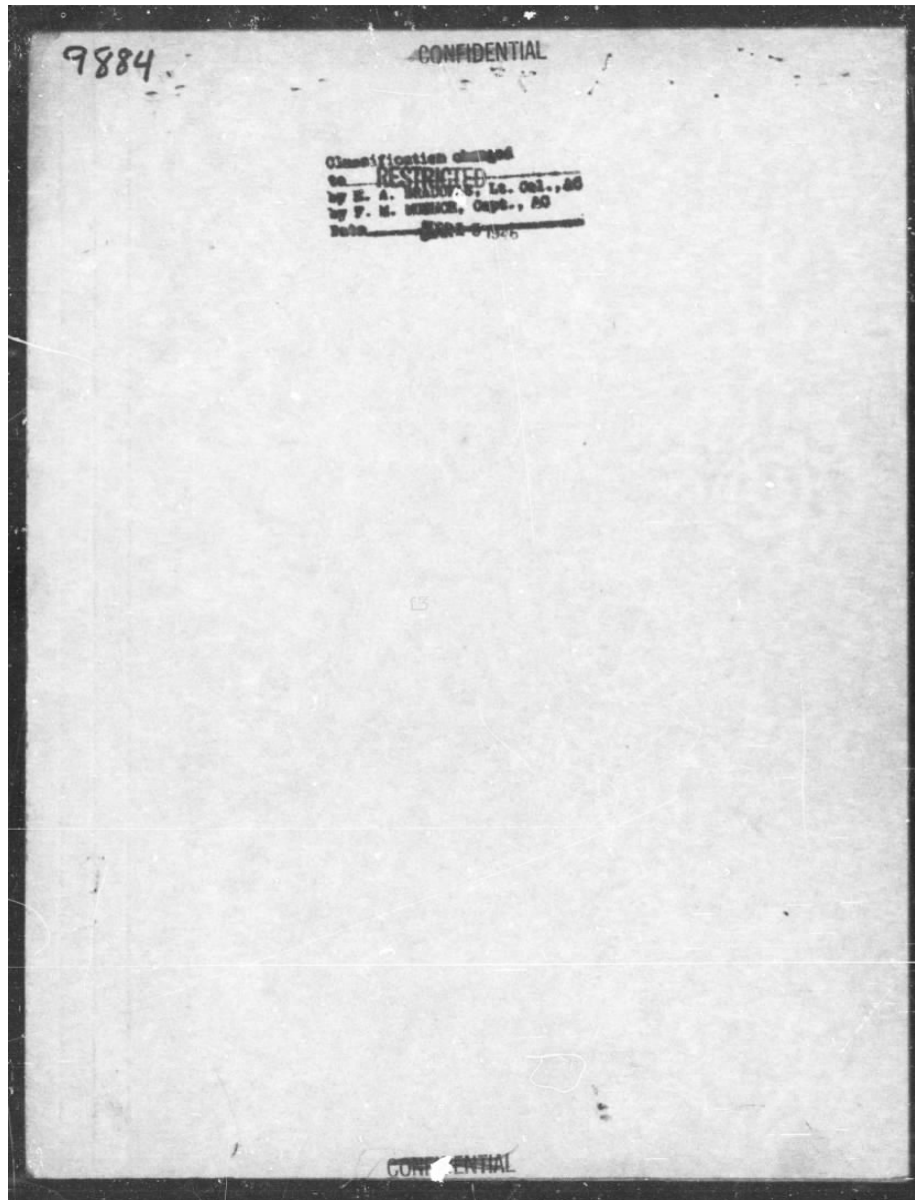


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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location Castelluccio, Italy Command or Air Force 16th A.F.
Group 451st Bomb Sq (H) Squadron 726th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Castelluccio, Italy Course Base 4351N 1531E 4713N
Target Blochbauer, Germany Type of mission Bombing 1435E 4841N 1533E

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Weather: Good, Visibility: Fair

4. GIVE: (a) Date 17 Nov 44 Time 1200 Last known position 46° 30' N, 15° 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 Plane believed to have lost gas from unknown cause.

