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by E. A. [redacted], Lt. Col., [redacted]
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Date ~~1944-8-28~~

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

8096

This report will be compiled by each Army Air Corps organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Torretta Field Italy Command or AF IV
Group 461st Bombardment Squadron 797 Bomb
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Torretta Field Italy Course direct to target
Target Buhau, Austria Type of Mission bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) Date 22 August 1944 Time 1215 Location Yugoslavia
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: (x) Last sighted () Last contacted by radio
() Forced Down () Seen to Crash; or
() Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
() Enemy Air Craft () Enemy Anti-Aircraft () Other circumstances as follows: Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model, & Series B 24 H AAF Serial No. 42-28681
7. ENGINES: Type, Model, & Series R 1830 A3 AAF Serial No. (a) 42-63528
(b) BP-400196 (c) 42-58756 (d) CR-300707
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number) 50 cal air cooled
(a) L Nose 966987 GWS (b) L Ball 966243 GWS
(c) R Nose 966609 " (d) R Ball 966287 "
(e) L Upper 967000 " (f) L Waist 966492 "
(g) R Upper 966614 " (h) R Waist 966629 "
L Tail 967318 " R Tail 966921 "
9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (x) Battle Casualty () Non-Battle Cas.
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers _____ Total 10
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list complete particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form).

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS.
1. Pilot	Swinehart, Robert G	2nd Lt	0-816671	Ray B. Swinehart (Father) RTD 425 W Wyandot Ave., Upper Sandusky, Ohio
2. Co-Pilot	Carter, Richard F.	2nd Lt	0-555652	Mrs Beverly J. Carter (Wife) 2528 Chadwick St., Salt Lake City, Utah.
3. Navigator	Dorney, Mic L	2nd Lt	0-712779	Mrs Zoa U. Dorney (Mother) RTD Arlington, Ohio.
4. Bombardier	Kardulas, Christos	2nd Lt	0-698020	Mrs Eva S. Kardulas (Mother) RTD 24 Columbia St., Cambridge, Massachusetts.
5. Upper Turret Gun	Thompson, Albert R.	Sgt	39289201	Theodore E. Thompson (Father) 1949 Northmac Rd., Highland Park, Illinois.
6. Tail Turret Gun	Grayson, Cecil J.	Cpl	34720593	Verth R. Grayson (Mother) RTD 1931 N. Church St., Charlotte, North Carolina.
7. Nose Turret Gun	McGrady, William H.	Sgt	18007034	Dunice McGrady (Mother) RTD Box #3, Canton, Texas.
8. Left Waist Gun	Marville, Theodore T.	Sgt	92753011	Violet Marville (Mother) RTD Gibbsboro, New Jersey.

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- 9. Ball Turret Gun: Davis, Frederick E. Sgt. 37501592 Charlie E. Davis
(Father) Danville, Kansas.
- 10. Right Waist Gun: Wilson, James P. S/Sgt. 34601651 Mrs Lillie M. Wilson (Mother)
Rt #1, Morgantown, N.C.

11. _____

12. _____

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

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO.	OR	LAST	Sighted	Crash	Forced	Landing
1. Armand D. Bottiglia	2nd Lt	0-1295987			X			
2. Donald R. Hilgart	Sgt	36802439			X			
3. Howard R. Sossamon	2nd Lt	0-723224			X			
4. _____								
5. _____								

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 Parachutes were used Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
 Any other reason (specify) _____

13. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) _____

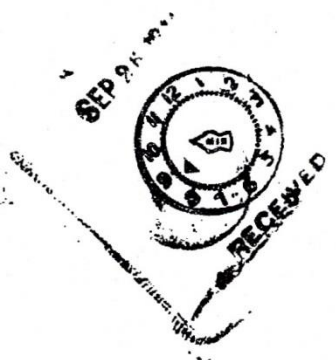
No search; ship went down in enemy territory.

Date of this Report: 26 August 1944

Raymond L. Wilcoff
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 RAYMOND L WILCOFF 1st Lt AC Adjutant.

4. Incls:
 Incl 1 - Smt - Sgt Hilgart
 Incl 2 - Smt - Lt Bottiglia
 Incl 3 - Smt - Lt Sossamon
 Incl 4 - Map.

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 26 AUG 26 1944
 AIR FORCE
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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 feet below 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. Hilgart

DONALD R. HILGART 36803439
Sgt., 767th Bomb Squadron.

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On August 22, 1944, when we left the target at Lubau, Austria, Lt. Swinehart was in number 7 position of A flight. He was supposed to be in B flight. We thought that he had filled in for one of the ships that 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 looked out the other side of the ship and he seemed to be losing altitude fast. Number two and four engines appeared to be windmilling. He continued to lose altitude and the last time I saw him he was southeast 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. SOSSAMEN
2nd Lt., Air Corps

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2nd Lt. A.C.

