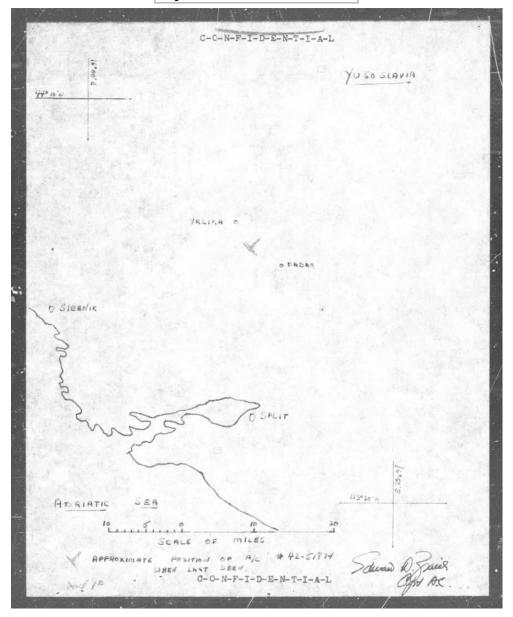
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(2)	2nd	It., 0-771290	5		Iroquois, So	uth Dakota	
(3)	Navigator Ser	ombe, Arthur	H. 9	AIM	Rupert J. Se	rcombe, Father, 16614	RT
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C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L 727TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) 451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) A.P.O. 520, U. S. Army STATEMENT On 20 November 1944, I was flying in the same formation with Lt. poherty, who was pilot on A/C # 42-51874. After having hit our target, and while on the route back to the base, his aircraft fell behind the formation, and followed it. when we were over Yugoslavia, I sat in the upper turret, and I last saw his plane at about $43^{\circ}5618-16^{\circ}3018$, about fifteen minutes before we hit the Adriatic Sea. He was about our level, which was 16,000', and seemed to be under good control, although he was possibly one-half mile behind the formation. This was at 1440. I understand that he has not been seen since. karl & Boutelly EARL N. BOUTELL JR., 2nd Lt., Air Corps, 0-780366. C-O-N-F-I-D-B-N-T-I-A-L mel 2



