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**MISSING AIR CREW REPORT**

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Castelluccio, Italy Command or Air Force 15th  
Group 451st Bomb Group (H) Squadron 725th Bomb Squadron (H)

2. Date of departure Castelluccio Field Course (See Reverse)  
Target Vienna, Austria Type of mission Bombing

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

4. (a) Date 13 Oct 1944 Time 1145 Last known position directly over target  
(b) Specify whether: (X) Last sighted, ( ) Forced down, ( ) Seen to crash,  
( ) Last contacted by radio, ( ) No information.

5. AIRCRAFT (MUST (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)  
( ) Enemy aircraft, (X) Enemy anti-aircraft, ( ) Other

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-51764

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT Wona

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1850-55A AAF Serial Number (a) OP-327676  
(b) OP-327715 (c) OP-327755 (d) OP-327672

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

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.)

POSITION	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN AND ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP
(1) Pilot	W. H. Hatcher	ROBERT F.	MTA		Mrs Ella B. Baker (Mother) 3511 Bowden St, Des Moines, Iowa	(M)
(2) Co-Pilot	Andrews, Garret	W. W.	MTA		Mrs Marcia J. Andrews, 1821 1/2 Ave, Pueblo, Colorado (Wife)	(W)
(3) Nav	Edward M. Ryan	EDWARD M.	MTA		Mary B. Ryan (Mother) 427 Duquesne Dr, Mt Lebanon, Pa.	(M)
(4) Bomb	George C. Jr. Phelps	GEORGE C. JR.	MTA		George C. Phelps (Father) 1212 Berkshire Grosspointe, Michigan	(F)
(5) Up	Johnson, David W.	DAVID W.	MTA		Willie B. Johnson (Wife) Rt Box 105, Muskogee, Oklahoma	(W)
(6) Low	Schoonover, Edwin L.	EDWIN L.	MTA		Sylvia S. Schoonover (Mother) Rt # 1, Louisville, Illinois	(M)
(7) Right	W. Mosher, Kirk G.	KIRK G.	MTA		Ruth Mosher (Mother) 511 Davidson Ave, Albuquerque, New Mexico	(M)
(8) Left	Ernest, Glenon	GLENON	MTA		Alicie Ernest (Mother) Gordon Alabama	(M)
(9) Pilot	Holquin, Sam A.	SAM A.	MTA		Amanda A. Holquin (Mother) 1072 N. St. Andrews Pl, Los Angeles, Calif.	(M)
(10) Nose	Ernatenko, Harry	HARRY	MTA		Anna Ernatenko (Mother) 1003 N. Orianna St, Philadelphia, Pa.	(M)

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 FORCED CRASH LANDING
(1) FRANKLIN T. SMITH	2nd Lt	0-718051			X
(2)					

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.  
( ) Other reasons (specify) None known

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 enemy territory.

2 Inclosures:  
Incl 1 - Overlay of DA-15 October 1944 area last sighted  
Incl 2 - Statement, Lt SMITH

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MALCOLM B. CGDEN  
Captain, AC, Adj.

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## S T A T E M E N T

I, EDMUND J. SMITH, O-718031, AC, was the Bombardier on the ship of 1st Lt JAMES H. BECKLUND, O-1165246, which flew in the third position of the formation on 13 October 1944 with B-24 Airplane number 42-51764, piloted by 1st Lt ROBERT K. BAKER, O-796759. He was flying in number four position. Upon reaching the target, two engines of the subject ship burst into flame, after which it slid beneath us and was lost from my view.

*Edmund J. Smith*EDMUND J. SMITH  
2nd Lt, O-718031  
725th Bomb Sq (H)~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

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360.33 1st Ind. G-RU  
Hqs, 451st Bomb Gp (H), APO 520, 16 October 1944.

To: C. G., 49th Bomb Wg (H), APO 520.

Battle Casualty Report forwarded to Commanding General, 15th Air Force, 15 October 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

*C. E. Campbell Jr.*  
C. E. CAMPBELL, JR,  
CWO, US ARMY,  
Asst Adj.

