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Tuttle, Ernest A.	31,261,873	(P. O. W.	22 Nov 44	005103
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Tilghman, Raymond T.	02062715	(P. O. W.	22 Nov 44	005103
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	169043
Lipton, Richard M.	0557968	(P. O. W.	22 Nov 44	005103
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	149104
McMahon, John J.	31,388,492	(P. O. W.	22 Nov 44	005103
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	166027
Labovitz, Jack O.	0827810	(P. O. W.	Date not shown	005103
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	176078
Keirns, Harry A.	0831213	(P. O. W.	22 Nov 44	055103
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	169043
Chapman, William H.	19,042,003	(P. O. W.	22 Nov 44	005103
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	136062
Silverman, Edward L.	12,228,301	D. E. D.	22 Nov 44	160044
Rockwell, Francis X.	13,054,012	D. D. by S. D.	22 Nov 44	158112
Harrigan, Joseph J.	31,362,398	DEAD	22 Nov 44	148113

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DATE: 22 Nov 1944 at 1130
PLACE: Spittal / Danube 9947 11
TYPE: Liberator
743th (H.B.)Sqd. 455th Grp.
TARGET: HQ of airfield

2nd Lt.	LABOVITZ, Jack Oscar	O-8278	P.
"	KEIRNS, Harry Austin	O-831213	.
"	TILGHMAN, Raymond Tesseh	O-2052715	.
"	Lipton, Richard Moss	O-557968	.
S/Sgt.	CHAPMAN, William Haley	19042003	.
Sgt.	Tuttle, Ernest Alfred	31261873	.
"	McMAHON, John Joseph	31388492	.
Sgt. KIA	FEDORA John Sgt Kia 11/22	25055261	missing, dead
Sgt Kia	ROCKWELL, Francis (missing)	13054012	dead
Sgt Kia	HARRIGAN, JOSEPH	31362338	dead
Sgt Kia	SILVERMAN Edward J.	12222301	

buried in Cemetery Altersberg.

quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-8, Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

J. J. Smith

JOHN J. SMITH
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8

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FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: Sgt. Ernest A. TUTTLE

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in Washington and in the theaters overseas, Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Offices to collect all information from our own and enemy sources, correlate this information and furnish it to search teams in the theaters who will go to the scene of the casualty incident and investigate. These teams will question those in the area who have knowledge of the incident and trace all leads down until they have the story. The German records we have translated are excellent. We have just received the Japanese records. By combining all this data with the story available in your memory, we can tell next of kin the things that mean so much to them.

2. You may or may not have been questioned in this manner before concerning the mission on which you were shot down and the events that followed. Regardless of previous questionnaires, it is important that we have the information requested here to complete our records concerning combat crewmen remaining in a casualty status.

3. If you have been sworn to secrecy as a result of your escape, evasion or internment, you may consider yourself released from all restrictions as to disclosure or publication of experiences except:

a. Secret intelligence activities and methods developed for use, or actually used, in prison camps.

b. Details of techniques employed by military intelligence organizations operating behind enemy lines to assist evasion and escape.

c. Negotiations conducted on high government or military level to secure release from internment in a neutral country. (See AAF Reg 46-8 dated 30 October 1945)

4. Please answer all the questions you can promptly and accurately. Re-

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ADDRESS REPLY TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FEDORA , John (NMI)
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 33055567
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? Spittal, Austria.

If not, why not? - - -

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Contact lost after first attack, every thing O.K. at this time

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In Ship.

Any hearsay information: His address book was brought in by the Germans and given to a crew member. The Germans said he jumped without a chute.

Source: Sgt. J. J. McMahon

Any explanation of his fate based in part or ~~wholly~~ on supposition: He Was Killed!

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FEDORA, John (NMI)
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 33055567
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes. But his shute did not open.

Where? Near Klagensford, Austria, in the mountains.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None. No interphone.

Was he injured? I do not know.

Where was he when last seen? Leaving the plane.

Any hearsay information: All of it. His shute did not open. It was tied up with wire on the inside. Apparently it was sabotage.

Source: The Germans who captured us told us about finding his body and the condition of his shute.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HARRIGAN, Joseph J.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 31362398
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? - - -

If not, why not? Killed by 20mm from enemy fighters

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Contact lost after first attack, everything O.K. at this time.

