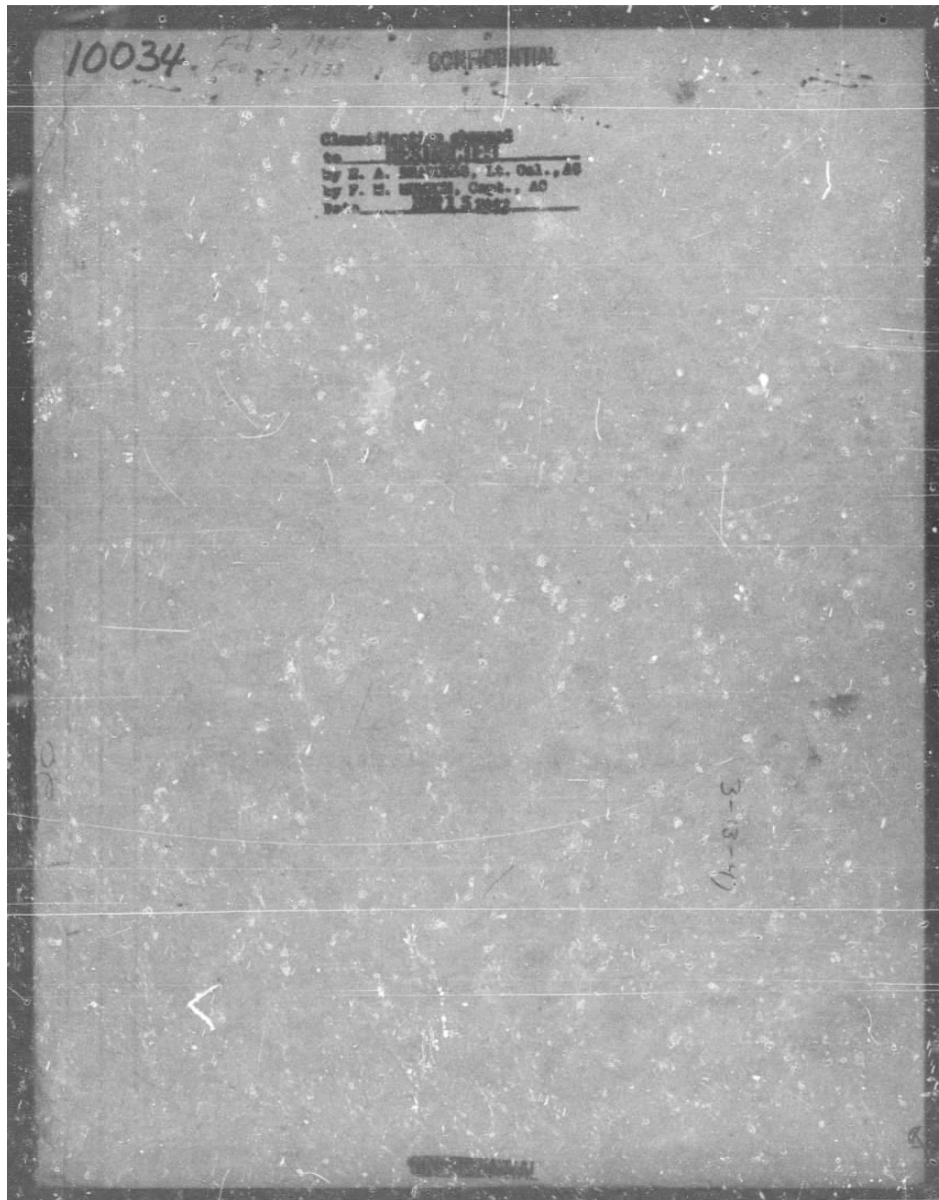


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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 10034

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Castelluccio, Italy Command or Air Force 15th
Group 41st Bomb Group (H) Squadron 725th Bomb Squadron (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Castelluccio Field Course Base 433N 1627E 4617N 1644E
Target Blumenthor, Germany Type of mission Target

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

4. GIVE: (a) Date 12/2/44 Time 1230 Last known position Target Area
(b) Specify whether: () 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, () Other Unknown

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-51306

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-43 AAF Serial Number (a) GP-306956
(b) GP-306774 (c) GP-438000 (d) GP-306596

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
(a) No records (c) ()
(b) Available (f) ()
(c) () (g) ()
(d) () (h) ()

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: () 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.)