(Howard R. Sossamen)

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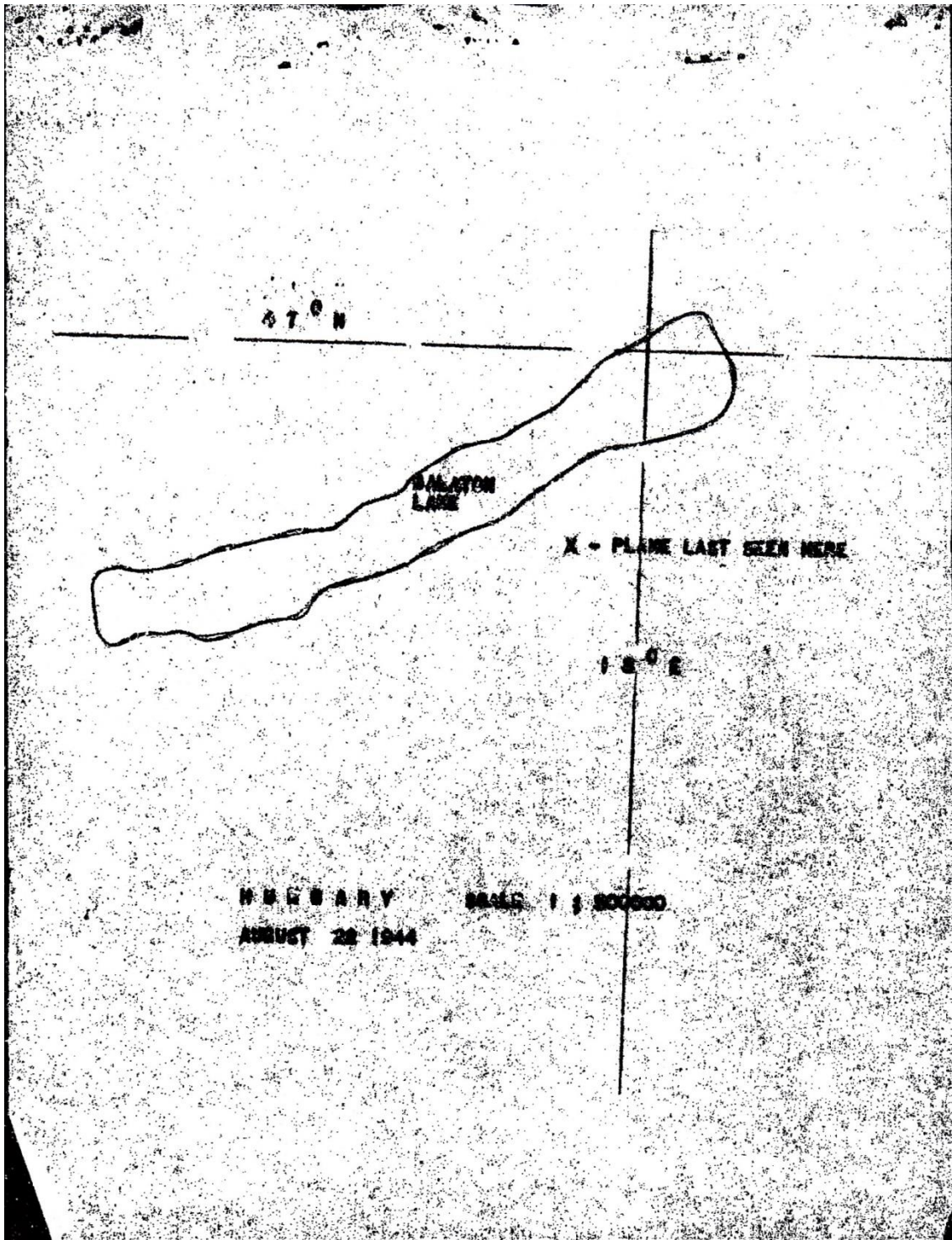
I observed ship #73 (Lt. Swineart) near Lake Balatan extremely low and down to our right. All four engines were running and the ship seemed to be in fairly good shape but it could not hold our altitude. Suddenly, the ship banked to the right going north and disappeared. It did not appear to be out of control, and it seems to me that the whole crew should have gotten out all right.