Was he injured? - - -

Where was he when last seen? - - -

Any hearsay information: Head was blown off before photographer Jumped.

Source: Sgt. Chapman - Photographer

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown - ~~[illegible]~~

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HARRIGAN , Joseph J.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 31362398
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~[illegible]~~ Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No. He was killed.

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was killed in the plane.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None. There was no interphone.

Was he injured? He was killed.

Where was he when last seen? Just outside the tail turret, in the tail of the plane.

Any hearsay information: Yes. All of it.

Source: S/Sgt. William H. Chapman, General Delivery, Steelville, Missouri.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROCKWELL , Francis X.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 13054012
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight~~ (Fighter): Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? ----------

If not, why not? Killed by 20mm. from enemy fighters.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Contact lost after first attack everything alright at that time.

Was he injured? -------

Where was he when last seen? ------

Any hearsay information: wreckage was seen by crew member and three bodys were in vicinity of wreck. They were assumed to be the three that didnt jump.

Source: Lt. Harry Kierns Copilot.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: none

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 (not positive)

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown-I broke in with another crew.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: ROCKWELL , Francis X.
Rank. Sgt.
Serial number: # 13054012
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No he did not leave the ball turret.

Where? ~~Near Klagensford, Austria, in the mountains.~~

If not, why not? Am not sure, presumbably he was wounded.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

There was not interphone.

Was he injured? Presumbably he was wounded.

Where was he when last seen? In the ball turret.

Any hearsay information: All of the information was giventome by S/Sgt. William H. Chapman, General Delivery, Steelville, Missouri.

Source: S/Sgt. William H. Chapman, General Delivery, Steelville, Missouri.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The plane Crashed with no one seeing him leave. Also the Germans who captured us said that they had found his body.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown.

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: SILVERMAN, Edward L.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 12228301
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Rmorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? — — —

If not, why not? Killed by 20mm. from enemy fighters

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Contact lost after first attack, everything O.K. at that time.

Was he injured? — — —

Where was he when last seen? — — — —

Any hearsay information: Wreakage was seen by crew member and three bodys were in vicinity of wreck. This man was assumed to be one of them.

Source: Lt. Harry Kierns Copilot

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 (not positive)

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown - I broke in with another crew.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SILVERMAN, Edward L.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 12228301
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No. He was too badly wounded.

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was too badly wounded.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None. There was no interphone.

Was he injured? Yes. seriously.

Where was he when last seen? In the waist of the plane.

Any hearsay information: All of it.

Source: S/Sgt. William H. Chapman, General Delivery, Staelville, Missouri.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The plane Crashed with no one seeing him leave. Also the Germans who captured us said that they had found his body.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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Date	Writer	Wrote About
23/5/44	Polk	Roosevelt
1	1	Harrigan
		Fedora

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Klagenfurt - 24 Nov. 1944

LIST OF PERSONAL EFFECTS

1. Purse 26 Dollars

1. Purse 31 Dollars

1. Purse 17 Dollars

1. Purse 22 Dollars

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1 Envelope variouseffects

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4 Maps (land) forma pocket

1 Log book

3 Identifications

2 Note books

3 Papers

2 Keys

1 Rope

2 Belts (3)

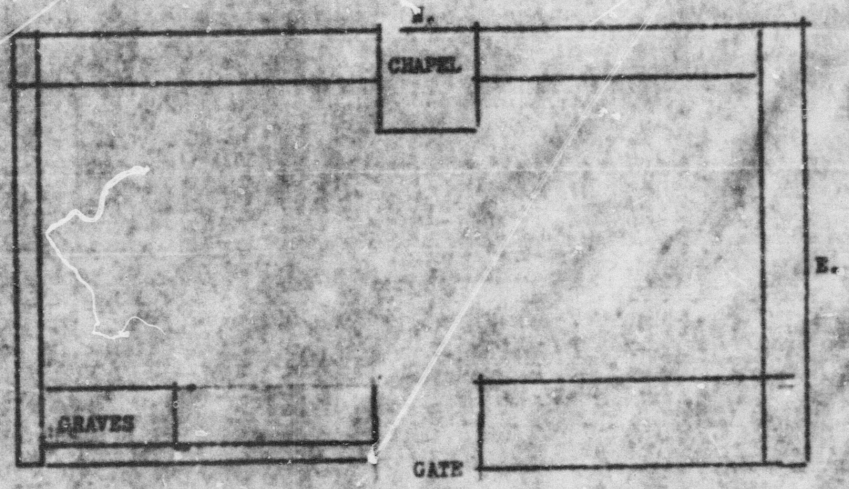
3 Pairs gloves

2 Metal saws

1 Empty purse

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SKETCH OF UTILIZED GRAVES OF FIVE (5) AMERICAN SOLDIERS, IN ALTERSBERG



