pilot	Newberg, Robert	
Engineer	Pittman, J.F.	
Navigator	Fuchs, David	
Bombardier	Campbell, J.P.	
R-Operator	Eddy	
Armour-G	Madden, C.L.	
Ball-G	Shaheen. J	
Waist-G	Ratzka, B	
Tail-G	Burns, F.E.	

KNOWN INFORMATION:

All members except Ratzka & Eddy have returned to states.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

Eddy, reported dead by prisoners. Supposed to have been buried by same.

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QMGYC 293 BIVENS, FRANK E. (Name)

SERGEANT (Rank)

35749877 (Serial No.)

M. A. C. R. Information Filed Under:

NAME: EDDY, HARRY F., JR.

RANK: SERGEANT

SERIAL NO: 19414339

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QMGYG 293 BOTTEEN, EDWARD J., JR (Name)

SECOND LIEUTENANT (Rank)

O-768426 (Serial No.)

M. A. C. R. Information Filed Under:

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RANK: SERGEANT

SERIAL NO: 39414339

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SECOND LIEUTENANT (Rank)

O-772824 (Serial No.)

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QMGYG 293 FUCHS, DAVID (Name)

SECOND LIEUTENANT (Rank)

O-723048 (Serial No.)

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RANK: SERGEANT

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QMGYC 293 MADSEN, CLARENCE L., JR. (Name)

SERGEANT (Rank)

39915655 (Serial No.)

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RANK: SERGEANT

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QMGYG 293 NEWBERG, ROBERT E. (Name)

SECOND LIEUTENANT (Rank)

O-713541 (Serial No.)

M. A. C. R. Information Filed Under:

NAME: EDDY, HARRY F., JR

RANK: SERGEANT

SERIAL NO: 39414339

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QMOYC 293 PITTMEN, JAMES F., JR. (Name)

SERGEANT (Rank)

34804315 (Serial No.)

M. A. C. R. Information Filed Under:

NAME: EDDY, HARRY F., JR.

RANK: SERGEANT

SERIAL NO: 39414339

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QMGYG 293 RACZKA, BENEDICT H. (Name)

SERGEANT (Rank)

12167281 (Serial No.)

M. A. C. R. Information Filed Under:

NAME: EDDY, HARRY R., JR.

RANK: SERGEANT

SERIAL NO: 39414339

CASUALTY BRANCH, A.G.O.

FILE CHARGE-OUT AND TRANSFER FORM

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ON:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE
Schofield	Charles	W.	35 234 412	Pvt.

SECTION TO:	CLERK'S LAST NAME FOR:	GROUP NO.	ROOM NO.
[illegible]	Miss Judd		

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SEARCHER'S NAME	GROUP NO.	DATE
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9. Armorer Gunner Raczka, Benedict M. Sgt 12167281 Mrs Mary K. Raczka (Mother) 279 Loepere St., Buffalo, New York.

10. Armorer Gunner Shaheen, Jake, Jr. Sgt 18136483 Mrs Effie Shaheen (Mother) 320 Lawrence St., Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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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. Jack R. Phillips	1st Lt	0716759		X		
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
(X) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
( ) Any other reason (specify) _____

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 went down over enemy territory.

Date of this Report: 15 September 1944

Phillip F. Starkman
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
PHILLIP F. STARKMAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Statement of Lt. Phillips.
Incl 2 - Sketch of Area.

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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 Air Fld, Italy Command or AF 15th AF
Group 455th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 743d Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Air Fld. Course Direct
Target 48°10'N 50°25'E Type of Mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Good - Visibility 6/10 from 12,000 to 14,000 feet.

4. GIVE: (a) Date 13 September 1944 Time 1210 Location 48°40'N - 17°30'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: 2 engines feathered and bombs salvoed through bomb bay doors.