1 Incl:  
n/c.

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360.33 2nd Ind. G-WRT-10  
HQ 49TH BOMB WING (H), APO 520, 17 October 44.

TO: CG, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520.

1 Incl: n/c

*F. E. M.*  
F. E. M.

*Incls*

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725TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
 451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
 APO 520 US ARMY

15 October 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 451st Bombardment Group (H) LPO  
 520, US Army.

1. Transmitted herewith Missing Air Crew Report of crew assigned to this Squadron, reported missing in action as of 13 October 1944 on a mission over Vienna, Austria.

1st Lt	ROBERT K. BAKER	0-796759
2nd Lt	GARFIELD W. ANDREWS	0-829119
2nd Lt	EDWARD M. RYAN	0-2056643
2nd Lt	GEORGE C. PHELPS JR	0-776682
Sgt	David W. Johnson	18162232
Sgt	Edwin L. Schoonover	36776934
Sgt	Kirk G. Mosher	18122755
Sgt	Clenon (NMI) Earnest	34503193
Sgt	Sam A. Holquin	39573285
S/Sgt	Harry (NMI) Egnatenko	33591276

2. Subject personnel are battle casualties as defined by paragraph 2, Section II, Circular 10, NATOVSA, dated 24 January 1944.

3. Battle Casualty Report forwarded your Headquarters 14 October 1944.

For the Squadron Commander:

*Malcolm B. Coen*  
 MALCOLM B. COEN  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 Adjutant.

1 Incl:  
 Incl 1- MAC Rpt, Lt Baker & Crew  
 15 October 1944, w/2 incls.

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	<u>U S A</u>	<u>NE 2251</u>
DATE: 13 Oct, 1944 afternoon	1st Lt. BAKER, Robert K.	0-794755 *
FLASK: Vienna	2nd Lt. ANDREWS, Garfield Wallace	0-829119 *
TYPE: Liberator	" RYAN, E. M.	0a0566a3 *
725(H.B.) Sqd.	T/Sgt. JOHNSON, David Wesley	1816232 *
451st Grp.	S/Sgt. MASHER, Kirk O.	18122755 dead
TARGET: HQ of airfield	Sgt. KARNFEST, Glenison	*003193 *
Wien-Aspern	S/Sgt. HOLQUIN, Sam A.	missing **593285

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 B-24  
 PAF 42-51764  
 10 men

	U S A	MEXICO
DATE: 13 Oct. 1944 afternoon		
PLACE: Victoria		
TYPE: Liberator	1st Lt. BAKER, Robert K. <i>dis</i>	O-796789 .
725(H.S.) Sqd.	2nd Lt. ANDREWS, Garfield William <i>dis</i>	O-829119 .
461st Grp.	" ARIAS, E. A. <i>dis</i>	22056643
TARGET: Hq of airfield	X/Sgt. JOHNSON, David <i>only</i>	<i>dis</i> 18162282 .
Vian-Acpera	S/Sgt. MORRIS, Kirk, J. <i>dis</i>	18128788 dead
	Sgt. BARNETT, Clemon <i>dis</i>	34003193 .
	X/Sgt. HOLQUIN <i>dis</i>	<i>dis</i> missing 39275285

*notable*



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ME 2251

Date and time Aircraft was shot down 13 October 1944  
 Place of crash Vienna  
 Type of Aircraft Liberator  
 Reporting Office Airbase Headquarter Vienne-Aspern

Name	Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Place of internment
JOHNSON David Wesley USA	T/Sgt	18162232	captured	Dilag Luft West
EARNEST Clenon Earnest	Sgt	34803193	"	"
<u>Downing Nr. ME 2251</u> 1. Supplement dated 21 December 1944				
MOSHER Kirk G.	S/Sgt	18122755	dead	
<u>Downing Nr. ME 2251</u> 4 June 19				
ANDREWS Garfield William	2nd Lt	O-796759	captured	Dilag Luft West
		O-829119	"	"