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Name of crew member			CALDWELL, Rob	ert lie
Rank: • Serial•number:			S/Sgte	
Position: Crew (Bo	mber) markikky	XXERBRER	34129736 Upper Ture	
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If not, why not?	and a state of the set			
Last contact or con orderd to bail fro		prior to or at	time of loss o	f plane: subject
Was he injured? <u>Ye</u>	s.Fractured Kne	e cap.		
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· CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE
Your name Eddie Doherty Rank Lat. I.t. Serial No. 0-709528-
Organization 451 BOGp Commander ? RankCol. Sqn COL.S.Hoppick Rank It.Col. (full name) (full name)
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Whit was the mission, <u>Blechiemer,Germany</u> target, <u>Oil Rafinerias</u> , target time, <u>Approximately 1450</u> , altitude, <u>about 23,000 ft.</u> route scheduled, <u>?</u>
Where were you when you left formation? In vicinity of Zagreb,
Did you bail out? No
Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
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. Pleas give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All members bailed out over the inland of Rvar, all members returned to allied control.
Where did your aircraft strike the ground? <u>Aircraft was ditched off the coast of</u> Hvar. water What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the growth? (Shoul cross check with 8 above and individual ques onnaires) <u>Sct.Raymond E.Huchev(enci</u>
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	INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE
	Name of crew member: Rank: Serial*number: Position: Crew (Bomber)
	Did he bail out? Yes
	Where? _ Over the island of Hwar, off the coast of 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? Subject was returned to base on the 25 Nov.1944 From hospital at Bari, Italy.After which subject comleted his tour and returned to the U.S.on 6 June 1945.Last information regarding subject, attending University of S.D.
	Source: *******
	Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:
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	Total number of missions of above crew member: <u>Approximately</u> 26 at end of war. Dates and destinations if possible: ?
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Name of crew member: Rank: Serial number: Position: Crew (Bomb	or) REALIZED (Richard COM	CASPERSON, Jemss Y. 2nd Lt. 0-771296	7913
Did he bail out?Y	03		
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	rsation just prior to or at		
Was he injured?	No		
Where was he when las	t seen? Came back with	all the rest of us co	rew members
Any hearsay information	on :		
Source:			
Any explanation of his	s fate based in part or who	lly on supposition:	
Total number of missi to bail out. Af Dates and destination	ons of above crew member: w ter returning to the S s if possible:	e <u>s his fourth mission</u> qd. he flew about 20 m	when we had more missions.
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Sine of crew member:		GALDWHLL, Robert L.	
Rank:		S/Sgta	
Serial number: Position: Crew (Bomber)	AN ARABAM STATEMENT AT	343.29736 Upper Ture	
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Did he bail out? Yes			
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ast contact or conversa	tion just prior to or at	time of loss of plan	e:
as he injured?Ye	s He injured his la	g in bailing out	
Where was he when last s	een? Was brought bac	k with the rest	of us crew
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otal number of missions	of above crew member:	Was his fourth m	ission. He
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	CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE
	Your name _ Charles F. Shuster Rank/Sgt. Serial No. 35609706
	Organization 451 E@p Commander Rank Sqn CORank
	(full name) (full name) What year <u>1944</u> month <u>Nov</u> day <u>20</u> did you go down?
	What was the mission, <u>Blackhammer</u> , target, <u>Blackhammer oil</u> . Raf, target time,, altitude, route scheduled, , route flown
	Where were you when you left formation?Over Yugoslavis
	Did you bail out? Yes
	Did other members of crew bail out?Yes
	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 dive facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". We all bailed out excent the Plot(Lt.E.Doherty) and the Engineer(T/Sgt R.Hughey) who ditched the plane due to the fact that the engineer had opened his chute in the plane so the Pilot ditched the plane with him, an
	we all got back to our Bomb Group safe. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Was ditched some where off the
	coast of Yugoslavia. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Shoul cross check with 8 above and individual usstionnaires) <u>Pilot and Engineer</u>
	was the only ones in the plane when it was ditched.
	Where were they in sircraft? In the Pilot and Co-Pilot's seats
	What was their condition? <u>Got out O.K.</u>
	When, where, and in what condition did you <u>last</u> see any members not already des- cribed above? <u>We all got back to our Fomb Group O.K. and flew more</u> missions except for S/Sgt. Robert L. Caldwell whom in bailing
	out injurad his leg and was taken to the hospital at Bari.
	Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
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	(Any additional information may be written on the back)



