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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 9131

Name of crew member: [redacted] WEINBERGER, Jerome (NMI)
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-776840
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Bombardier

Did he bail out? _____

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: _____

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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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Please turn form over for explanation as to why it wasn't filled out.

6-3861, AF

Jerome Weinberger was shot down on Oct. 14, 1944 with us once over Yugoslavia, he broke his leg, but returned to Allied control within 3 weeks. He resumed flying after a while and was shot down again (date unknown) but I wasn't flying with him. We were shot down a week or so later and were captured. When I returned to the states our co-pilot wrote and told me that Weinberger had walked out again to American control, so I would advise a closer check of your records because he probably is home discharged now.

O. J. Lushinsky
A.S.N. 42042823

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OCT. 14, 1944

OVER

Did he bail out? YES

Where? YUGOSLAVIA

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? YES - BROKEN LEG

Where was he when last seen? IN SQUADRON ON RETURN TO ITALY

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: NOT KNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible:

OVER

6-3861, AF

LT. WEINBERGER WAS FLYING WITH OUR CREW ON OCT. 14, 1944 WHEN WE HAD TO BAIL OUT OVER YUGO-SLAVIA - HE BROKE HIS LEG IN THE JUMP AND WE FINALLY ARRIVED BACK TO DUTY ON NOVEMBER 3, 1944 - THE LAST I HEARD OF HIM, HE & HIS CREW WERE MISSING AGAIN - SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, OUR CREW WAS SHOT DOWN AGAIN AND NO MORE CAN I TELL YOU —

SINCERELY

A. S. COLTON
1708 NO. LOREL AVE.
CHICAGO, ILL.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: [redacted], James (nmi)
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-[redacted]
Position: Crew (Bomber) Bombardier

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Petrovac, Yugoslavia

If not, why not? ———

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

Just Before He Bailed Out I Wished Him Luck

Was he injured? Not Before Bailing Out. Broke Leg Upon Landing

Where was he when last seen? When Bailing Out And From The Next Day On

Any hearsay information: Lt. Weinburger Landed Some Distance Away From Me And I Dionť See Him Until The Next Day He Had A Broken Leg Which The Navigator And I Splinted. We Were Together Then Until He Was Flown Back To Italy AI Saw Him Next About 2 Weeks Later In Italy

Source: My Own

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 10

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown Except This Mission Oct 14, 1944 Target Black Hammer Germany (Near Oswecim, Poland)

(over)

6-3861, AF

Lt. Weinberger also bailed out about 2 months later flying with another crew on a raid to the Brenner pass. He got back from that about 6 weeks later I believe and was sent home. The pilot of this plane was a Lt. HERDMAN. They were flying on our wing so we saw their plane start down although we saw no parachutes. This was over the target.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # [redacted]

Name of crew member: [redacted], Jerome (NMI)
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: [redacted]
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Bombardier

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? About 30 miles northeast of Sarajevo Yugoslavia with the rest of us.

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? Yes, a broken leg.

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: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

"(OVER)"

6-7861, AF

Lt. Weinberger flew with us when we were forced to bail-out in Yugo Slavia on October 14, 1944.

A few weeks later we were flown back to Italy and Lt. Weinberger was hospitalized with a broken leg. He received this injury when he landed in his parachute.

That was the last time that flew with us. He returned to the Squadron and flew with another crew when he went back on flying status.

[redacted]

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 9131

Station San Giovanni Field, Italy Command or Air Force 15th
Group 451st Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 740 th bomb sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure San Giovanni Field, Italy Course Direct
Target 50° 20'N/18° 08'E Type of mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
6/10 Cumulus

4. GIVE: (a) Date 14 Oct 44 Time 1245 Last known position 50° 35'N/17° 52' E
(b) Specify whether: (x) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,
( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.

5. AIRCRAFT (LOST) (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
(x) Enemy aircraft, ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft, ( ) Other

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24J AAF Serial Number 42-78620

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT No nickname

8. ENGINES: Type, mode. & series R 1830-65 AAF Serial Number (a) BP 451133
(b) BP 448613 (c) BP 450900 (d) BP 445368

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
(a) 1259183 Browning .50 M2 (e) 1281103 Browning .50 M2 (i) 1281094 Browning 50 M2
(b) 1281172 (f) 1281192 (j) 1281113
(c) 1281198 (g) 1281133 (k)
(d) 1259277 (h) 1281072 (l)

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (x) Battle Casualty, ( ) Non-Battle Casualty.