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B 24 H AAF Serial No 42-52283

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) 42-37387
(b) CP-309339 (c) CP-305661 (d) CP-308335

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)

(a)	Browning 50 Cal M2	1153132	(b)	Browning 50 Cal M2	1153060
(c)	"	1153290	(d)	"	681008
(e)	"	1152906	(f)	"	1152959
(g)	"	1152955	(h)	"	1150371
	"	1153134		"	6516560

9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) 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)

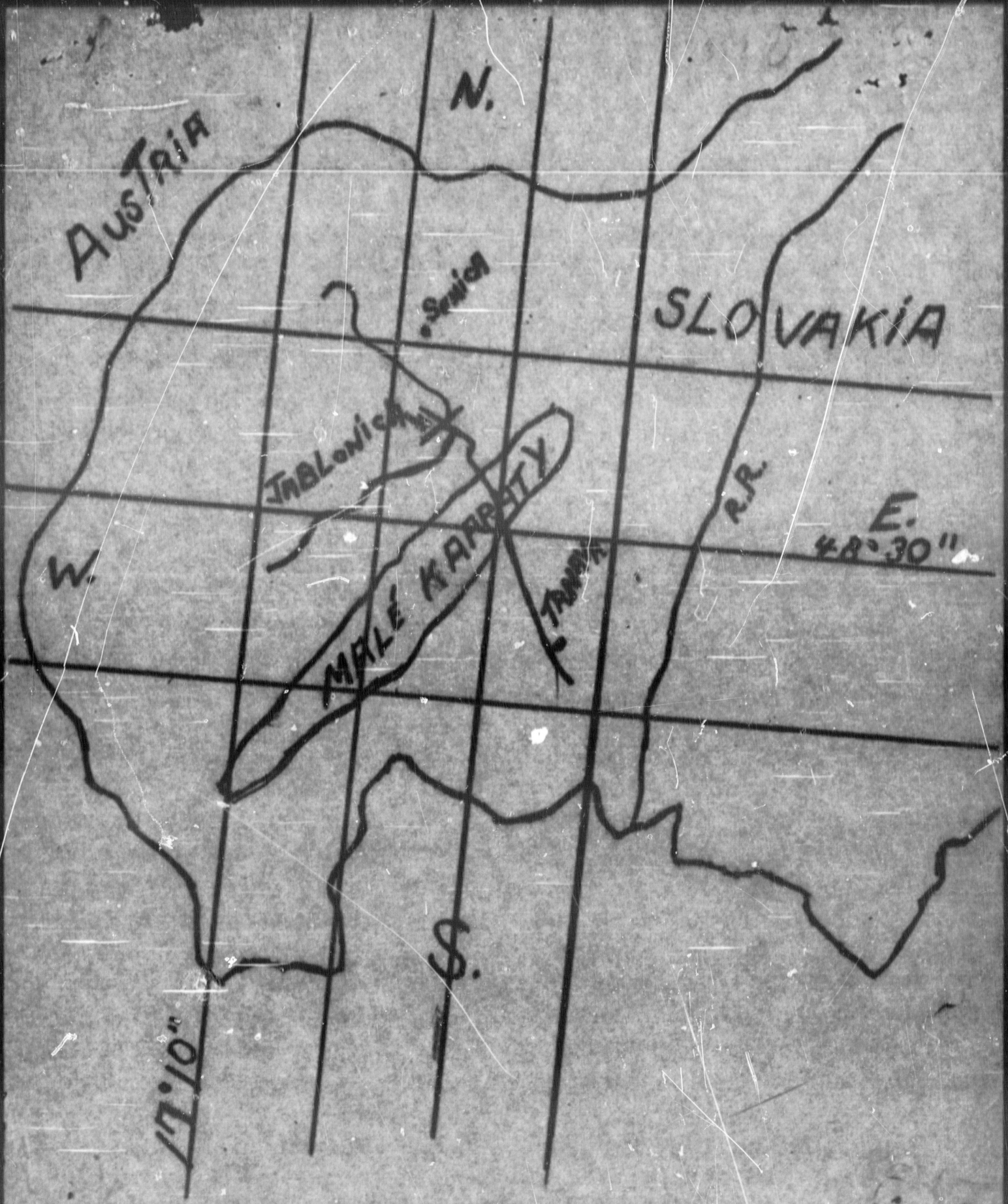
	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
1.	Pilot	Botteen, Edward J Jr	2d Lt	0768426	Mrs Gail H. Botteen (Wife) 1622 E. Gold Ave., Albuquerque, New Mexico.
RTD 2.	Co-Pilot	Newberg, Robert E.	2d Lt	0713541	Mr Carl H. Newberg (Father) 809 Virginia Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.
RTD 3.	Navigator	Fuchs, David	2d Lt	0723048	Mr Benjamin Fuchs (Father) 160 E. 3rd St., New York, New York.
RTD 4.	Bombardier	Campbell, John P.	2d Lt	0772824	Mr Samuel R. Campbell (Father) 10 E. 35th St., New York City (28) New York.
KIA 5.	Radio Operator	Eddy, Harry F. Jr.	Sgt	32114339	Mrs Edith Eddy (Mother) 7 Ilora Ave., Vallejo, California.
RTD 6.	Engineer Gunner	Pittman, James F Jr	Sgt	31801315	Mrs Mary F. Pittman (Mother) 1 Lexington Rd., Montgomery, Alabama.
RTD 7.	Armorer Gunner	Givens, Frank E.	Sgt	35749877	Mrs Sallie E. Givens (Mother) Crawley, West Virginia.
RTD 8.	Armorer Gunner	Madsen, Clarence L Jr.	Sgt	39215655	Mrs Louise T. Madsen (Mother) 1453 Porter Ave., Ogden, Utah