POSITION	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
Pilot	CHICKERILLY, JOHN D.	1st Lt.	C-1728975	MTA Mrs Betty L.P. Eckeraley (wife) 1256 N. Pine St, Lapeer, Michigan RTD.
2nd Pilot	BUTINSKY, MICHAEL R.	2nd Lt.	C-828661	MTA Mr Paul Butinsky (Father) South Vernon, Massachusetts
3rd Pilot	DILLON, PAUL J.	P/O	T-129080	MTA Paul C. Dillon (Father) 1822 Northview Road, Rocky River, Ohio
4th Pilot	WONGSON, RAY W.	2nd Lt.	O-776535	MTA Thomas F. Goodson (Father) 1215 Taylor St, Joliet, Illinois RTD
5th Pilot	Worbin, David (NMI)	S/Sgt.	32883780	MTA Elsie Orkin (Mother) 66-44 34th St, Forest Hills, Long Island, NY RTD
6th Pilot	Pilanych, George (NMI)	Sgt.	35927231	MTA Mr Joseph Pilanych (Father) 714 Vine St, Kent, Ohio RTD
7th Pilot	Winkler, Floyd M.	K343	358/1295	MTA Nina Herron (Mother) 1237 17th, Louisville, Kentucky RTD
8th Pilot	Gadol, Morris S.	Sgt.	32709492	MTA Mollie Gadol (Mother) 3335 Saint Johns Pl, Brooklyn, New York
9th Pilot	Fultz, Edward H.	Sgt.	12226618	MTA Edward L. Fultz, (father) 2134 53th St, Brooklyn, NY RTD
10th Pilot	Schapiro, Sherman S.	Sgt.	39417114	MTA Mabel S. Schapiro (Mother) 3514 Van Ness, Fresno, California RTD

(11) N: 1048

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: SAW
NAME IN FULL RANK SERIAL No. BY RADIO SIGHTED CRASH LANDING
(1) FRED R. CARSTETTER 1st Lt C-780748 X
(2) ()
(3) ()

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
() Parachutes were used. () Persons were seen, waiting away from the scene of the crash.
() Other reasons (specify) Unknown

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 made, plane missing over

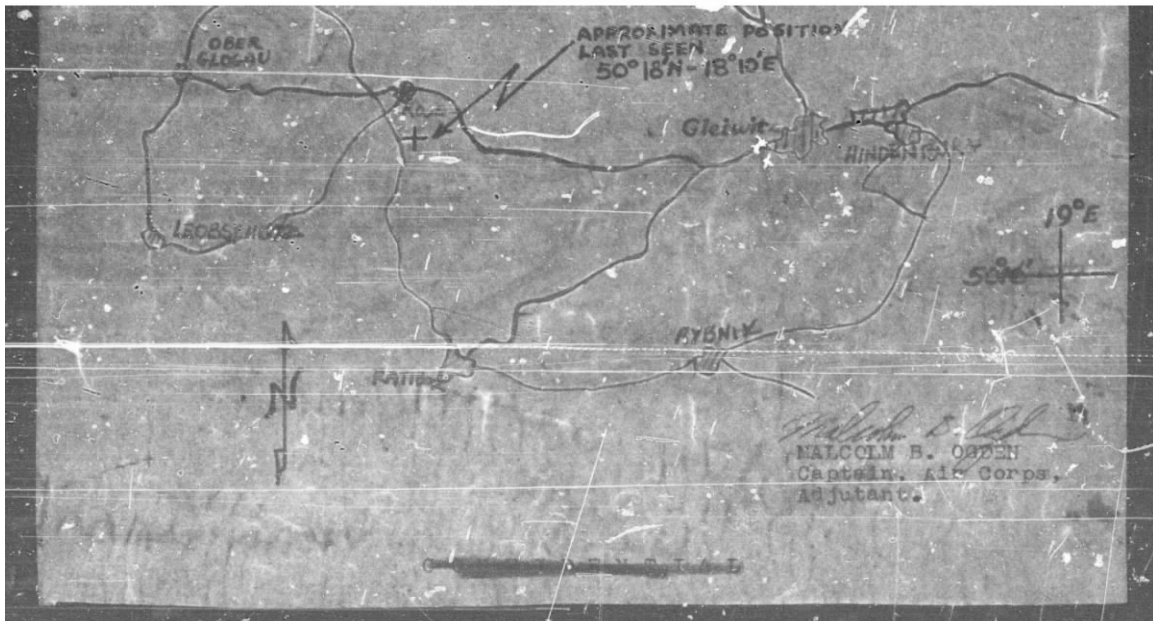
2. Incl 1- Overlay of Date 2 December 44 area last sighted
Incl 2- Statement, Lt CARSTETTER