Dilag Luft, 6 November 1944

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Date and Time Aircraft was shot down: 13 October 1944  
Place of Crash: Vienna  
Type of Aircraft: Liberator  
Reporting Office: Airbase Headquarter Vienna-Aspern  
Casualty Nr. NE 2251  
MACR-140  
9047

Name	Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Place of Internment
JOHNSON David Wesley USA	T/Sgt	12162232	captured	Dulag Luft West
EARNEST Clendon Earnest	Sgt	34803193	"	did
Deming Nr. NE 2251 1. Supplement dated 21 December 1944				
MOYER Kirk G.	S/Sgt	18122755	dead	
Deming Nr. NE 2251 4 June 19				
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 Place of Crash: Vienna  
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JOHNSON David Wesley USA	T/Sgt	18162232	captured	Dulag Luft West <i>EUS</i>
EARNST Glenor Earnest	Sgt	34803193	"	did <i>EUS</i>
<u>Downing Nr. NE 2251</u>		1. Supplement dated 21 December 1944		
✓ COCHRAN Kirk G.	S/Sgt	18122755	dead	- KIA
<u>Downing Nr. NE 2251</u> 4 June 19	1st Lt.	0-75759	captured	Dulag Luft West
ANDREWS Garfield William	2nd Lt	0-829119	"	did <i>EUS</i>

Dulag Luft, 6 November 1944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 9047

Name of crew member: PHILIPS, George C. JR.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-776682  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~non-flightman (flightman)~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? Presumed killed in the plane

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Reported that the bombs had been dropped.

Was he injured? I think so

Where was he when last seen? In the nose of the plane

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

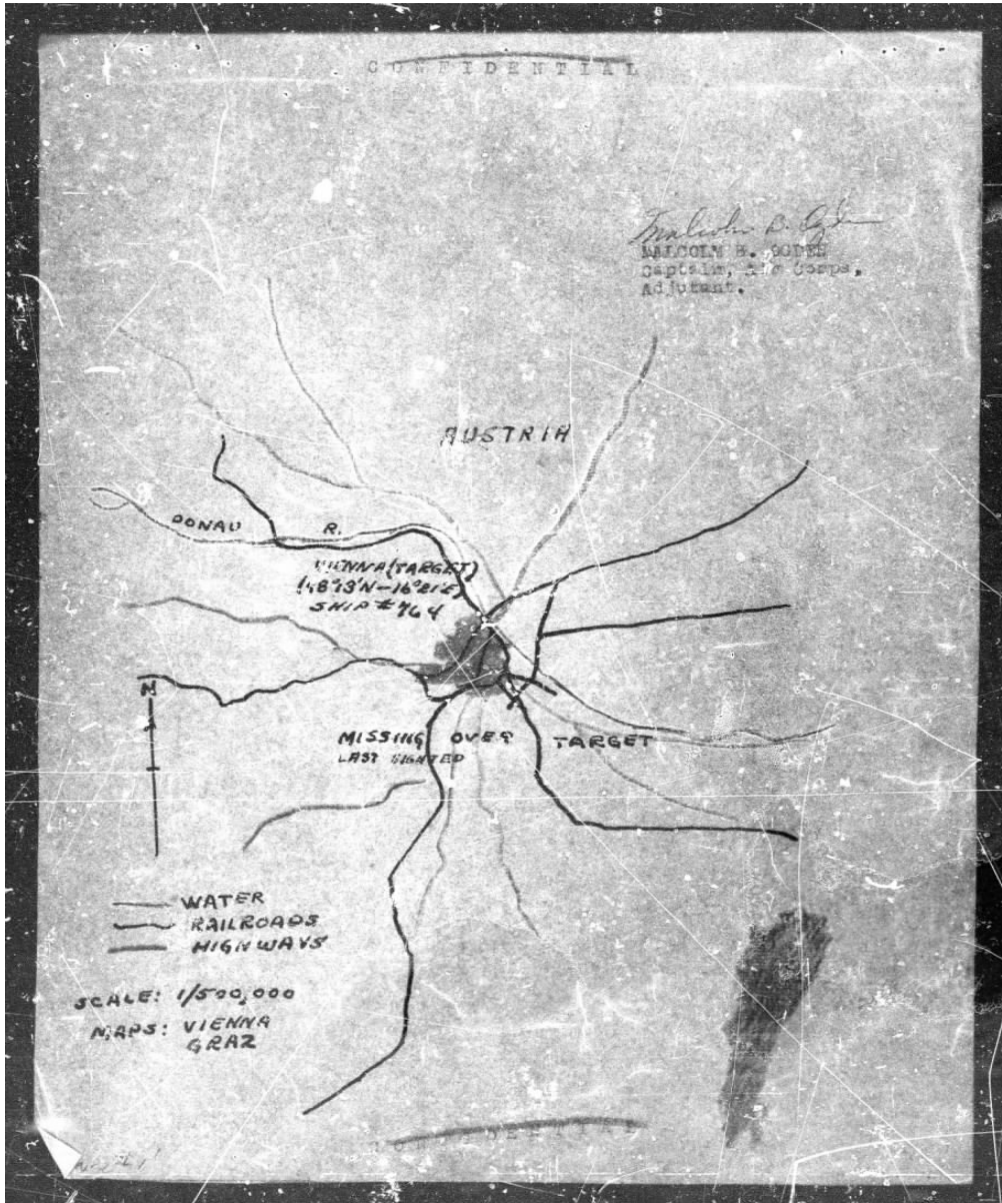
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