TO ALTERSBERG - 7 MINUTES

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 9947-1

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Field, Italy Command or Air Force 15th
   Group 455th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 743rd Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure San Giovanni Field, Italy Course Direct
   Target 48°09'N / 11°30'E Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
   5/10 cirrostratus at 20,000 feet with tops at 26,000 feet.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 22 Nov 1944 Time 1100 Last known position 46°25'N / 13°00'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)
   ( ) Enemy aircraft, ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft, (X) Other Cause unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 44-41055
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT MISS MARGORIE
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-65A AAF Serial Number (a) 42-88050
   (b) CP 312828 (c) BP 440872 (d) BP 443364.
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
   (a) 1549767 Browning Cal 50 (e) 1548775 (i) 1035004
   (b) 1550145 M-2 (f) 1550174 (j) 1548133
   (c) 1297410 (g) 154967 (k)
   (d) 1296751 (h) 1549249 (l)
10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty, ( ) Non-Battle Casualty.
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 ; Passengers ; Total 11.
    (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	Labovitz, Jack O. 2nd Lt, AC 0827810	O RMC MIA	Mrs. Charles Labovitz (Mother) 55 Thomas Rd., Swampscott, Mass. RTD
(2)	Co-Pilot	Keirns, Harry A. 2nd Lt, AC 0831213	O RMC MIA	Mrs Vernis Phillips Keirns (Mother) RD #1, Millfield, Ohio RTD
(3)	Navigator	Tilghman, Raymond T. 2nd Lt, AC 02062715	O RMC MIA	Mrs Clara Layoma Tilghman (Mother) 1651 C St., N.E., Washington, D.C. RTD
(4)	Bombardier	Lipton, Richard M. 2nd Lt, AC 0557968	O EVS MIA	Mrs Phoebe Moss Lipton (Mother) 132 Funston Ave, San Francisco, Calif. RTD
(5)	Engineer Gunner	McMahon, John J. Sgt 31388492	O RMC MIA	Mrs Mary G. McMahon (Mother) 25 Lewis St., Worcester, Mass. RTD
(6)	Radio Gunner	Fedora, John (NMI) Sgt 33055567	+ KIA MIA	Mrs Justina Fedora (Mother) 172 Fisher Ave., Coaldale, Pa. Sec Def 3454
(7)	Armorer Gunner	Harrigan, Joseph J. Sgt 31362398	371 + KIA MIA	Mrs Helen Harrigan (Mother) 223 Hampshire St., Lawrence, Mass. Sec Def 3465
(8)	Armorer Gunner	Rockwell, Francis X. Sgt 13054012	371 + KIA MIA	Mrs Veronica M Rockwell (Mother) 120 So. 5th St., Darby, Pa. KIA 3454
(9)	Armorer Gunner	Tuttle, Ernest A. Sgt 31261873	O EVS MIA	Mrs Laura Wallgren (Aunt) 92 Chatham St., Worcester, Mass. RTD
(10)	Armorer Gunner	*Silverman, Edward L. Sgt 12228301	+ KIA MIA	Mrs Etta Silverman (Mother) 1520 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, New York Sec Def 3454
(11)	Photographer	*Chapman, William H. S/Sgt 19042003	O RMN MIA	Mrs Estella Chapman (Mother) Steelville, Missouri RTD
(12)				

No. — 1052

*Assigned to 742nd Bomb Sq (H)

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	FORCED LANDING
(1) Armbruster, Edward J.	2nd Lt	02060909		X		
(2)						
(3)						