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2nd. Lt. Edward J. Bottoen, Jr.	Mrs. Gail M. Bottoen, (Wife) 1620 East Gold Avenue, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
2nd. Lt. Robert E. Hamberg	Mr. Carl E. Hamberg, (Father) 2109 Virginia Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.
2nd. Lt. David Fuchs	Mr. Benjamin Fuchs, (Father) 160 East 3rd Street, New York, New York.
2nd. Lt. John P. Campbell	Mr. Samuel K. Campbell, (Father) 10 East 69th Street, New York, New York.
Sgt. Harry F. Eddy, Jr.	Mrs. Edith Eddy, (Mother) 7 Idora Avenue, Vallejo, California.
Sgt. James P. Pittman, Jr.	Mrs. Mary F. Pittman, (Mother) One Lexington Road, Montgomery, Alabama.
Sgt. Frank E. Sivens	Mrs. Anna C. Sivens, (Wife) Rupert, West Virginia.
Sgt. Clarence L. Hobson, Jr.	Mrs. Louise T. Hobson, (Mother) 2161 Fowler Avenue, Ogden, Utah.
Sgt. Benedict H. Rosaia	Mrs. Mary R. Rosaia, (Mother) 279 Loepere Street, Buffalo, New York.
Sgt. Jacob Shaheen, Jr.	Mrs. Effie Shaheen, (Mother) 320 Lawrence Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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Ort: Bngl. v. 13 v. 44	Rufe	Name	Anlage
Flugzeug:	Lst III	DOTTERER	
Typ: LIBERATOR		schwed	
763 rd (U.S.) Sqd.	2/Lst	HERSOG Bayon K	31 725 636
Abflug: N.G. Velmsy	2/Lst	RACZKA Hamilton Hamilton	12 267 281

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AAF 42-52283
10 men

ME 2205

USA

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	Rank:	Name:		A.S.No.:
On: Sept. - 13 - 44 inthe afternoon	1st LT	B O T T E E N missed		
Place: near Miculas Slovakia				
Type: L I B E R A T O R	T/Sgt	H E N S O N	Bryan K	31 705 616
743 rd (H.B.) Sqd.				
Airbase H.Q. Veinory	T/Sgt	R A [illegible] Z K A	Benedict Herbler	12 167 281

