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Ship #73, flown by Lt. Swinehart, was flying on our left wing all through the mission. Over the target at Lubau, Austria, for some reason or other, the ship dropped out of formation and fell about 2000 feat belw us and behind us. At the time, I remember, I thought their oxygen system must have gone out, because I could see nothing wrong with the ship. No engines were feathered, and they were under control. They went over the target below and behind us, and then trailed at the coast of Yugoslavia us back as far or almost to the beach/and from there on I lost sight of them.

DONALD R. HILGARY 36803439 Sgt. 767th Bomb Squadron.

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On August 22, 1944, when we left the target at Lubau, Austria, Ita-Swinehart was in number 7 position of A flight. He was supposed to be in B flight. We though that he had filled in for one of the shipsthat had aborted. He flew on course for quite some time; then I saw him pull out of formation and go to the right of B flight. I locked out the other side of the ship and he seemed to be right to be losing altitude fast. Number two and four augines appeared to be right. ling. He continued to lose altitude and the last time I saw him he was anotherest of Lake Balaton heading for the mountains of northern Yugoslavia.

Our bombardier, Lt. R. W. Young, said he saw them later over the mountains of Yugoslavia.

HOWARD R. SOSSAMON 2nd Lt., Air Corps

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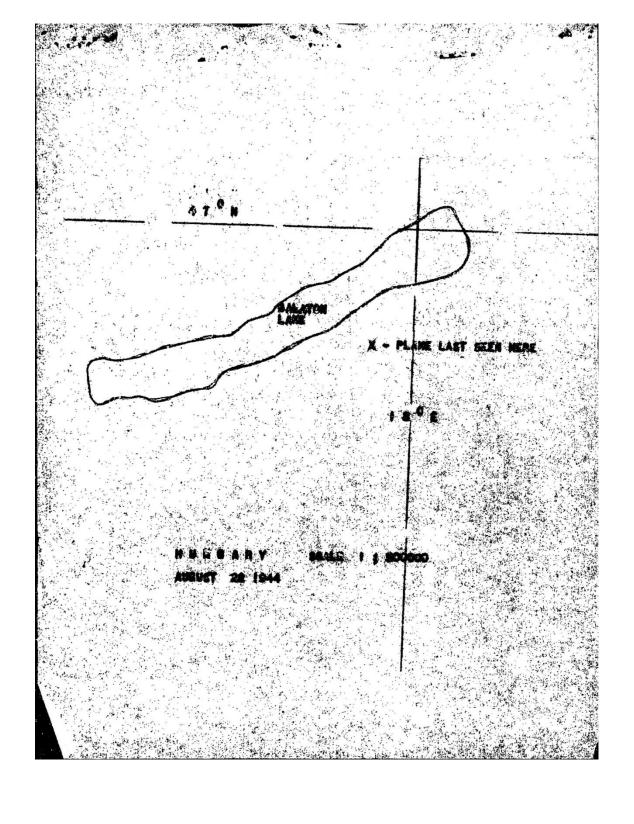
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ARMAND D. BOTTICLIA 2nd Lt. Air Corps

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Name of crew member: THOMPSCN, Albert R. Rank: Sgt. Serial number: 39289201 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Shighton Statistics. Upper Turret Guaner
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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: CARTER, Richard F.
Rank: 2nd/lt.
Sprial number: 0-555652
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Edebtor Members: Co-Pilet

Did he bail out? Yes	
Where? Southern HUNGRY AT The Southwest Typor The Platte	n Sei
If not, why not?	"
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:	
LT. CARtee Bail Our AND SAW him LAND	
Was he injured? No	
Where was he when last seen? LA HARVE, FRANCE	
Any hearsay information: _ Was with L.T. Carter Ar Camp Lucky Sm	
FRANCE where we were wating for transpotation	
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Source:	
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:	
LE CARTER WAS IN GOOD health when LAST JEEN	
IN JUNE 1945 - I Feel SURE THAT LE CARLER	
15 Alive AND IN The U.S.	
Total number of missions of above crew member:	_
Dates and destinations if possible: LAST MISSION - LABOR, AUSTRIA	9
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Name of crew member: THOMPSON, Albert C Rank: Sgt. Serial number: 39229201 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Fisher: Upper Turret Gamer
Did be bail out? Ves
Where? Southern Huwary ATThe Southwest Tip UF The Platter Sea
If not, why not?
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _/ Sau
Sof Thompson Aug 27 19414 AFTER WE WERE CAPIURED Was be injured? No
Where was he when last seen? New Branzer burg Ger
Any hearsay information: Sql. Thompson was with Sick Group Loth Br
New Proden burg with SOT Mª GRADY, I UNDERSTAND both ESCAPED
AND WAS IN ENGLAND IN The Hospital.
Source: Phone Call from the Sister OF Sqr. Mª GRADA
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Sar. Thompsad
was slightly sick when last Seen but Norhing
Seeinus - 1 Feel Suge That Sqr. Thompson 15
Alive AND IN The U.S.
Total number of missions of above crew member:
Dates and destinations if possible: LAST MASSION - LABOR, AUSTRIA.
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1.	Your name GRAYSON, Cecil J. Rank Ster Serial No. 34770543
2.	Organization 46/27 Gp Commander Rank Col. Sqn CO KNADD Rank 17. Col. (full name)
3.	What year 1994 month Hug day 25 did you go down?
	What was the mission, O// Ref., target, LAGAU AUSTRIA, target time,
	Where were you when you left formation? <u>Jourhead</u> Hunga
6.	Did you bail out? Hes
7.	Did other members of crew bail out? <u>Ves - ENTIRE CREW</u>
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 tive facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Lt. Surve hart - Lt Porney Lt. Karbulas, Sket Wilson, Set Wilkelle, Sqt. Davis, AND Set MC GARDY - All bailed out None were Seriously ways of A
ō.	Where did your aircraft strike the ground?
10.	What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
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 have Seen or hearn from the All OF The GREW SINCE PERURNEN TO The U.S.
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) $Oi-j$
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CARTER, Richard F. Name of crew member: Bank: 204/14. 0-555652 Serial number: Position: Crew (Bomber) or Radio Complete Co-P1168 Did he bail out? Yes Whore? Southern Hungary If not, why not? Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Don'nt remember Was he injured? Where was he when last seen? in the Rudapest City Jail Any hearsay information:

A letter from Thompson in Sept. 1945 saying he and Carter were both discharged. Albert R. Thompson--- crew member Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Was taken prisoner et and at end of war was sent home Total number of missions of above crew member: 15 Dates and destinations if possible: Not possible

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If not, why not? Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:	Did he	bail out? Yes
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	1.	Your name Theodore T. Marville Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 32753011
	2. 3.	Organization 461 Gp Commander Glantzbergand t. Colon Coknapp Rank Lt. Col (full name) (full name) What year 1944 month August day 22nd did you go down?
•	4.	What was the mission, Vienna, Austriarget, Oil fields , target time,, altitude,, 20,000 ft. route scheduled,, route flown
;	5.	Where were you when you left formation? Southern Hungary
	6.	Did you bail out? YES
•	7.	Did other members of crew bail out? ALL
ł	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". Thompson, Kardulas, and Carter, in that order left from the flight deck. Grayson and Davis then left from the camera batch. Dorney and McGrady then left from the nost. Wilson and then Myself from the camera batch, and then the pilot, Swinehart from the flight deck.
,	o.	Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Southern Hungary.
	1.	What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None. Where were they in aircraft?
	2.	What was their condition?
	3.	When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?
14	4.	Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No knowledge
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2nd Lt. Christos Kardulas

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