I think he was killed when the nose was hit by flak, \_\_\_\_\_

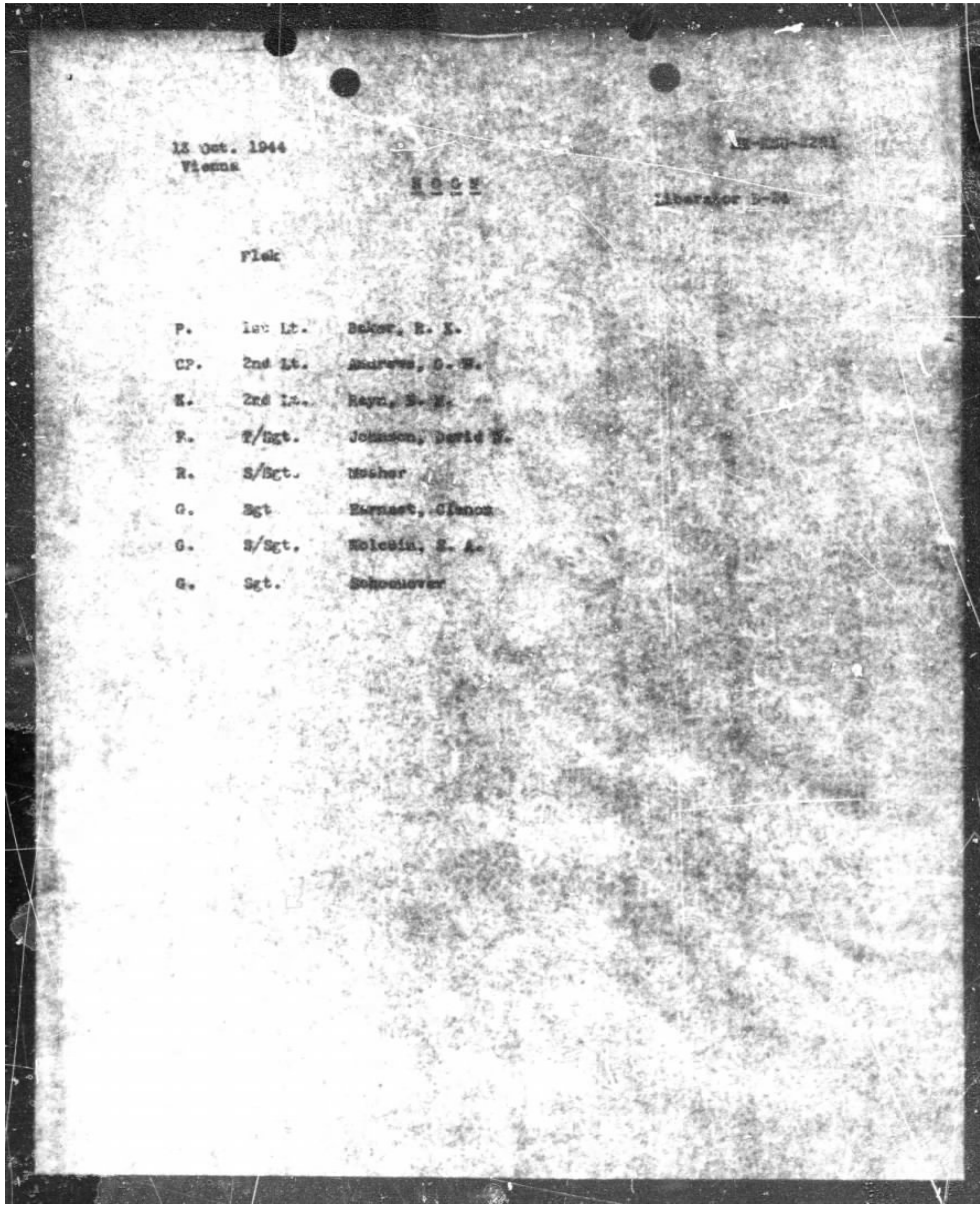
Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Dates and destinations if possible: Munich, Vienna, Athens, Southern France, Vienna  
Between Sept. 1, 1946 and Oct. 13, 1946