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 H AAF Serial Number 41-28966

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series 1830-43 AAF Serial Number (a) 42-41204
(b) PP 401549 (c) CP 500281 (d) 42-60049

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number)
(a) Browning M2, 6877131 (c) Browning M2, 1148266 (i) Browning M2, 1180071
(b) Browning M2, 1149628 (f) Browning M2, 1181006 (j) Browning M2, 1149626
(c) Browning M2, 1149663 (g) Browning M2, 1149660 (k) Browning M2, 1150097
(d) Browning M2, 1150198 (h) Browning M2, 1150097 (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 NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
(1) Pilot	<u>Jackson, William F.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-706024</u>	<u>MIA Mr. Frank E. Jackson</u> <u>Father</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>425 W. 22nd, Quincy, Ill.</u>
(2) Co-pilot	<u>George, Charles W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-768244</u>	<u>MIA Mrs. Gertrude George</u> <u>Mother</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>220 Sunset Rd, Waterloo, Iowa</u>
(3) Navigator	<u>Wengert, Theodore W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-2066506</u>	<u>MIA Mr. Theodore Wengert</u> <u>Father</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>430 E. 165 St, N.Y., N.Y.</u>
(4) Bombardier	<u>Glass, Wallace H.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-1540467</u>	<u>MIA Mrs. Nelda M. Glass</u> <u>Wife</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>20069 Lake Chabot Rd, Hayward, Calif.</u>
(5) Top Turret Gunner	<u>Possell, Leroy M.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>15828632</u>	<u>MIA Mrs. Marian Francis Burns</u> <u>Mother</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>1312 Union St, Fort Wayne, Ind.</u>
(6) Lower Turret Gunner	<u>Prochnow, Lawrence W.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>16009296</u>	<u>MIA Mr. Frank W. Prochnow</u> <u>Father</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>5922 W. Adler St, Milwaukee, Wis.</u>
(7) Right Waist Gunner	<u>Gates, Henry</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>39239661</u>	<u>MIA Mrs. Mary Agnes Gates</u> <u>Mother</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>Rt 2, Box 241, Hamlet, Ore.</u>
(8) Left Waist Gunner	<u>Pugia, Clyde M. Jr.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>18106612</u>	<u>MIA Mrs. Clara Pugia</u> <u>Wife</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>1202 Western Ave, Amarillo, Tex.</u>
(9) Tail Gunner	<u>Freese, Doyle E.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>56670019</u>	<u>MIA Mrs. Sula Freese</u> <u>Mother</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>Amana, Illinois</u>
(10) Nose Gunner	<u>Smith, Karl G.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>59917963</u>	<u>MIA Mrs. Norma Jean Smith</u> <u>Wife</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>299 E. 2nd North, Springville, Utah.</u>

(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 LAST	SAW FORCED
(1) <u>Ford, Henry B.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>G-811080</u>	<u>BY RADIO</u>	<u>SOUGHT CRASH LANDING</u>
(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) There was no indication of serious damage when plane was 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. None. Plane was last sighted over enemy territory.

17. ENCLOSURES:

Incl 1 - Sketch Date 20 November 1944 by WILLIAM F. PEARSON
Incl 2 - Statement of S-2 Officer CHARLES W. FREESE, 1st Lt, 726th Bomb Sq (H)
Incl 3 - Statement of Eye Witness W. M. MURPHY, Competitive Officer.
Date 15 Dec 44

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451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520 U.S. ARMY

19 November 1944.

STATEMENT

On 17 November 1944, Second Lieutenant William F. Jackson, O-705024, was pilot of a B-24 H type aircraft, AAF Serial number 41-28955, on a bombing mission over a synthetic oil refinery located at Blechhammer, Germany. After passing over the target, Lieutenant Jackson's plane began to straggle behind the formation and it was assumed by observers that he was losing gasoline from an undetermined cause. It was not possible to contact Lieutenant Jackson by radio. Coming across the Alps this aircraft had dropped back a distance of twenty miles. The plane was last sighted over Yugoslavia at approximately 46° 30' N. 15° 00' E, at about 1200 hours. All four engines were operative and there were no outward indications of serious damage. No parachutes were seen to leave the airplane.