ARMAND D. BOTTIGLIA
2nd Lt., Air Corps

Armand D. Bottiglia

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AUGUST 28 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8096

Name of crew member: CARTER, Richard F.
Rank: 2nd/Lt.
Serial number: 0-555652
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? HUNGARY

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? BUDAPEST PRISON

Any hearsay information: LIBERATED

Source: NAVIGATOR TOLD ME

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8096

Name of crew member: THOMPSON, Albert R.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 39289201
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~ Upper Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? HUNGARY

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? BOSTON

Any hearsay information: BEEN DISCHARGED.

Source: LETTER

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WILLIAM H. McGRADY Rank S/SPT Serial No. 18007034
COL. GLANTZBERG
2. Organization 461 Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn COL. COL. KNAPP Rank _____
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 44 month 10 day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, OIL STORAGE, target, VIENNA, target
 time, 11--, altitude, 12000 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 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". EVERYONE
BAILED OUT
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? HUNGARY
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) _____
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8096

Name of crew member: CARTER, Richard P.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-555652
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Observer/Navigator~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Southern HUNGARY At The Southwest Tip Of The Platten Sea

If not, why not? ---

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

Lt. Carter Bail Out AND SAW HIM LAND

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? LA HARVE, FRANCE

Any hearsay information: I WAS WITH Lt. CARTER AT CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, FRANCE where we were waiting for transportation To the U.S.

Source: ---

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

Lt. Carter WAS IN Good health when last seen IN JUNE 1945 - I Feel SURE THAT Lt. CARTER IS ALIVE AND IN THE U.S.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: LAST MISSION - LABAU, AUSTRIA
22-AUG-44

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8096

Name of crew member: THOMPSON, Albert E.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 39289201
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Upper Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Southern Hungary AT THE SOUTHWEST TIP OF THE PLATTEN SEA

If not, why not? —

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

Sgt Thompson AUG 22 1944 AFTER WE WERE CAPTURED

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? New BRANDENBURG, GER

Any hearsay information: Sgt Thompson WAS WITH SICK GROUP LEFT AT
 NEW BRANDENBURG WITH SGT McGRADY. I UNDERSTAND BOTH ESCAPED
 AND WAS IN ENGLAND IN THE HOSPITAL

Source: Phone Call from the sister of Sgt. McGRADY

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Sgt Thompson
 WAS SLIGHTLY SICK WHEN LAST SEEN BUT NOTHING
 SERIOUS - I FEEL SURE THAT SGT THOMPSON IS
 ALIVE AND IN THE U.S.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: LAST MISSION - LABAU, AUSTRIA

22-AUG-44

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name GRAVSON, Cecil J. Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 39770597
2. Organization #61st Cpt Commander GLINTZBURGS Rank Col. Sqn CO KNAPP Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1994 month AUG day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Oil Ref., target, LABAU, AUSTRIA, target
time, 12 Noon, altitude, 9000 route scheduled, ACROSS ADRIAN
OVER BAKANS, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? Southern Hungary
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes - ENTIRE CREW
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". Lt. SWINGHART - Lt. PORNEY
Lt. KARAVIAS, Sgt Wilson, Sgt MARVILLE, Sgt. DAVIS, AND Sgt
McGRADY - All bailed out None were seriously
wounded
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Sou. Hungary
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 9 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I have seen or heard from me All
of the crew since returned 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) a-1

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8096

Name of crew member: **CARTER, Richard F.**
 Rank: **2nd/Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-555652**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight Instructor~~: **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Southern Hungary

If not, why not? -----

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

Don't remember

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In the Budapest City Jail

Any hearsay information: Sept. 1945 saying

A letter from Thompson in
he and Carter were both discharged.

Source: Albert R. Thompson---- crew member

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

Was taken prisoner at and at end of war was sent home

Total number of missions of above crew member: 15

Dates and destinations if possible: Not possible

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8096

Name of crew member: THOMPSON, Albert R
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 39289201
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Upper Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Southern Hungary

If not, why not? -----

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

Don't remember

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Was a prisoner with me untill Feb. 18th 1945

Any hearsay information: A letter from him in Sept. 1945 saying he had been discharged from the service.

Source: Albert R. Thompson

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

Taken prisoner Aug. 22nd 1944, I was with him untill the middle part of Feb. when we were again separated. He was released sometime between then and the end of the war. Sent back to the states and discharged.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 15

Dates and destinations if possible: not possible

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Theodore T. Marville Rank T/SGT, Serial No. 32753011
2. Organization 461 Gp Commander Glantzberg Rank Lt. Col Sqn CO Knapp Rank Lt. Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 22nd did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Vienna, Austria, target, 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
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 hatch. Dorney and McGrady then left from the nose. Wilson and then myself from the camera hatch, and then the pilot, Swinehart from the flight deck.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Southern Hungary.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) 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. No knowledge

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

08/12/9/44

2nd Lt. Robert G. Swinchart

Mrs. Marjorie A. Swinchart, (wife)
425 West Wyandot,
Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

2nd Lt. Richard F. Carter

Mrs. Beverly J. Carter, (wife)
2578 Chadwick Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

2nd Lt. Christos Kardulas

Mrs. Eva Kardulas, (mother)
24 Columbia Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

2nd Lt. Die L. Dorney

Mrs. Zona E. Dorney, (mother)
Arlington, Ohio.