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10 .
(If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet.)

CREW POSITION	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial) RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
(1) Pilot	Von Schrilitz, Richard Jackson 2nd Lt 0-705892	MIA	Mrs. Donna Von Schrilitz Wife 707 Ave B Dodge City, Kansas
(2) CO-Pilot	Iverson, Stanley Morgan 2nd Lt 0-709148	MIA	Rasmus J. Iverson Father 601 3rd Ave Wascca, Minnesota
(3) Navigator	Brazelton, Charles Morrow, Jr. 2nd Lt 0-2048404	MIA	Alice Ruth Brazelton Wife 2900 Gorman Ave Waco, Texas
(4) Bombardier	Weinberger, Jerome (NMI) 2nd Lt 0-776840	MIA	Mrs. Phyllis Weinberger Wife %Lefko Eden Arms Apt Saginaw, Mich
(5) Engineer	Taylor, William H. S/Sgt 14161828	MIA	William M. Taylor Father Gen. Delivery Ducktown, Tennessee
(6) Asst Eng	King, Craig K. S/Sgt 33413360	MIA	Kathryn G. King Mother 1908 Constitution Blvd, New Kensington
(7) Radio	Lipps, Walter W. S/Sgt 14119813	MIA	Alice M. Lipps Wife %Mrs. Rose Emmett Fort Payne, Ala.
(8) Gunner	Beauchemin, Albert E. S/Sgt 11106402	MIA	Albert X Beauchemin Father 109 Commercial st, Adams, Mass.
(9) Gunner	Lashinsky, Francis J. Sgt 42048283	MIA	Anna Lashinsky Mother 370 No. 2nd St. Brooklyn, New York
(10) Gunner	Colton, Arthur E. Jr. Sgt 36641501	MIA	Mary J. Colton Mother 1708 N. Loral Ave. Chicago, Illinois
(11)			
(12)			

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

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH LANDING	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) Ellis, John C.	2nd Lt	0-710574		X		
(2) Schwieger, Lloyd E.	F/O	[illegible]125404		X		
(3)						

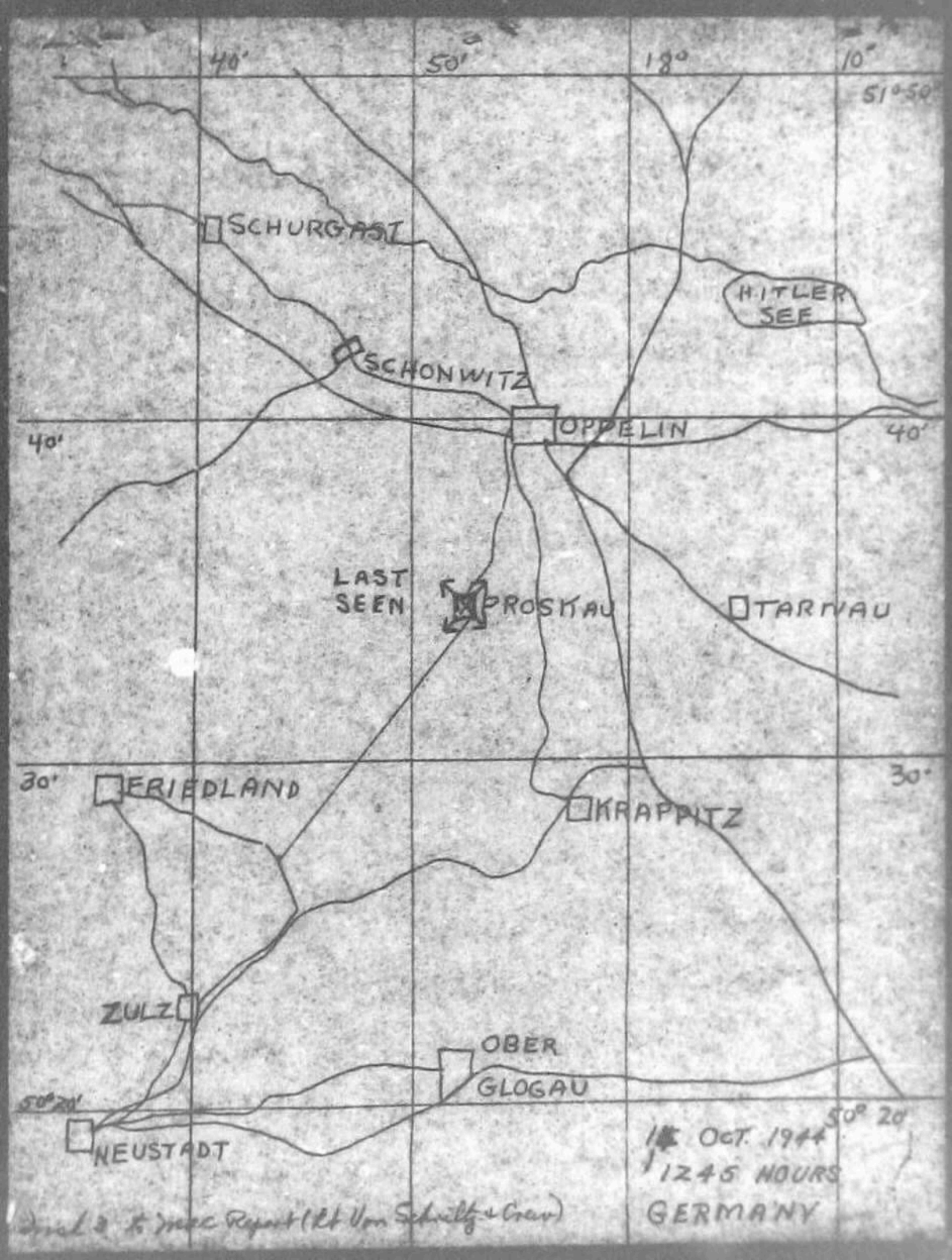
13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
( ) Parachutes were used. ( ) Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
(x) Other reasons (specify) Aircraft under control when last sighted