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CASUALTY NO.  
 ME-ASU-2261

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 13:00 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: Vienna XXI

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator B-24

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command A (O) 4/XVII - Wien-Aspern - Vienna - 15 Oct. 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND Clenen,  
 FIRST NAME: Earnest

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 34 803 193 - T-43-44-0

CAPTURED: Captured      WOUNDED:      DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: At Vienna XXI at 13:30 o'clock      TYPE OF INJURY:  
 WHICH CAMP:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO.  
 ME-KSU-2251

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
 WAS SHOT DOWN: 13 Oct. 1944 - 14:00 o'clock  
PLACE OF CRASH: Vienna XXI  
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator B-24  
REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command A (O) 4/XVII - Vienna-Aspern - 13 Oct. 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND Johnson,  
FIRST NAME: David W.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: T/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 18 162 232

CAPTURED: Captured      WOUNDED:      DEAD:  
 At Vienna XXI at 15:00 o'clock  
DISTRIBUTION: MICH CAMP:      TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:



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REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
 WAS SHOT DOWN: 13 Oct. 1944 - 15:00 o'clock  
PLACE OF CRASH: Vienna XXI  
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Unknown  
REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command A (O) 4/XVII - Vienna - Aspern - 13 Oct. 1944

CREW

SURNAMI, ADD Andrews,  
 FIRST NAME: Garfield William

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Lieutenant

SERIAL NUMBER: O-829 119

CAPTURED: Captured      WOUNDED: Wounded      DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMI:      TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Air Force Hospital 4/XVII Vienna XIX Peter Jordan St. No. 82 -

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CASUALTY NO.  
 MB-KSU-2251

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
 WAS SHOT DOWN: 13 Oct. 1944 at 12:30 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: Vienna XXI

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Unknown

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command A (O) 4/XVII - Vienna-Aspern - 13 Oct. 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND Baker,   
FIRST NAME: Robert

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 1st Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: O-796 759 - T-41

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: Wounded DEAD:  
 Vienna XII about 13:00 o'clock

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:  
 Air Force Hospital 4/XVII - Vienna XIX, Peter Jordan St. No. 82

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CASUALTY NO.  
M2-KSU-2261

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
 WAS SHOT DOWN: 17 October 1944

PLACE OF CRASH: Unknown

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Unknown

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command A (O) 4/XVII - Vienna-Aspern - 19 Oct. 1944.