Signature of reporting officer
MALCOLM B. GORDEN
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Drowning of an aircraft, type unknown, near Klein-Althammer and Jakobswalde,
on 2 Dec. 44, or 17. Dec. 44, or 18 Dec. 44, Time between 1100 and 1300.

AC ~~SA~~
Name: DILLON, Paul J.
ASN: T 129060 T 43-44 OP

MIA 2 Dec 44
KIA 17

Dead - KIA

Interred on 20 Dec. 44 in Klein-Althammer, District Cosel.

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Casualty No. 1 No 2430

Report on capture of an aircraft
of the USAAF.

Date and place aircraft shot down: 5 December 1944 at 1500

Place of crash: Fochrugrund

Type of aircraft: Liberator

Reporting Station: 1st Army Headquarters, Gieberts

G E S W :

Name and first name, Date and place of birth:	Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Disposition: Name of camp
BRIDGES, John Dean	1st Lt.	0-1799375	captured	2a/Ag-1st West
BRIDGES, Roy Herbert	2nd Lt.	0-716535	captured	as above
GREEN, David 1 Feb. 1920	1st Sgt.	32833700	captured	as above
GADOL, Morris Sebena	Sgt.	32709492	captured	as above
SHANLEY, George 11 Nov. 1925	Sgt.	39927231	captured	as above
SHAPIRO, Sherman Bud	Sgt.	39417114	captured	as above
Casualty No. 1 No 2430		1st supplement from 25 Jan. 1945.		
SPATHE, Floyd B. 1923	Sgt.	3280205	captured	2a/Ag-1st West
FOLKE, Edward Harry 9 May 1925	Sgt.	3922618	captured	2a/Ag-1st West

Disag-1st on 21 Dec. 1944.

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CASUALTY NO. KBU-2490

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDAYS AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 2 Dec. 44 at 12:30

PLACE OF CRASH: Heydebreck O/S

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 211/VIII Gleiwitz
15:00 4 Dec. 44

CREW

S/NAME, AND
FIRST NAME: Goodson
Ray M.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: O-776536 T43-44 AB

CAPTURED: Near Oderwalde

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

dist. Gosel O/S 2 Dec. 44 near night

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO. KSU-2490

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 2 Dec. 44 at 18:20

PLACE OF CRASH: At Schrau, Dist. Pless.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICER: Air Base Command E (v) 211/ VII/ Ulwits O/S
2 Dec. 44 at 23:00

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME: Eckersley
John D.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: C-1795857 T-41-44 A.

CAPTURED: Near Zawada IP/OUNDED:

DEAD:

Dist. Pless 2 Dec. 44 at 12:20 Transferred 2 Dec. 44 to Oberursel

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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TELEGRAM

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SSD LGW 29 4/12 1216

To Dulag (Air) Oberursel-Camp Command VIII Breslau
Air Base Command Berlin 5/II Hunsack
Reported D. (Air) 2706/07 II C: No. 1 to No. 1
A.) 2/12 1944 at 15:00 dist. Postleiwitz O/S (Fochengrund)
B.) T/Sgt. David Orkin 3285780 743-41 B.
C.) Captured
D.) Liberator B-24
E.) Established
F.) Not Established
G.) Flak
To No. 2 On 3 Dec. 44 at 0200 to Oberursel

No. 2 to No. 1
A.) 2/12-44 at 15:00 O'clock at Fochengrund dist. Postleiwitz O/S
B.) Sgt. George Bilanoch 35927631 744-44 AB
C.) Captured
D.) Liberator B-24
E.) Not established
F.) Not established
G.) Flak
To No. 2 Dec. 3/44 at 0200 set out for Oberursel.