Nothing further has been heard from Lieutenant Jackson or his crew and the undersigned has no opinion as to their fate.

Following is a list of officers and enlisted men who were aboard this aircraft on 17 November 1944.

Pilot	Jackson, William F.	2nd Lt.	O-705024
Co-pilot	George, Charles W.	2nd Lt.	O-765244
Navigator	Wengert, Theodore W.	2nd Lt.	O-2056506
Bombardier	Glass, Wallace H.	2nd Lt.	O-1540467
Tcp turret	Possell, Leroy M.	Sgt.	15328636
Ball turret	Prochnow, Lawrence W.	S/Sgt.	16009295
Waist gunner	Gates, Henry	S/Sgt.	39329861
Waist gunner	Fuqua, Clyde M., Jr.	S/Sgt.	18105519
Tail gunner	Treece, Doyle E.	S/Sgt.	36670019
Nose gunner	Smith, Karl C.	S/Sgt.	39917953

Albert L. Roemer
ALBERT L. ROEMER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

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EYE-WITNESS STATEMENT

I, First Lieutenant Henry B. Ford, O-811060, was flying number two position, as deputy group leader, on a combat mission over Elechemmer, Germany, on 17 November 1944. On the return journey I saw Lieutenant William F. Jackson, flying number six position drop out and begin falling behind the formation. I called to my tail gunner and told him to watch and see what happened. Lieutenant Jackson continued to straggle behind the rest of the formation. At about 1200 hours at approximately 46° 30'N, 15° 00'E, he dropped completely out of sight, all four engines were operative and no parachutes had left the aircraft to this time. I could not contact Lieutenant Jackson by radio, but it was reported to me that he was losing gasoline from an undetermined cause.

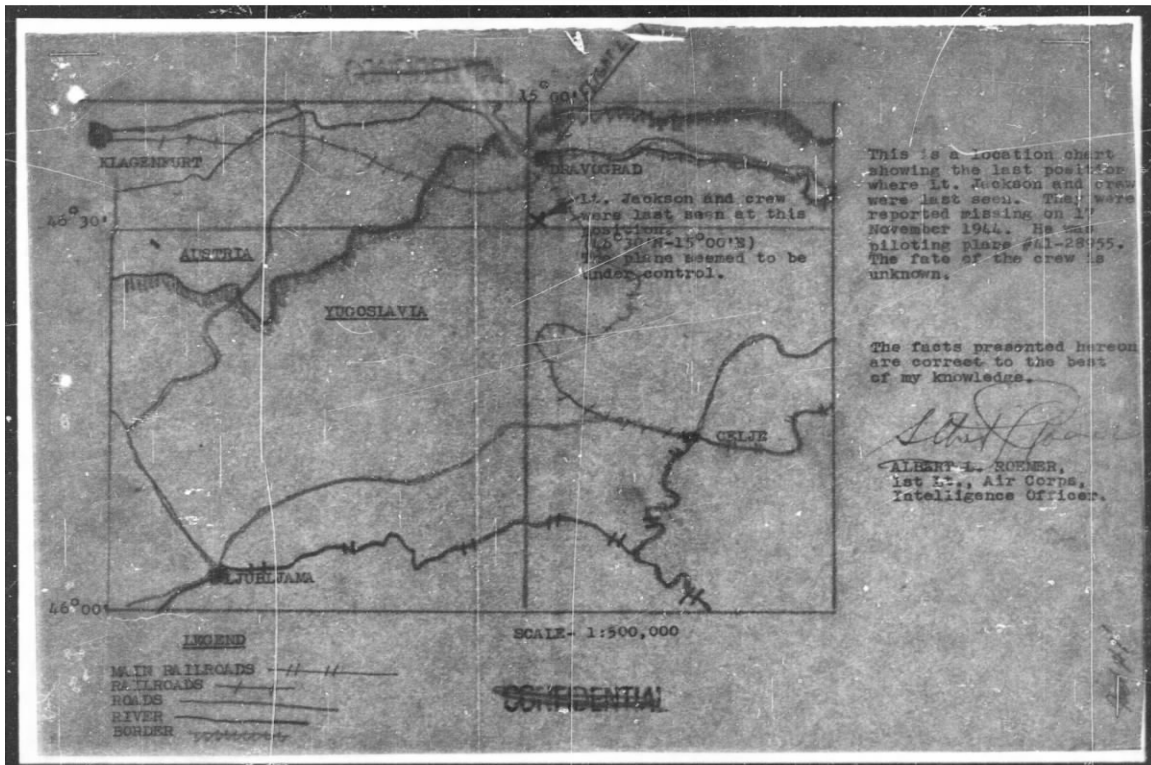
Henry B. Ford
HENRY B. FORD,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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Jackson, William F. 2nd Lt 07C 24