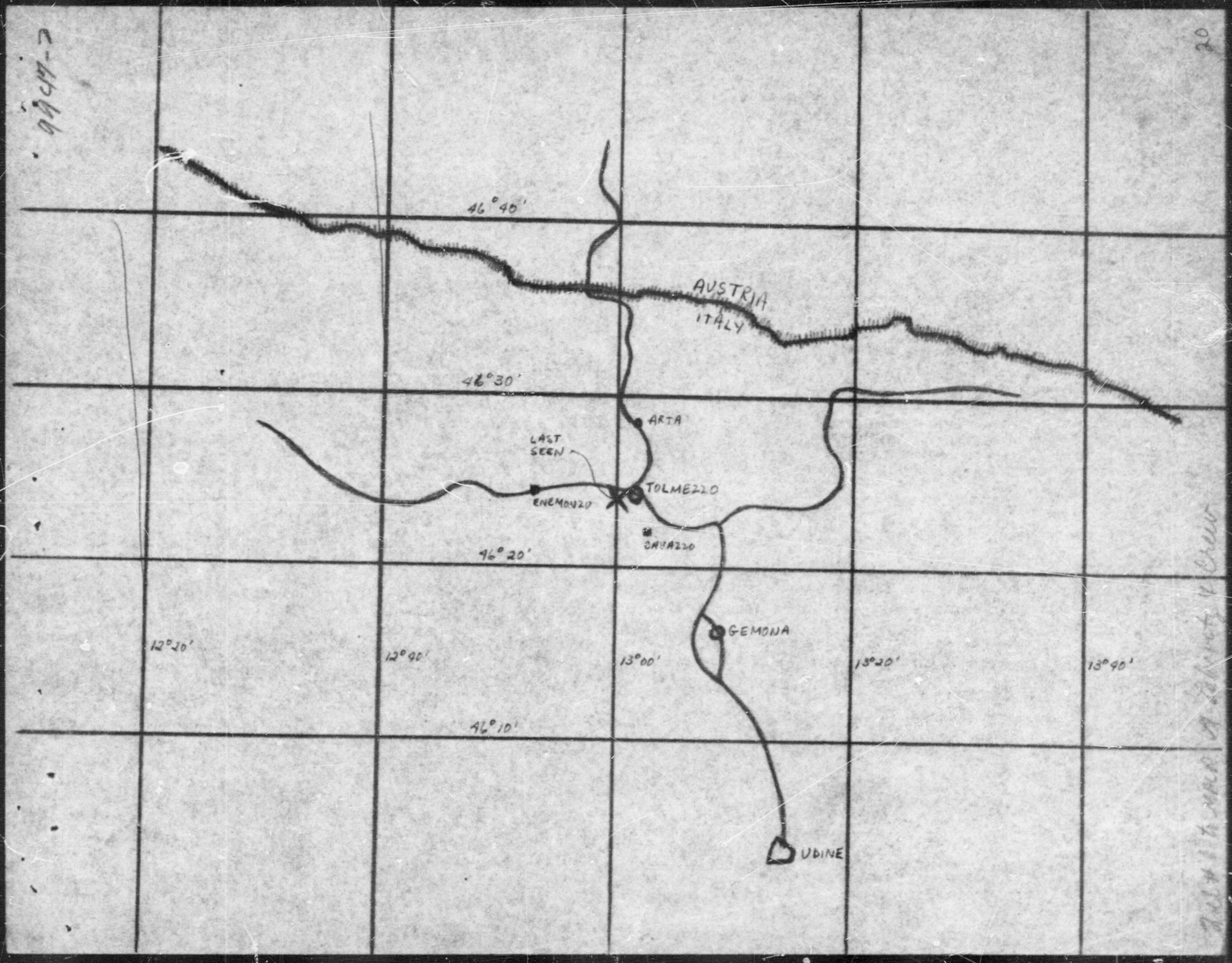
13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
    ( ) Parachutes were used. ( ) Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.
    (X) Other reasons (specify) Plane was under control when last seen.
14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION 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.

2 Inclosures.
Incl 1-Sketch of area. Date 25 November 1944
Incl 2-Statement of Lt Armbruster. CONFIDENTIAL

Harry H. Horn
Signature of preparing officer
HARRY H. HORN, 1st Lt., AC,
Personnel Officer.