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CREW

SURNAME, AND Moshor,  
 FIRST NAME: Kirk G.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RACE: Unknown

SERIAL NUMBER: 18 122 755 - T-43-44-0

CAPTURED:                      WOUNDED:                      DEAD: Recovered Dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:                      TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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REMARKS:

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| ✓ 1st Lt. Robert E. Baker POW ✓     | Mrs. Ella B. Baker, (mother)<br>3513 Solesin Street,<br>Des Moines, Iowa.                      |
| ✓ 2nd Lt. Garfield W. Andrews POW ✓ | Mrs. Marvia J. Andrews, (wife)<br>106 Park Street,<br>Oshkosh, Wisconsin.                      |
| ✓ 2nd Lt. Edmund H. Ryan POW ✓      | Mrs. Mary E. Ryan, (mother)<br>497 Duquesne Drive,<br>Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania.             |
| 2nd Lt. George C. Phelps, Jr. MIA   | Mr. George C. Phelps, Sr., (father)<br>1312 Berkshire Road,<br>Grosse Pointe, Michigan.        |
| ✓ Sgt. David D. Johnson POW ✓       | Mrs. Billie R. Johnson, (wife)<br>Rural Route Number One, Box 105,<br>Muskogee, Oklahoma.      |
| ✓ Sgt. Edwin L. Schomover MIA       | Mrs. Sylvia S. Schomover, (mother)<br>Rural Route Number One,<br>Louisville, Illinois.         |
| ✓ Sgt. Kirk G. Mosher MIA           | Mrs. Frank Mosher, (mother)<br>614 Davidson Avenue,<br>Albuquerque, New Mexico.                |
| ✓ Sgt. Glenn Earnest MIA            | Mrs. Alcie Earnest, (mother)<br>Oceans, Alberta.   |
| Sgt. Sam A. Holquin MIA ✓           | Mrs. Amanda A. Holquin, (mother)<br>1072 E. Street, Andrews Plaza,<br>Los Angeles, California. |
| ✓ S/pt. Harry Ignatenko MIA ✓       | Mrs. Anna Ignatenko, (mother)<br>1003 North Orleans Street,<br>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.     |

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MOSHER, Kirk G. File 9047  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 18122755  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~gunner (Right Waist)~~: Right Waist

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? Presumed killed

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

Routine oxygen check

Was he injured? I think so

Where was he when last seen? In the waist

Any hearsay information: Other waist gunner said he saw him killed by flak.

Source: Left waist gunner. (Name is Farnest)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe that he was killed by the flak the hit the plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown. He was a replacement on our crew and this was his first mission with us.  
 Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

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File 9047

Name of crew member: EDWATE VO, Harry (NMI)  
 Rank: S./Sgt.  
 Serial number: 33591276  
 Position: Crew (Bort) Nose Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? Presumed killed in plane

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

Was he injured? I think so

Where was he when last seen? In the nose turret

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

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

I think he was killed by the burst of flak in the nose of the plane

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown. He was a replacement in our crew and this was his first mission with us.  
 Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

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Name of crew member: HOLQUIE, Sgt. A.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 39573285  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Ball Gunner (Right)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No definite knowledge (see form APPPA-12) inclosed.

Where? No Knowledge

If not, why not? No Knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Reported that the bombs had been dropped.

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Standing over the camera hatch preparing to bail out.

Any hearsay information: The above is hearsay

Source: R# Left waist gunner

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I assume that he stayed in the plane a few minutes after the waist gunner left, possible to see what happened to the ball gunner as the two were exceptionally close friends. He was either hit by subsequent bursts of flak, or killed when the plane blew up.