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17 Nov 44

(Yugoslavia)

5 Dec 44

Co-pilot	Charles E. George	2nd Lt	Unknown
Aerial Eng	Henry Gates	S/Sgt	Unknown
Top Gnr	LeRoy M. Possell	Sgt	Unknown
Nose Gnr	Karl C. Smith	S/Sgt	Unknown

These four bailed out approximately 5 to 15 miles south of Banjaluka, Yugoslavia. Parachutes were seen to open. A report from Sanski Most, Yugo. from the Partisans 7 days later indicated that they had 3 American flyers, two of them injured and in the hospital and the other one being evacuated by way of Split, that these three bailed out in the approximate area and time of our bail out.

William F. Jackson
2nd Lt.

A true copy:

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CWO, USA.

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CONFIDENTIALCASUALTY INFORMATION

(Supplemental to Missing Air Crew Report)

PERSON MAKING STATEMENT: Jackson, William F. 2nd Lt O705024
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

725th 541st 17 Nov 44 (Yugoslavia) 5 Dec 44
(Squadron) (Group) (Date of Casualty) (Returned to Allied Lines)

(Information contained hereon obtained from returned crew members for use as an aid in determining status of missing U. S. personnel. When information given is considered sufficiently conclusive it will be used as basis for corrected Battle Casualty Report.)

<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Status</u>
Co-pilot	✓ Charles M. George	2nd Lt	Unknown
Aerial Eng	✓ Henry Gates	S/Sgt	Unknown
Top Gnr	✓ LeRoy M. Possell	Sgt	Unknown
Nose Gnr	✓ Karl C. Smith	S/Sgt	Unknown

STATEMENT:

These four bailed out approximately 5 to 15 miles south of Banjaluka, Yugoslavia. Parachutes were seen to open. A report from Sanski Most, Yugo. from the Partisans 7 days later indicated that they had 3 American flyers, two of them injured and in the hospital and the other one being evacuated by way of Split, that these three bailed out in the approximate area and time of our bail out.

William F. Jackson
2nd Lt.

A true copy:

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520 US ARMYS: 16 Dec 1944
6 Dec 1944

SUBJECT: Supplement to Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, 49th Wing, APO 520.

1. Inclosed information, supplementary to Missing Air Crew Report, has been obtained from:

William F. Jackson	2nd Lt	0705024	451st B Gp
(Name)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Organization)

2. It is desired that casualty status of personnel referred to be reviewed.

a. In cases where men are declared to be dead, if the commanding officer believes evidence to be reasonably conclusive, appropriate corrected battle casualty report will be submitted. If evidence is not deemed sufficient, then a statement will be made of reasons for presumption of survival.