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ITALY
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2nd Lt. Jack G. Labovitz	Mrs. Ethel L. Labovitz, (Mother) 55 Thomas Road, Swampscott, Massachusetts.
2nd Lt. Harry A. Keirns	Mrs. Vernie Keirns, (Mother) Rural Delivery Number One, Millfield, Ohio.
2nd Lt. Raymond T. Tilghman	Mrs. Raymond T. Tilghman, (Mother) 1451 C Street, North East, Washington, D. C.
2nd Lt. Richard M. Lipton	Mrs. Phoebe M. Lipton, (Mother) 131 Funston Avenue, San Francisco, California.
Sgt. John J. McMahon	Mrs. Mary C. McMahon, (Mother) 25 Lewis Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.
Sgt. John Fedora	Mrs. Justina Fedora, (Mother) 172 Fisher Avenue, Coaldale, Pennsylvania.
371 Sgt. Joseph J. Harrigan	Mrs. Helen Harrigan, (Mother) 223 Hampshire Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts.
371 Sgt. Francis L. Rockwell	Mrs. Veronica Rockwell, (Mother) 120 South 5th Street, Darby, Pennsylvania.
Sgt. Ernest A. Tuttle	Mrs. Laura Halligan, (Aunt) 92 Chatham Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.
Sgt. Edward L. Silverman	Mrs. Etta Silverman, (Mother) 1243 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.
S/Sgt. William B. Chapman	Mrs. Estella F. Chapman, (Mother) General Delivery, Stanberville, Missouri.

Air Base Command A (O) II/XVII

Klagenfurt - 24 Nov. 1944

TRANSPORT LIST

Sgt.	McMahon, John	31 388 492	T-44-44-A	
2nd Lt.	Lipton, Richard M.	O-557 968	T-43-44-O	
Sgt.	Chapman, William	19 042 008	T-43	
Sgt.	Tuttle, Ernest A.	31 261 873	T-43-44-O	
2nd Lt.	Tilghman, Raymond T.	O-2 062 715	T-43-44-O	
2nd Lt.	Keerns, Harry	O-831 213	T-43-44-A	
2nd Lt.	Labovitz, Jack O.	O-827 810		
S/Sgt.	Josselyn, Francis	20 112 948		KSU-2458

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Tilghman, Raymond T. Rank 1 st. Lt Serial No. 0-2062715

2. Organization 455th Gp 743rd Sqn Commander Snowden (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Thayer (full name) Rank Major

3. What year 1944 month November day 22 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Rail Head, target, Munich, Germany, target time, 12:22, altitude, 24900 ft. route scheduled, _____, route flown same as scheduled

5. Where were you when you left formation? 25 miles east of Munich over Danube.

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes 8members bailed 3 didn't

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". Engineer jumped from cat-walk in bombay. Ship went into spin and pilot rolled out the bombay. Copilot thru me out the bombay and rolled out himself. Rest of crew no knowledge.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 10km. north of Spital, Austria.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Francis Rockwell, Edward Silverman and Joseph Harrigan

11. Where were they in aircraft? In the rear of the ship.

12. What was their condition? Dead killed by 20mm. from enemy planes.

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All retuned to the United States except the 4 reported killed.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No information.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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Casualty-No.: ME 2459

Report on capture of an aircraft of the USAAF.

Date and time aircraft was shot down:	22 November 1944 at 1130
Place of crash:	Spittal / Drau (Drave)
Type of aircraft:	Liberator
Reporting Station:	Air-Base-Headquarters A (z) 11/XVII

C R E W :

Name and first name, Date and place of birth:		Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Disposition Name of camp
JABOVITZ	Jack Oscar	2nd Lt.	0-827810	captured	Dulag-Luft West
KEZRNS	Harry Austin	2nd Lt.	0-831213	captured	as above
TILGHMAN	Raymond Tersh Baltimore, Md.	2nd Lt.	0-2062715	captured	as above
LIPTON	Richard Moss	2nd Lt.	0-557968	captured	as above
CHAPMAN	William Haley Steelville, Mo.	S./Sgt.	19042003	captured	as above
TUTTLE	Ernest Alfred	Sgt.	31261873	captured	as above
McMAHON	John Joseph	Sgt.	31388492	captured	as above

Dulag-Luft on 5 December 1944.

Casualty-No.: ME 2459

Report on capture of an aircraft of the USAAF.

MACR No. 9947

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Dulag-Luft on 5 December 1944.

Meldung über den Abschuß eines US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuß-Nr. MB 2459

Abschußtag und Zeit: 22.11.44. 11.30.