No. 3 to No. 1
A.) 2/12-44 at 1200 near Zaxada, dist. Place
B.) Lt. John D. Ekersley No. U.A. 1795878
C.) Parachuted
D.) Liberator B-24
E.) Not established
F.) Not established
G.) Parachuted
To No. 2 on 3 Dec. 44 at 200 started to Oberursel

No. 4 to No. 1
A.) 3 Dec. 44 at night Place not established
B.) T/Sgt. Sherman S Shapiro 39417114 744-44
C.) Captured
D.) Liberator B-24
E.) Not established
F.) Not established
G.) Flak
4/2 On 4 Dec. 44 at 19:45 started to Oberursel

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CASUALTY NO. 15U-7490

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: Not established

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Not established

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) XII/VIII Gleiwitz
4 Dec. 44 at 23:00

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Sprinkle
Floyd M.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 3/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 36691235 T43-44

CAPTURED: Transferred to POWS: DEATH: Oberursel 4 Dec. 44

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO. KSU-249C

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: Not established

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: B B

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 211/VII gleivitz O/S
4 Dec. 44 at 22:45

COEN

SURNAME, A30: Gadol
FIRST NAME: Morris S.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 32709495 T45-44 O.

CAPTURED: Transferred 4 WOUNDED: DEAD:

Dec. 44 to Oberursel Place and time: Not established

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO. ISD-2430

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: 2 Dec. 44 at 12:00

PLACE OF CRASH: Haydelbrook Q/B

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator B-24

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 211/VII Elstville
4 Dec. 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME: Schapito
Sherman B.

DATE OF BIRTH:

DATE:

SERIAL NUMBER: 39417114 T44-45

REPORTED: night of Dec. 3, 1944 Transferred 4 Dec. to Chertemps
DISPOSITION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO. ISU-2490

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: 2 Dec. 44 at 18:00
PLACE OF CRASH: At Heydebreck dist, Cosel O/S
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator B-24
REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) 211/VIII Gleiwitz
2 Dec. 44 at 18:30

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME: Bilanysh
George

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 35227231 T44-44 AB

CAPTURED: At Pochrengrund
dist. West-gleiwitz O/S at 18:00
DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CARDS: TRANSFERRED TO Oberursel
TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO. 185-2490

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 2 Dec. 44 at 18:00
PLACE OF CRASH: At Haydebreck, dist. Cosel O/S
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator B-24
REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (v) XII/VIIK Gleiwith O/S
2 Dec. 44 at 19:00

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Orkin David

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: T/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: 32313780 T 45-44 B

CAPTURED: At Foshrengrund, dist. Foshrengrund O/S at 18:00 Transferred 2 Dec. 44 Oberursel
DISTRIBUTION: WHICH COPY: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

4-2224-AP (5)

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Casualty No.: ME 2490
NAACP NO.
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Report on capture of an aircraft
of the USAAF.

Date and time aircraft was shot down: 2 December 1944 at 1500

Place of crash: Pochengrand

Type of aircraft: Liberator

Reporting Station: Air Base Headquarters Gielvits

CREW:

Name and first name, Date and place of birth:	Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Disposition: Name of camp
BECKERSLEY John Dean	1st Lt.	O-1795873	captured	Dulag-Luft West
GOODSON Roy Martin	2nd Lt.	O-718535	captured	as above
ORKIN David 7 Febr. 1925 N.Y.C.	T./Sgt.	32883780	captured	as above
GADOL Morris Sabets	S./Sgt.	32709432	captured	as above
ELIANYCH George 11 Nov. 1925 Kent., Ohio	S./Sgt.	35927231	captured	as above
KNAPPO Sherman Bud	S./Sgt.	39417114	captured	as above
<u>Casualty No. ME 2490</u>		<u>1st supplement from 20 Jan. 1945.</u>		
SPRINGLE Floy D. 1923	S./Sgt.	35461295	captured	Dulag-Luft West
FULEZ Edward Harry 9 Nov. 1925 New York	S./Sgt.	12228618	captured	Dulag-Luft West

Dulag-Luft on 21 December 1944.