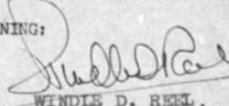
b. If place of casualty shown on original battle casualty report does not agree with statement, corrected report should be submitted for those men still missing.

c. Personnel should be reported Captured or Interned only when evidence shows actual incarceration in an established prison camp or safe arrival in a neutral country.

d. If no change is indicated, statement has been forwarded to you for information and inclusion of copy with Missing Air Crew Report.

3. Report will be made by indorsement hereon of action taken.

By command of Major General TWINING:


WINDLE D. REEL,
Major, AC,
Assistant AG.

Incl.

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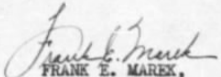
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9984360.33 3rd Ind. C-WRT-10
HQ 49TH BOMB WING (H), APO 520, 12 December 44.

TO: CG, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520.

Attention invited to preceding indorsement.

For the Commanding General:

(94)


FRANK E. MAREX,
Major, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

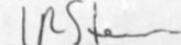
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360.33 4th Ind. GF/B/eh
HQ FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 17 December 1944.

TO: CG, MTOUSA, APO 512. Att'n: Casualty Branch, AGO.

Forwarded as supplement to missing air crew report.

For the Commanding General:


I. R. STERN,
Captain, AGO,
Assistant AG.

1 Incl: n/c

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ESCAPE STATEMENT, Jackson, William F., 2nd Lt., (Ref; USA/SMT/2/a; Cont'd.)

APPENDIX F

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|--------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1. Lt. Charles W. George | - | Co-pilot |
| 2. Sgt. Leroy M. Possell | - | Top Turret Gunner |
| 3. S/Sgt. Henry Gater | - | Engineer |
| 4. S/Sgt. Earl S. Smith | - | Nose Gunner |

Sources think that these men have been picked up by partisans
but have no definite information on them.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 9884

Name of crew member: **POSSELL Leroy H.**
Rank: **Sgt**
Serial number: **15328636**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on P-51 / Mustang~~: **Top Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ABOUT 5 MI. SOUTH OF BANJA LUKA, YUGOSLAVIA

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SAW HIM JUMP FROM THE AIRCRAFT

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? AT OUR HOME BASE 451 B.G. 726 B.S. 9-JAN-1945

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: CS

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 9884

Name of crew member:

SMITH Karl C.

Rank:

S/Egt

Serial number:

39917953

Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~71711111111111111111~~

Nose Gunner

Did he bail out? YESWhere? ABOUT 5 MI. S.W. of BANJA LUKA, YUGOSLAVIA

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Preceded me in exiting from the nose of the plane about 5 min. before bailing outWas he injured? Not to my knowledgeWhere was he when last seen? 15th Air Force Hdqtrs. 9-JAN-1945