Abschußort: Spittal a/Drau

Flugzeugtyp: Liberator

Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. H. Kdtr. A/(o) 11/XVII

Besatzung:

Name und Vernamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienstgrad	Erk.-Marke:	Verbleib: gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: weiches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
RABOVITZ Jack Oscar	2/Lt.	O-827810	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
KEIRNS Harry Austin	2/Lt.	O-831213	gef.	dito
TILGHMAN Raymond Terch Baltimore,Md.	2/Lt.	O-2062715	gef.	dito
LIPTON Richard Moss	2/Lt.	O-557968	gef.	dito
CHAPMAN William Haley Steelville,Mo.	S/Sgt.	19042003	gef.	dito
TUTTLE Ernest Alfred	Sgt.	31261873	gef.	dito
MCMAHON John Joseph	Sgt.	31388492	gef.	dito

Bemerkungen: Mac 99447

DULAG-LUFT, den 5.12.44. v.S.

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

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-2459

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: 22 Nov. 1944 at 11:30 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: At Spittal on The Drau

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: 4 Motor Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command A (O) II/XVII - Klagenfurt - 23 Nov. 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Chapman, William

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sergeant

SERIAL NUMBER: 19 042 008 - T-43

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:
Captured at Spittal/Drau - 22 Nov. 1944

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-2459

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: At Altersberg, Community Trebesing/Gmuend

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: 4 Motor Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command - Klagenfurt - 22 Nov. 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Harrigan, Joseph

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: - - - -

SERIAL NUMBER: 31 362 398 - T-43-44-A

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: Dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: At Altersberg/Community Trebesing 25 Nov. 1944 (Grave sketch enclosed)

REMARKS:

6-1774.A9(4)

CASUALTY NO.

MS-KSU-2459

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: 22 Nov. 1944 at 11;30 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: At Spittal/Drau

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: 4 Motor Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command A (O) II/XVII - Klagenfurt - 23 Nov. 1944

CREW

SURNAME AND FIRST NAME: Labovitz, Jack O.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: O-827 810

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured at Spittal/Drau - 22 Nov. 1944

6-3234.AF(6)

CASUALTY NO.

ME-KSU-2459

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 22 Nov. 1944 at 12:15 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: At Altersberg, Community of Trebesing/Gmuend

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: 4 Motor Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command - Klagenfurt - 22 Nov. 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Rockwell, Francis X.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Unknown

SERIAL NUMBER: 13 054 012 - T-12-44-O

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: Dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: PLACE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: At Altersberg, Community Trebesing 25 Nov. 1944 (Grave sketch enclosed)

REMARKS:

CASUALTY NO.
MR-KSU-2469

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 22 Nov. 1944 at 11:30 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: At Spittal/Drau

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: 4 Motor Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command A (O) II/XVII Klagenfurt 23 Nov. 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Tilghman, Raymond T.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: [illegible] 062 715 - T43-44-O

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured at Spittal/Drau - 22 Nov. 1944

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743RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

24 November 1944.

S T A T E M E N T

On 22 November 1944, we joined the 454th Bombardment Group (H) formation, not being able to catch up with our own formation due to a late take-off. At approximately 1100, the formation made a 360 degree turn at 46°25'N / 13°00'E and then continued on course. It was at this point that Aircraft #055, piloted by Lt LABOVITZ, was last sighted due to adverse weather conditions. No apparent mechanical difficulties were reported.

Edward J. Armbruster

EDWARD J. ARMBRUSTER,
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Navigator.

Rel #2 to MACR 4 Lt Labovitz & crew

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4/13/46

Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Attention: AFPPA-8
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is all the information that I can furnish concerning the fate of my former crew members, who were reported killed in action on November 22, 1944.

I was in the nose of the plane and all information which I have was given to me by the photographer, S/Sgt. William H. Chapman, General Delivery, Steelville, Missouri. I suggest that you write him to get a fuller view of what happened the day we were shot down, as he was in the section of the plane in which all of the casualties occured.

Sincerely

Ernest A. Tuttle

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ME-KSU-2459

Air Base Command A (1) II/XVII

Ref: 3716/07

Subject: Capture of enemy Air Force members

Enclosure: (2) Forms - (3) Ident. Tags and (1) Grave Sketch

To: Oberursel - Frankfurt/Main

Enclosed form one for the five American Prisoners of War buried 22 Nov. 1944, in Ratschak, Community of Trebesing. Sketch of grave. Further more - We are informed no more identification tags of the other captives were found as they either were burned or destroyed by the crash.