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First Lieutenant John D. Bokorsley ✓ Mrs. Betty L. Bokorsley (Wife)
1288 North Pine Street
Lapeer, Michigan

Second Lieutenant Michael H. Rutinsky ✓ Mr. Paul Rutinsky (Father)
South Vernon, Massachusetts

Second Lieutenant Ray Martin Goodson ✓ Mr. Thomas P. Goodson (Father)
1215 Taylor Street
Joliet, Illinois

Flight Officer Paul J. Dillon ✓ 371 Mrs. Nettie L. Dillon (Mother)
1912 Northview Road
Katy, Ohio

Staff Sergeant Morris S. Gadel ✓ Mrs. Betty Garp (Sister)
401 Avenue C
Brooklyn, New York

Staff Sergeant David Orkin ✓ Mr. Adolph Orkin (Father)
68-46 Saunders Street
Forest Hills, New York

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2124 88th Street
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Sergeant Sherman S. Schapiro ✓ Mrs. Mable Schapiro (Mother)
8514 Van Ness Street
Fresno, California

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10036

Name of crew member:

GAGNE, Morris E.

Rank:

S/1st

Serial number:

370402

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER/STEWARDESS~~

RIGHT W. - 2nd.

Did he bail out?

YES

Where? SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING FORMATION (AFTER TARGET)

If not, why not?

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

BRIL OUT REAR BOMB BAY OF PLANE (B-24)

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? AT STALAG LUFT No. 1 - BARTH, GERMANY.

Any hearsay information:

NONE

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE WAS IN GOOD HEALTH WHILE AT STALAG LUFT No. 1 AND AFTER WE WERE LIBERATED BY RUSSIANS ON MAY 3, 1945 - HE LEFT WITH A GROUP OF FELLOWS FOR A TOWN S.W. OF BARTH - Hoping To GET SHOWN OUT ^{TOGETHER} EARLY

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4 (SEVEN)

Dates and destinations if possible: NOV. 15, 1944 - BLECHHAMMER, NOV. 17, 1944 - MUNICH, NOV. 22, 1944 - VILLAFRANCA ITALY, DEC. 2, 1944 - BLECHHAMMER

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10034

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Border) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

GADOL, Harris S.

2/Sgt.

3270492

Left U.S.

Did he bail out? THIS MAN IS NOT M.I.A.. HE WAS INTERN-Where? ED AT STALAG LUFT I AND RETURNEDIf not, why not? TO THE STATES ABOUT JUNE 24, 1945.

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 # 10034

Name of crew member:

DILLON, Paul J.

Rank:

P/O.

Serial number:

T-129060

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Navigator

Did he bail out? YESWhere? OVER THE BLECHHAMMER OIL REFINERIES NEAR COSEL, GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: DILLON WAS CRITICALLY INJURED AND UNCONCIOUS.Was he injured? YES, BY A FRAGMENT OR FRAGMENTS OF FLAKWhere was he when last seen? DROPPING FROM THE PLANE.Any hearsay information: I WAS TOLD BY THE NOSE-GUNNER THAT HE PUSHED DILLON OUT OF THE NOSE-WHEEL DOOR AND PULLED HIS (DILLON'S) RIP-CORD. HOWEVER THE NOSE-GUNNER DID NOT KNOW IF DILLON'S CHUTE OPENED.Source: SGT. SHERMAN SCHABIRD (NOSE GUNNER)Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONETotal number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT FIVEDates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10034

Name of crew member:

BUTINSKY, Michael E.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-828661

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER/COPILOT~~

Go-File

Did he bail out? YESWhere? THE BLECHHAMMER OIL REFINERIES NEAR COSEL, GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I DID NOT SEE OR TALK WITH BUTINSKY ON THE MISSION.Was he injured? NOWhere was he when last seen? LEAVING THE PLANEAny hearsay information: THE PILOT AND RADIO OPERATOR SAID THAT THEY SAW BUTINSKY JUMP BUT DID NOT KNOW IF HIS CHUTE OPENED.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: ~~NAME~~ I WAS TOLD THAT BUTINSKY COULD SPEAK POLISH. HE MAY HAVE TRIED TO CROSS THE WEST LINE AND WAS SHOT BY GERMANS OR RUSSIANS.Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT FIVEDates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10034

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

GALT, Morris S.

S/Lt.

3270492

Left N.

Did he bail out? YesWhere? From rear bomb bay.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before starting the bomb run when crew checked in with Navigator.Was he injured? NoWhere was he when last seen? This man has returned to the States. I last saw him in France while awaiting passage home.
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~I believe there has been some mistake in asking for information on this crew member as he has been returned to the States in June 1945. He was held as a PW in the same camp as the rest of the crew in Germany.

Source: _____

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

_____Total number of missions of above crew member: Four, including one on which we went down.Dates and destinations if possible: 17 Nov. 1944-Blechhammer Oil Refinery
18 Nov. 1944-Villafranca Airdrome, Northern Italy. 22 Nov. 1944-Munich, Ger.
2 Dec. 1944-Blechhammer Oil Refinery

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10024

Name of crew member:

WILLIAMS, Paul J.

Rank:

P/O.

Serial number:

3-127060

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Navigator

Did he bail out? He was put out of ship by Bombardier and Nose gunner.Where? Nose hatch.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Whileon bomb run he had been speaking to Bombardier.Was he injured? Yes.Where was he when last seen? Last seen by Nose gunner when he put him out of the nose hatch.

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The Bombardier and Nose gunner, who were the only ones who saw him after he had been injured, both thought that he had been killed instantly. Before leaving the ship they put him through the nose hatch and the Nose gunner said he pulled the rip cord on his parachute as they put him out. After he had been struck by the flak the Bombardier said he fell down and made no effort to help himself at all. In my own opinion I believe the Nose gunner in his excitement either did not pull the rip cord or else did not pull it enough to allow the parachute to open.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Five, including one on which we went down.Dates and destinations if possible: 14 Nov. 1944-Vienna 17 Nov. 1944-Blechhammer Oil Refinery 18 Nov. 1944-Vallerafranca Airdrome, North Italy 22 Nov. 1944-Marshaling Yards, Munich, Germany 2 Dec. 1944-Blechhammer

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 20034

Name of crew member:

BUTINSKY, Michael E.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-62661

Position: Crew (Bomber)

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out?

Yes

Where?

Front bomb bay

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before
leaving the ship when I motioned him to leave his seat first.

Was he injured?

No.

Where was he when last seen?

I saw him as he was getting into position to
bail out the bomb bay.

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

was wearing a back type chute when he bailed out, and the only reason
I can think of is that he must have had trouble with the chute and was
unable to get it to open. I do not have any facts or information to
substantiate this as it is only my own opinion.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Four

Dates and destinations if possible: 17 Nov. 1944- Blechhammer Oil Refinery

18 Nov. 1944- Villafranca Airdrome, North Italy 22 Nov. 1944- Marshaling
Yards, Munich, Germany 2 Dec. 1944- Blechhammer Oil Refinery

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GOODSON, Ray M.

2nd Lt.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10034

Name of crew member:

BILSON, Paul J.

Rank:

T/O.

Serial number:

3-127060

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~Navigator~~

Navigator

Did he bail out? YesWhere? No Knowledge

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: LASTCONVERSATIONCONTACT WAS OXYGEN CHECK BEFORE TARGET TIMEWas he injured? YesWhere was he when last seen? WHEN HE WAS PUSHED OUT OF THE PLANE

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5Dates and destinations if possible: MUNICH ^{Nov 44}, BLECHHAMMER 17 NOV 44,
MUNICH 18 NOV 44, VILLA FRANCA AIRDROME 21 NOV 44,
BLECHHAMMER 2 Dec 44.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10034

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Pomber)

BUTLER, Michael E.