S/Egt. James F. Wilson

Mrs. Lillie W. Wilson, (mother)
Rural Free Delivery Number One,
Morganton, North Carolina.

Sgt. William H. McGrady

Mrs. Eunice V. McGrady, (mother)
Box # 3,
Canton, Texas.

Sgt. T. T. Marville, 3rd

Mrs. Violet M. Marville, (mother)
Haddon Avenue,
Gibbsboro, New Jersey.

Sgt. Frederick E. Davis

Mr. Charlie E. Davis, (father)
Danville, Kansas.

Sgt. Albert E. Thompson

Mr. Wendell E. Thompson, (father)
1949 North Moor Road,
Highland Park, Illinois.

Cpl. Cecil J. Grayson

Mrs. Vera E. Grayson, (mother)
1021 North Church Street,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

22 August 1944

CASUALTY NO. 48 1986

PLACE OF CRASH

France

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

B-24

REPORTING OFFICE

U.S. Army

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
^c BUTCHER G. Robert	2nd Lt	0-215672	captured	Stalag Luft 7
GAMER F. Richard	2nd Lt	0-2111	captured	Stalag Luft 5
HOMER R. L.	2nd Lt	0-215779	captured	Stalag Luft 5
KIMBLE G	2nd Lt	0-215890	captured	Stalag Luft 5
WILSON James F. 24 Feb 23 Newport, N.C.	1/SGT	245152	captured	Stalag Luft 4
NEVILLE Theodore 24 Sep 2 Elizabeth, N.J.	1/SGT	279521	captured	Stalag Luft 4
CRITCHFIELD Earl J. 14 Nov 23 Frank, S.C.	1/SGT	267083	captured	Stalag Luft 4
HERRON Albert E. 18 Apr 18 Decorah, Iowa	1/SGT	262822	captured	Stalag Luft 4
DAVIS Frederick H. 18 Nov 23 Durham, N.C.	1/SGT	272152	captured	Stalag Luft 4
ROBERTSON William 17 Apr 19 Tex.	1/SGT	122706	captured	Stalag Luft 4

REMARKS: Stalag Luft 22 September 1944 V.C.

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B-24-
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DATE: 6/22/44
PLACE: Hoop Wien.
TYPE: Liberator.

797 (H.B.) Sqd.
461 Group.

TARGET: Evaluation Point
Southeast.

Rank Name U.S.A.

MOB NO 1955

2nd/Lt. Swinehart, Robert G.	0-816671. 6
2nd/Lt. Carter, Richard F.	T-5113 .
2nd/Lt. Bernay, D. L.	0-712779 .
2nd/Lt. Kardalas, Ch.	missing
S/Sgt. Wilson, James P.	34601651 .
S/Sgt. Marville, Theodore	32739611 .
S/Sgt. Grayson, Cecil J.	34770593 .
S/Sgt. Thompson, Albert R.	39289211 .
Sgt. Davis, Frederick K.	37501492 .
S/Sgt. McGrady, William	18007034 .

**Meldung über den Abschub eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschub-Nr. 1785

Abschubtag und Zeit: 22.9.44.
 Abschubort: b. Wien
 Flugzeugtyp: Liberator
 Meldende Dienststelle: A. W. Südost

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
SWINE ART G. Robert	2/Lt.	0.816871	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
CARTER F. Richard	2/Lt.	7-2113	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
DORNYZ D.L.	1/Lt.	0-712779	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
KARBUON GK.	2/Lt.	0-698220	gef.	Stalag-Luft 3
HILSON 24.2.23. James E. Morganton, N.C.	3/Sgt.	34601651	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4
BARVILLE 24.9.7. Theodoro Gibbsboro, N.J.	3/Sgt.	32753011	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4
GRANER 14.11.23. Socil J. Greer, S.C.	3/Sgt.	34770593	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4
THORSON 18.4.12. Albert R. Desorah, Iowa.	3/Sgt.	39239201	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4
DAVIS 12.11.22. Frederick E. Manville, Kans.	1/Sgt.	37501592	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4
COOPER 17.4.19. William Tex.	3/Sgt.	18007034	gef.	Stalag-Luft 4

Bemerkungen: YANER-8096

DULAG-LUFT, den 22.9.44. V.O.