Total numbe. of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: Munich, Athens, Vienna, & to Southern France, Veinna. Exact dates unknown, but flown between Sept 1, 1944 and Oct. 13, 1944

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Name of crew member: SCHOENOVER, Edwin L.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 36776934  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~gunner~~ (Right gunner): Low Turret

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? Presumed killed

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

Routine oxygen check

Was he injured? I think so

Where was he when last seen? In the ball turret

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

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

I think he was killed by the flak the hit the plane

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: Murich, Athens, Vienna, 2 to Southern France, Vienna. Between Sept. 1, 1944 and Oct. 13, 1946



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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Garfield W. Andrews Rank Lt. Lt. Serial No. 0-829119  
725th. Gp.
2. Organization Op Commander Knapp Rank Lt. Col CO CO Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month October day 13 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Vienna, target, Vehicle factory, target  
 time, Noon, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, Fly east of  
Vienna and approach from NW, route flown Same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Not more than a mile from the target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes (Pilot, Navigator, Engineer, and Left  
main gunner
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".   
No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Plane blew up in the air
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? No Knowledge
12. What was their condition? No knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already de-  
 scribed above? Saw none of them
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you  
 have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Saw a Lt. Col. Lee and a Captain  
Unger leave a prison hospital in Meiningen, Germany about the middle of March, 1944  
with a group of about fifty American flying personal prisoners for a prison camp  
in the Neuenburg area. Have not heard or seen anyone who knew if this group ever  
reached their destination.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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Our target was actually in Floresdorf, across the river from Vienna, but considered part of that city. It was a matter of seconds after the bombs were away that we received three simultaneous direct hits from 88 mm. flak. As nearly as I can determine, the plane was hit in the nose, the forward part of the forward bomb-bay, and between the engines on the right wing, and immediately broke into flames. Due to the fire, it was impossible for either the pilot or myself to go to any part of the plane. The interphone was shot out and I couldn't tell if the alarm bell was working or not. The pilot and I stayed as long as we could keeping the plane straight and level and gave the alarm to bail out. We used every setting there was on the radio dial in an effort to reach the remainder of the crew, but we never got a response from any of them. I bailed out with the pilot right after me, and as soon as I opened my chute, I looked up just in time to see the plane blow up.

I saw the pilot, navigator, left waist gunner and the engineer later on that day and the waist gunner said that the other waist gunner was hit and killed instantly. He said that he saw the tail gunner get out of his turret and head for the camera hatch. As he left the plane, he said the tail gunner was standing over the hatch, apparently ready to jump. But none of us ever saw the tail gunner after we were on the ground.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 2047

Name of crew member: SMITH, Eddy (M1)  
 Rank: S./Sgt.  
 Serial number: 3291376  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) \_\_\_\_\_ (Rightman): None Given

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? " "

If not, why not? " "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Checked in via interphone on the bomb run

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? in nose turret

Any hearsay information: none

Source: none

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: no knowledge--replacement member

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 907

Name of crew member: EDLQUI, Sam A.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 30573285  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Pilot (Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? " "

If not, why not? " "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Checked in via interphone on the bomb run

Was he injured? no knowledge

Where was he when last seen? in tail turret

Any hearsay information: Was believed to be standing over the camera preparatory to jumping--uninjured

Source: Clemon Earnest, waist gunner

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: no knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: about 6

Dates and destinations if possible: one to France running supplies, Sept, 1944 Athens, Greece; sept. 1944. Munich, Germany, Oct. 1944, two missions to Vienna. Oct, 1944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 9087

Name of crew member: FELPS, George G. Jr.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-778683  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator (Navigator): 2nd Officer

Did he bail out? no knowledge

Where? no knowledge

If not, why not? " "

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

Checked in via interphone on bomb run

Was he injured? no knowledge

Where was he when last seen? On the flight deck before going to bomb sight

Any hearsay information: none

Source: none

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: Athens, Greece, Sept, 1944. Munich, Germany  
 Det., 1944. Two missions to Vienna, Austria, Oct. 1944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MCNEER, Kirk G. File 9047  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 18123785  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator (Navigator)~~: Right Waist

Did he bail out? no knowledge

Where? " "

If not, why not? " "

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

Checked in via interphone on bomb run

Was he injured? no knowledge

Where was he when last seen? At radio before going back to his waist gun

Any hearsay information: Believed to be seriously wounded

Source: Clenon Earnest

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: no knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: no knowledge - a replacement member