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.
16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE. No search, last seen over enemy terr.

3 Inclosures.
Incl 1-Statement Lt Ellis
Incl 2 -Statement F/O Schweiger
Incl 3 -Sketch of Area

Date 16 October 1944

Harry H. Horn
Signature of preparing officer
HARRY H. HORN
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Adjutant



Encl 3 to Misc Report (Lt Von Schultz + Crew)

This was the second time that we were shot down and we were taken as prisoners.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Beauchemin, Albert E. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 11106402

2. Organization 456 BG Gp Commander Snowden (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Betke, I. (full name) Rank Capt.

3. What year 1945 month March day 12 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Vienna, target, approx. 1:30 P.M., target time, unknown, altitude, 26,000 ft. route scheduled, unknown, route flown

5. Where were you when you left formation? Over the target.

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". From what I know the pilot, co-pilot, one of the navigators, bombardier, engineer, radio operator, and the four gunners bailed out. We still have two men still unaccounted for, another navigator and a radar navigator. We were flying as group lead that day.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? About 25 miles east of Pecs, 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) 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?

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 ARTHUR S. COLTON Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 36641501

2. Organization 455TH BOMB SQ(H) Gp Commander _____ Rank ___ Sqn CO BETKE Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1945 month MARCH day 12 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, 25TH OIL, target, VIENNA, target time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER THE TARGET

6. Did you bail out? YES

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES. AT LEAST EIGHT OTHERS 3 LANDED IN RUSSIAN HANDS, 6 P.O.W. 1 KILLED AND 2 STILL MISSING

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 CREW LIST WAS ENCLOSED

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 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) 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? BEFORE TAKEOFF

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. T/SGT. WILLIAM H. TAYLOR OF DUCKTOWN, TENNESSEE CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN A BODY LYING OUT IN NO MANS LAND - SAID IT SEEMED THE 'CHUTE HADN'T OPENED - WASN'T CLOSE ENOUGH TO IDENTIFY THE BODY - TWO OF THE CREW ARE STILL MISSING -

1ST LT. CHARLES BRAZELTON
1ST LT. CHARLES ADAMS

(Additional information may be written on the back) A-1.