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

_____Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WENGERT, Theodore Walter Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-2056506
751 B-6. 1-THOS. WALKER Rank SACM
2. Organization 726 BS Commander KNAPP Rank Col. Sqn CO JACK REICHE Rank MAJ.
(full name) 1- 1944 (full name) 1- 17
3. What year 2- 1944 month 1- Nov 2- DEC day 2- 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 1- 251999th BOMBING 1- STECHAMMER OIL REFINERIES, GERT.
time, About 1300 hrs. , altitude, 25,000' , target, 2- OSWIECIM OIL REFINERIES, POLAND
PERU , route flown CANAL ZEPH route scheduled, CANAL ZEPH
1- LAKE SZALATON, HUNGARY
5. Where were you when you left formation? 2- SOUTH OF GYOR, HUNGARY
6. Did you bail out? YES, BOTH TIMES
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". W.H. F. JACKSON - 1- 10 MI. SW. OF
ANITA COOK, YUGO. 17- NOV-44 2- DENIS YUGO, 26- DEC-44. 3- Clyde Fugua - SAME. 4- Lt. Wallace Glass
same. 5- Sgt. Larry Freshman - SAME. 6- Sgt. Doyle Treese - SAME. 7- Lt. INS George - About 5 MI. SW. ANITA
LUKE, YUGO. 17- NOV-44. 8- Lt. MANN Rohde - DENIS YUGO. 26- DEC-44. 9- Sgt. MARTIN HARKIN - DENIS
YUGO, 26 DEC-44. 10- About 10 MI. SOUTH OF GYOR, HUNGARY.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 2- UNKNOWN. WAS BOULED FOR Adriatic Sea.
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? Sgt PAUL Nichols last seen at Ellington Field, Texas July, 1945
in good health.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Cpl. Robert Miller. Reported
Killed. Sgt. Paul Nichols attests that he saw his bloodstained clothes
AFTER NATIVES had found his body and buried him. He had failed to
open his chute. Exact cause unknown. Someone he hit his head on the
hatch when bailing out or was hit by flame, before he could open his
chute. This occurred about 20-30 miles south of Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.
Nov-7-1944 (DATE UNCERTAIN). ONLY 3 MEMBERS of crew bailed out. Sgt Nichols
Cpl Miller & the other member is unknown to me. The rest of us made an
emergency landing at the island of VIS in the Adriatic Sea
(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9684

Name of crew member:

POSSELL Leroy W.

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

15528636

Position: Crew (Bomber)

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Top Turret Gunner

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: _____

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: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9884

Name of crew member:

SMITH Karl C.

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

39917953

Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~:

Nose Gunner

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: _____

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: _____

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name CARDEM, FLOONA JR. Rank T/SGT Serial No. 18/05519
2. Organization 451 Bgp Commander _____ Rank Col. Sqn CO _____ Rank MAJ.
(full name) _____ (full name) _____
3. What year 44 - 45 month OCT. NOV. DEC. day 22 did you go down?
1. GREENHAWES, GERMANY
2. OSWEGATCHIE, CANADA
4. What was the mission 2. OSWEGATCHIE, CANADA, target, OIL REFINERIES, target
time, _____, altitude, 22,000 FT. route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? 1 HOUR OFF 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". ALL CREW BAILED OUT
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 1. NEAR COAST (WITHIN 100 MI. OF
2. NEAR TOWN OF SANJALINA "Isle of Re")
3. NEAR COAST, ALL IN YUGOSLAVIA
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? BAILED OUT
12. What was their condition? BAILED OUT
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL SAFE
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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1551 ECHO PARK AVE.
LOS ANGELES, 26, CAL.
24 MARCH, 1946

SUBJECT: CASUALTY INFORMATION OF
CREW MEMBERS

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL,
ARMY AIR FORCES, WASH-
INGTON, 25, D.C.

WITH REFERENCE TO AFPPA-8
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS
SUBMITTED:

SGT. POSSE LK, LEROY M, 15328636,
TOP GUNNER, FLEW WITH MY CREW
ONLY ONCE. THE CREW BAIKED
OUT BUT EVERY MAN RETURNED
TO DUTY.

S/SGT SMITH, KARL C., 39917953,
NOSE GUNNER, WAS A REGULAR
CREW MEMBER, BAIKED OUT
THREE TIMES AND IN EACH
CASE RETURNED TO DUTY. S/SGT.
SMITH RETURNED TO THE U.S.
ABOARD THE U.S.S. WEST POINT.

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I KNOW NOTHING OF THE
FINAL FATE OF SGT. POSSELL.

ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
WHICH I MAY BE ABLE TO
GIVE WILL BE GIVEN GLADLY
UPON REQUEST.

Sincerely yours,
Clyde M. Augusta.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 9884

Name of crew member: **POSSELL Leroy M.**
Rank: **Sgt**
Serial number: **15328636**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Top Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Over Yugoslavia

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: (OVER)

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: _____

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Sgt Possell was returned to Allied Control at Bari Italy on 27 December 1945.