REPORT ON CRASH CASUALTY NR. MR 151 A

DATE AND TIME OF CRASH: 13 September 1944

PLACE OF CRASH: near Nikolas

TYPE OF CRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Headquarters Veinory near Pressburg

NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH.	RANK.	SER.NR.	RESULT.
HENSON, Bryan K. 20 August 1919	T/Sgt.	31705616	captured Dulag-Luft, West
RACHKA, Benedict Hendler 4 August 1918 Buffalo, N.Y.	T/Sgt.	12197281	" "

Dulag-Luft, 21 December 1944 v.S.

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REPORT ON CRASH — CASUALTY NR. NE 151

DATE AND TIME OF CRASH: 13 September 1944

PLACE OF CRASH: near Mühlau

TYPE OF CRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Headquarters Vöslau near Pressburg

NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH.	RANK.	SER.NR.	REMARK.
HEWITT, Bryan K. 20 August 1919	T/Sgt.	12.705616	captured	Dulag-Luft, West
RACHEL, Benedict Handler 4 August 1918 Buffalo, N.Y.	T/Sgt.	12067281	"	"

Dulag-Luft, 21 December 1944 v.S.

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B-24
AAF 42-52283
10 men

DATE: 13 Sep. 1944 at 1710
PLACE: Area of Rieva
(Area of partisans)
TYPE: Liberator
MARKINGS: ...283
TARGET: Wharf Special Command
Navy Dvor

U S A — NR 42052

no names — dead

Cemetery Sobidiste

Fate of the rest unknown

CASUALTY NO. KSU 1571 - A

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: Unknown

PLACE OF CRASH: Unknown

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Unknown

REPORTING OFFICE: Dulag - Air W e t z l a r Dec. 12, 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: H E N S O N Bryan Smith

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: T/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 31705616

CAPTURED: Nov. 10, 1944 WOUNDED: DEAD:
appr. 16.00 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO. KSU 161 - A

REPORT OF SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: Unknown

PLACE OF CRASH: Unknown

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Unknown

REPORTING OFFICE: Dulag - Luft Wetzlar Dec. 12, 1944

CREW

MIA 13 Sep 44

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: RACZKA Benedikt Mendler

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: T/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 12167761

CAPTURED: ~~Nov. 10, 1944~~ appr. 15.00 hrs. WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

743RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
APO 520 US ARMY

/bm

13 September 1944

STATEMENT

On 13 September 1944 at approximately 1120 hours, Aircraft #283 #1 and #3 engines were seen to be feathered and left the formation just before the bombing run heading in a northerly direction. At approximately 45 minutes after the aircraft left the formation nine chutes were seen to leave the ship. The ship was losing altitude when last seen at 48°40'N - 17°30'E.

Jack R. Phillips

JACK R. PHILLIPS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Bombardier.

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By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MADSEN, Clarence L. Jr.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 39 915 655
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Armorer Gunner

Crew member has been returned to Civilian Life

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

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Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

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Source: _____

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BOTTEM, Edward J. Jr.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-676 426
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Pilot

Crew member has been returned to Civilian Life

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

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Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

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Source: _____

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RACZKA, Benedict H.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 12 167 281
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot or Navigator~~: Armorer Gunner

Crew member has been returned to Civilian Life.

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

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Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

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Source: _____

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROOT, Harry F. Jr.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 39 414 339
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Radio Operator - Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Trencin, Slovakia.

If not, why not?

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

Was in rear of plane ready to bail out.

Was he injured? Not before leaving plane.

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: His chute was seen by fellow crew members, but seemed to be floating empty in the air.

Source:

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

We were told by people of the xxxxx surrounding area that his body was found and burried by the patriots of the country.

They reported that the body was badly crushed, but the discription they gave fit the above crew member.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Seventeen

Dates and destinations if possible: From August 7, 1944 to Sept. 13, 1944

Missions to Germany, Roumania, YugoSlavia, Austria, Etc.

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