2nd Lt.

O-62861

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out?

Yes

Where?

NO KNOWLEDGE

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: LASTCONVERSATION WAS OXYGEN CHECK BEFORE TARGET TIME

Was he injured?

NO

Where was he when last seen?

BAILING OUT OF BOMB BAY

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PROBABLYHIS CHUTE DID NOT OPEN OR HE LANDED IN
TARGET AREA.Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible:

BLECHHAMMER 17 NOV 44,MUNICH 18 NOV 44, VILLA FRANCA AIRDRONE 21 NOV 44,BLECHHAMMER 2 Dec 44

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Bilanych, George Rank S Sgt Serial No. 35927231
2. Organization 7258 Sq Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 4th, target, BLECHHAMMER, target
time, 1230, altitude, 24000 route scheduled, _____
route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? No Knowledge
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". ED. PULTZ MORRIS GADDI, FLOYD SPRINKLE AND MYSELF WERE IN THE REAR OF THE PLANE AND ALL BAILED OUT ALRIGHT.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No Knowledge
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? JUST BEFORE TAKE OFF.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10034

Name of crew member:

GADOL, Morris S.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

32709492

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Stalag (Stalag)~~

Left U.

Did he bail out? YESWhere? OVER TARGET

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: OVER INTER
COM.Was he injured? NOWhere was he when last seen? LAST SEEN AFTER LIBERATION IN PRISONAny hearsay information: CAMP HE WAS ALL RIGHT AFTER LIBERATION
FROM STALAG-LUFT 1-A BARTH GERMANY

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE SHOULDBE HOME SAFELYTotal number of missions of above crew member: 4Dates and destinations if possible: LAST SEEN ABOUT MAY 10, 45

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10034

Name of crew member:

DILLON, Paul J.

Rank:

F/O.

Serial number:

T-129060

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Navigator

Did he bail out? YES. I DRAGGED HIM TO ESCAPE HATCH, PULLED HIMWhere? COULD AND SHOVED HIM OUT. OVER TARGET

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: YES7 SAW HIM PUTTING ON SHOTS TORN BY TURRET WINDOWWas he injured? YES HE SEEMED TO BE HIT IN BACK - I THINK

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: AFTER IGot HIM OUT I LEFT TOO.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10034

Name of crew member:

BUTINSKY, Michael E.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-828661

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

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out?

NO KNOW

Where?

NO KNOW

If not, why not?

NO KNOW

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

ON GROUND BEFORE TAKE OFF!

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information:

NO

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:

O-828661, AF

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Schapiro Sherman Rank Sgt Serial No. 3941214
2. Organization 451 Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Blackhamer, target, oil refineries, target time, 12:24, altitude, 24000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? _____
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". I Hadn't Dressed Pillage The Navigator So The Escort Hatch Grabbed His Flap and Picked Him out. That was the last time I saw him. He Had been Hit & that's why I got him out
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No Knowledge
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) all bailed out
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

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Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen FlugzeugesAbschuß-Nr. HN 2490

Abschußtag und Zeit: 2.12.44. 15.00.
Abschußort: Führungsraum
Flugzeugtyp: Liberator
Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. H. Zentr. Gleiwitz

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsort und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk- Marke:	Verbleib: gef.: welches Lager verw.: Art d. Verwendung tot: Grabsite
ROBERTSLEY John Dean	1/Lt.	0-1795875	gef. Dulag-Luft West
GOODSON Ray Martin	2/Lt.	0-746535	gef. dito
ORKIN David 7.2.25. N.Y.C.	T/Sgt.	32003700	gef. dito
GADOL Morris Sabeta	S/Sgt.	32709432	gef. dito
BILANYCH George 11.11.25. Kent., Ohio.	S/Sgt.	35927231	gef. dito
SHAPIRO Sherman Bud	S/Sgt.	39417114	gef. dito

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