S-3862, AF

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name LASHINSKY F. J. Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 42049283
2. Organization 455 BG. / 740 Sq Gp Commander Col. SNOWDEN (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO IRVING BETKE (full name) Rank MAJOR
3. What year 1945 month MARCH day 12 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, VIENNA, target, FLORISDORF OIL REF., target time, ABOUT 1300, altitude, ABOUT 25,000 route scheduled, UNKNOWN, route flown UNKNOWN
5. Where were you when you left formation? SOUTH OF VIENNA
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? WEST OF PECS 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) 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? NO KNOWLEDGE
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)

6-3862, AF

in his chute and died the same day. There was also another navigator aboard whose chute failed to open. I dont know his name. The radio operator T/Sgt. WALTER W. LIPPS was seriously wounded in his shoulder before bailing out. The pilot and co-pilot returned to Italy in about a month from Hungary where they bailed out. The radio operator stayed in a hospital and returned over 3 months later. all the rest were taken prisoners by the Germans and were liberated from the POW camp about 4 weeks later. all returned to states.

Source of information. My Pilot and radio operator

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name STANLEY M. IVERSON Rank 1st Lt Serial No. O-709198

2. Organization 455 B.Gp Gp Commander COOL (full name) Rank COL. Sqn CO HARP (full name) Rank Lt. Col.

3. What year 1944 month OCTOBER day 14 did you go down? (MY No. 6TH MISSION)

4. What was the mission, No. 6, target, BLACK HAMMER OIL REF., GERMANY, target time, ABOUT 13:00, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, DIRECT EXCEPT OVER FLAK AREAS, route flown DIRECT EXCEPT OVER FLAK AREAS

5. Where were you when you left formation? AFTER BOMBS AWAY STILL OVER TARGET

6. Did you bail out? YES

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES ALL OF THEM

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". THE GUNNERS IN THE WAIST BAILED OUT FIRST THEN AFTER BOMB BAY DOORS WOULD NOT OPEN THE 1ST WENT AND BAILED OUT IN THE WAIST. WITH THE PLANE ON AUTO PILOT THE PILOT AND I BAILED OUT LAST IN THE WAIST ALSO.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? AS FAR AS WE COULD FIND OUT ABOUT 3 OR 4 MILES FROM WHERE WE BAILED OUT

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE

11. Where were they in aircraft? —

12. What was their condition? —

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw all 9 them before they bailed out and also after we landed, within a few days after that

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. My crew went down again on March 12, 1945 with a LT COATS as Assistant Navigator and LT WINTER as Co-Pilot. They were over VIENNA when the engines were on fire and the gas tank all but the pilots compartment. They let down in an emergency coming out over the Russian front lines when both wings started breaking off them. Also 3 Russian fighters attacked shooting up the ship so bad they all bailed out except the NAVIGATOR- LT BRAZELTON who remained in the ship as the pilot he couldnt bail out & went down with the ship. LT COATS was shot by the russians on the way down

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

15 Oct 44

SUBJECT: Eyewhitness description of missing aircraft.

TO: Whom it may concern.

1. It was two minutes after the I.P., this ship was at nine O'clock low, two thousand feet low and about four hundred yards out. The angle of his glide was such, that he passed the box up. When first sighted this ship was in such a position as to be from our box.

2. The ball gunner watched this ship for one half minute, later flak was encountered and the ship was then lost from sight.

John C Ellis

JOHN C. ELLIS,
2nd Lt, Air Corps,
Pilot.

Encl 1 to Mac Report (Lt Von Schultz & Crew)

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

15 Oct 44

SUBJECT: Eyewhitness description of missing aircraft.

TO: Whom it may concern.

1. When the ship was last seen it went into a steep dive and seemed to be under control. All engines running when flew into a cloud.

Lloyd E. Schwieger

LLOYD E. SCHWIEGER,
Pilot, F/O, A.C.

Encl 2 to Mac Report (Lt Von Schrilz & Crew)

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740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO 520 U.S. ARMY

17 October 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 455th Bombardment Group (H), APO 520.

Transmitted herewith is Missing Air Crew Report on Lt. Von Schrilts and Crew, Missing in Action on 14 October 1944 over Germany.

For the Squadron Commander:

Harry H. Horn

HARRY H. HORN
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report
(Lt. Von Schrilts and Crew)

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HQ 455TH BOMB GROUP (H), APO 520, 17 October 1944.

TO: CG, 304th Bomb Wing (H), APO 520.

1. Forwarded.

2. Battle Casualty Report was forwarded to Hq Fifteenth Air Force 15 October 1944.

For the Group Commander:

C. A. OLSON,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HQ 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 19 October 1944.
TO: CG, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520.

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