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 9047

Name of crew member: SCHROEDER, Maria L.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 3677634  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Ball Turret Gunner: Low Turret

Did he bail out? no knowledge

Where? no knowledge

If not, why not? no knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: checked in via interphone on bomb run

Was he injured? no knowledge

Where was he when last seen? in ball turret

Any hearsay information: none

Source: none

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: Athens, Greece; sept, 1944; Munich, Germany,  
oct. 1944; two missions to Vienna, Austria, Oct. 1944

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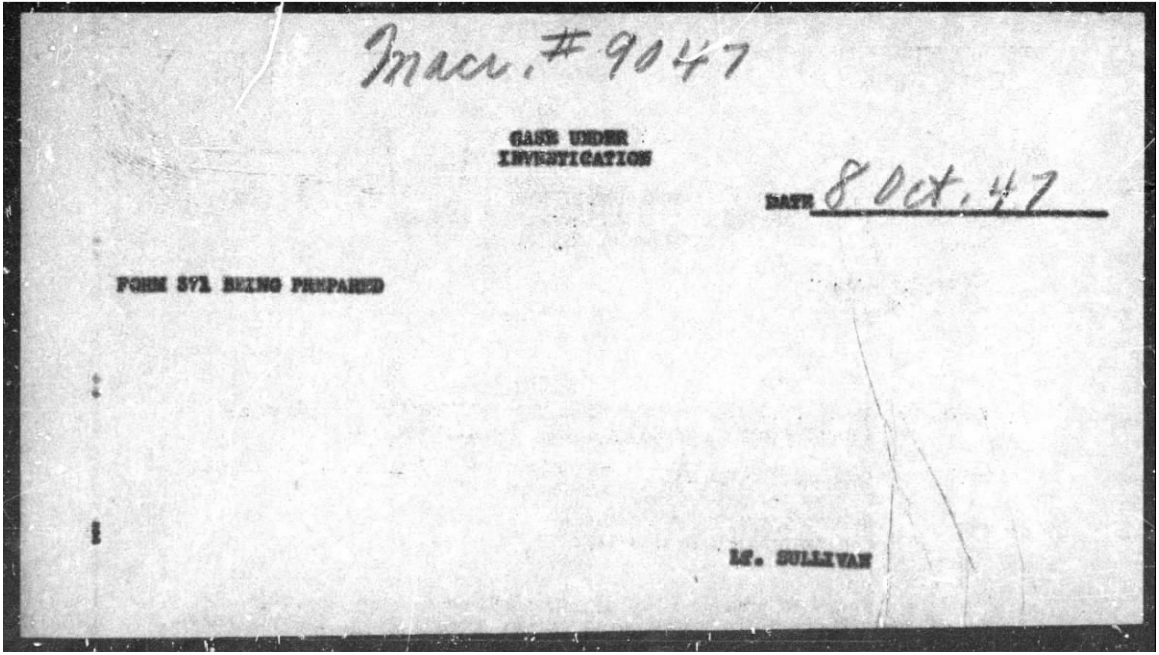
CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Robert K. Baker Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-793759
2. Organization 451st Sp Commander Don't know Rank Don't know Sqn CO Don't know Rank Capt.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year: 1944 month Oct day 13 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, W. Pruna, target, Motor factory, target  
 time, 12:00 noon, altitude, 21,500 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Four that I know of
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". G. W. Andrews CP  
Edward Ryan, Nav., D. W. Johnson, Eng., and myself went through  
the the bomb bay shortly after we were hit with flak. This was  
just after we left the target
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? no knowledge
12. What was their condition? no knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? When we boarded the ship for the mission
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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In Reply Refer To  
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SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and  
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TO: Commanding General  
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San Francisco, California

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Abschubtag und Zeit: 13.10.44  
 Abschubort: Wien  
 Flugzeugtyp: Fl. H. Mitr. Wien-Aspern  
 Meldende Dienststelle: Liberator

**Besatzung:**

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