He was admitted to the 26th General Hospital for observation and later returned to duty to the 451st Bomb Group (H), 726 Bomb Squadron, APO 520, NY, NY.

It is my beleif that Sgt. Possell was returned to the Zone of the Interior at the same time that the 726th Bomb Squadron returned.

I saw Sgt Possell at the 726th Bomb Squadron Area on April 1, 1946.

Charles W. George

CHARLES W. GEORGE
1st Lt., AC O-765244

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 9884

Name of crew member: SMITH Karl C.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 39917953
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of P-51/P-51/P-51~~: Nose Gunner

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Over Yugoslavia

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: (OVER)

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: _____

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Sgt. Smith was returned to Allied Control at Bari Italy on 27 December 1945.

Sgt. Smith was admitted to the 26th General Hospital, Bari, Italy for observation.

It is my belief that Sgt. Smith was returned to the Zone of the Interior through the Detachment of Patients from the 26th General Hospital.

I did not see Sgt. Smith again after landing at Bari and entering the 26th General Hospital, on 27 December 1945.

Charles W. George

CHARLES W. GEORGE
1st Lt., AC O-765244

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Charles W. George Rank 1st Lt Serial No. O-765244
2. Organization 451 Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Nov. day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, oil refinery target, Blechemmer, Germany target
time, _____, altitude, 28,000 feet route scheduled, _____
route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? north of Austrian Yugoslavian border
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". all crew members returned to Allied control. No injuries.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Central Yugoslavia
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? _____

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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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9884

Name of crew member:

POSSELL Leroy H.

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

15328636

Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight/Fighter~~

Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YESWhere? BANJALUKA, YUGOSLAVIA 17, NOV. 45

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? NOWhere was he when last seen? AS HE JUMPED FROM THE PLANEAny hearsay information: FELL INTO THE HANDS OF THEYUGOSLAVIA UNDERGROUND AND WAS LED TO
ITALY

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE RETURNED
TO OUR BASE IN ITALY AFTER AROUND 40 DAYS IN
YUGOSLAVIA. THE YUGOSLAVIA UNDERGROUND HELPED HIM TO
WORK HIS WAY BACK.Total number of missions of above crew member: 28Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE, AS I LEFT
FOR THE UNITED STATES BEFORE HE DID

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9884

Name of crew member:

SMITH Karl C.

Rank:

S/Egt

Serial number:

99917953

Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~71111111/71111111~~:

Bose Gunner

Did he bail out? YESWhere? YUGOSLAVIA 17 Nov 1945

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NoneWas he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: WAS LED OUT OF YUGOSLAVIA
BY THE YUGOSLAVIA UNDERGROUND.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: RETURNED
TO THE STATES AFTER ESCAPE FROM
YUGOSLAVIA.Total number of missions of above crew member: NO KNOWLEDGEDates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name TREECE, DOYLE E Rank S/SGT Serial No. 36670019
2. Organization 481 BOMB GRP Commander W. B. B. Co Rank Sqn CO Rank
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month NOV day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, OIL REFINERY, target, BLECHHAMER, target, SEVERAL
time, , altitude, 22,000 FEET route scheduled, NO KNOWLEDGE
route flown NO KNOWLEDGE
5. Where were you when you left formation? SOME WHERE OVER AUSTRIA
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". ALL BAILED OUT ALRIGHT
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? B, YUGOSLAVIA
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? WE WERE TOGETHER UNTIL WE WERE HELPED TO RETURNED TO ITALY BY THE YUGOSLAVIAN UNDERGROUND
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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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9624

Name of crew member:

POSSELL Leroy M.

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

15328636

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Bomber):

Top Turret Gunner

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: _____

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: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9884

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter):

SMITH Karl C.

S/Sgt

39917953

Nose Gunner

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: _____

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: _____