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Rank: 5/Sgt.
Serial number: Position: Crew (Bomber) XECCENER AND
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Did he bail cut?
Where?
If not, why not?
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He Jumps p
JUST BOFFRE ME
Was he injured? Kes
Where was he when last seen? BARI, TTA-K
Any hearsay information: SENT BACK TO U.S. IN JAN. 1345 DUE TO
INJURIES
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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AFPP	A-12 CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE
1.	Your nameARTHUR H. SERCOMBE Bank _ ST_T Serial No. 0-206/06
2.	Organization 451 84. Gp Curmander L. Stefener Rank Col. Sqn CO J.S. Hoppic Bank 47. Col.
	(full name) (full
4.	What was the mission, <u>7t</u> , target, <u>BlechAMMer</u> , <u>Oil Ref</u> , target time, <u>AppArs</u> , 12:30, eititude, <u>25,000</u> route scheduled, , route flown <u>FAME AS ServeDueso</u>
5.	Where were you when you left formation? CENTRAL (UGOS/AVIA
6.	Did you bail out? KES
7.	Did other members of crew ball out? <u>Ve 5</u>
	Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your sircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached balled out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". From Justic S. flummer. (The W. Gull (Bull of Jan). J. MURRAY (Bomir) jumped. From Justic S. flummer. (The General N. FARIO (Not and Market Bomir) jumped. (The Source Const Carl D. FARIO (Not and Market Standard (The Source Const All LANDED FAIRLY Close Toopher ON HIGH ISLAND, fu roscavia
٥.	Where did your aircraft strike the ground? PLANE WAS DITCHED IN PORIATIEL close To Stag
0.	What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) <u>Prior</u> <u>E. Deserty</u> <u>AND</u> ENCINEER, <u>E. Kuchey</u>
1.	Where were they in sircraft? Co-ficers SEAT
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	When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
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4.	Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
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. INDIVIDUA	L CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIR	E File # 9975
Name of crew member:	110 ND 000	
Rank:	CAS. TRSON, 2nd Lt.	James T.
Serial number: Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight yf	Co-Pilot	
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Did he bail out?		
Mare? OVEr AVar, Gus	slavia	
If not, why not?		
Last contact or conversation just pr	ior to or at time of lo	ss of plane:
Was he injured? Not Noticed	at time	
Where was he when last seen?		
Any hearsay information:		
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Dates and destinations if possible:		
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Our Crew Was shot down on our 4th Missian. All bailed out except the pilot and engineers Who ditched the plane, in the sea near the Same island (HVAR, Gugo.) That We bailed out over. Casperson May have been injored but I dul not holicet it. The entire even Was Evacuated To 15th AAFH. Q. in BARI, ITaly. All Members of the crew except Caldwell, Who Was Admitted to the General Hospital At BARI, Roturn. -ed to our home base, and continued to fly Missions Until the Wav's end. Casperson flew back to the U.S. With US. I last saw him At. Camp Miles Standish, MASS.



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1	INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE	File # 9975
lame of crew member:	CALDWELL, R	bert L.
Rank: Berial number:	S/Sgt. 34129736	
Position: Crew (Bom	er) yogy Ebigbeo (Edigbeo box Upper Tur.	
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Did he bail out?		
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If not, why not?		
Last contact or conv	rsation just prior to or at time of loss	of plane:
Was he injured?	es	
Where was he when la	t seen? General Hoppital, Ban	i Italy.
Any hearsay informat		/
Source:		
Any explanation of h	s fate based in part or wholly on suppos	ition:
	ons of above crew member: About 10	
Dates and destination	s if possible:	
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Sqt. Robert L. Caldwell Was Shot down on his 4th Mission. When he struck the ground, Atter Dail-ing out over Huar, yugoslavia, he injured his knees And When evacuated to 15th AAF H.Q. In Bari, Italy he was admitted to the U.S. Army hospital there. A letter from him stated he was sent back to the U.S., and another letter said that he was in the Station Hospital at Camp Pickett, Va. I last saw nim in Bari Italy.

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Your name Willard C. Gill rour name Willard C. Gill Rank 5/5qt Serial No. 357067 Organization 451 Be Gp Commander Ste Fan owicz Rank Col. Sqn Co Word Rank Cap
(full name) (full name) What year <u>1944</u> month <u>Nov</u> day <u>20</u> did you go down? What was the mission, <u>Not Known</u> , target, <u>5kechhammer, Gormon</u> , target time, <u>App. 12:30 PM</u> , altitude. <u>About 25000 47</u> , route scheduled, <u>Not PM</u>
where were you when you left formation? No Knowledge
Did you bail out? <u>4es</u> Did other members of crew bail out? <u>4es</u>
Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom n individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Plea ive facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All Baled out over the is of HVAR yugesleva. It. J.T. Casperson, St. Murray, IT. A.H. Sercembe, J Pobert & Waldalell, J.S. C.F. Shuster, Sqt. S.P. Plummer, Sqt AA. FALL Myself Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Pitched in Sea Near Isleet HVAR, Yugesl
cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) <u>Pilot: Lt Eddie Dehev</u> And Engineer Raymond E. Hughey Sist Were in plane at time of ditch. In 500 Where were they in aircraft? <u>In Piloto</u> Copilot's seats.
What was their condition? <u>No Know Leadge</u>
When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des- cribed above?
Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

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