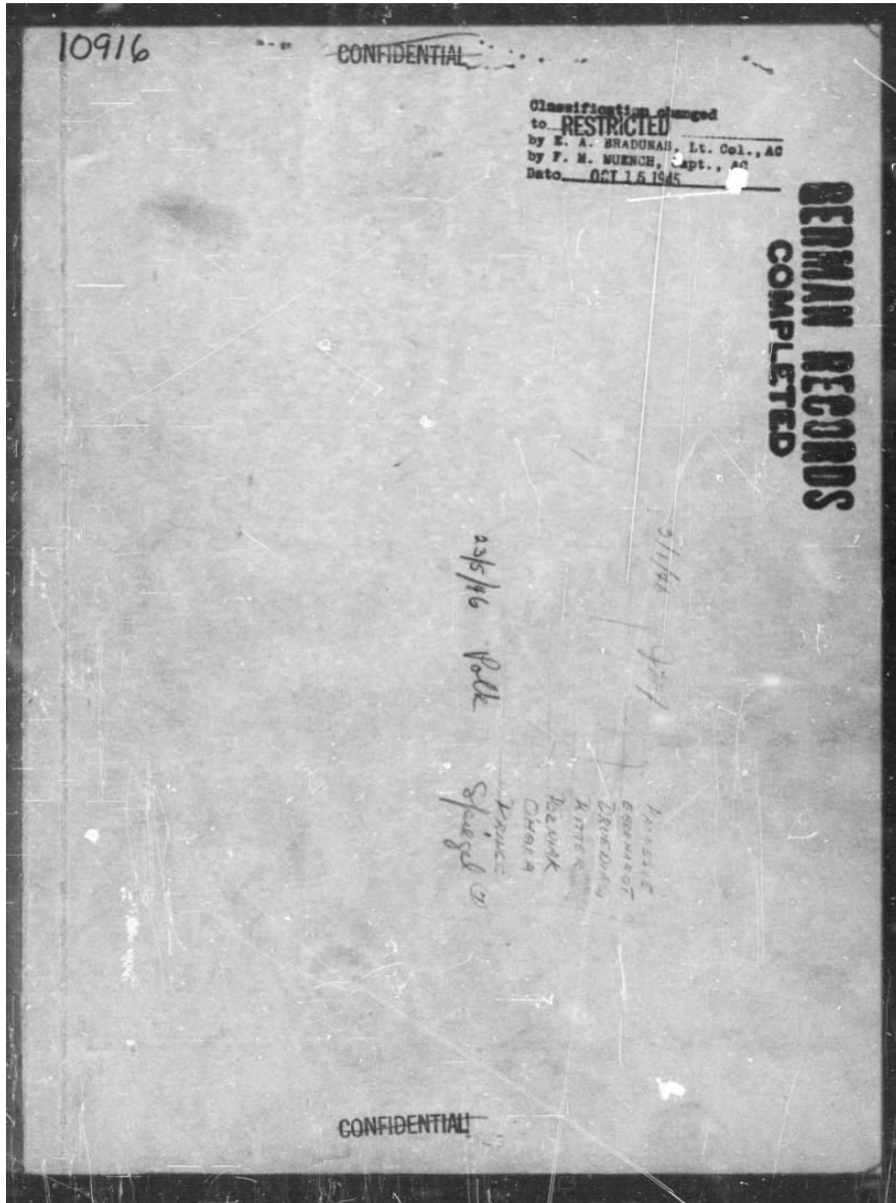


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## MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 10916

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Castelluccio, Italy Command of Air Force 15th Air Force  
Group 451st Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 724TH Bomb Squadron (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Castelluccio, Italy Course Base to Base  
Target Udine, Italy Type of mission Bombing

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Clear, C.A.V.U.

4. GIVE: (a) Date 29 Dec. 1944 Time 1832 Last known position 46°05' N- 13°15' E.  
(b) Specify whether: (X) 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, (X) Enemy anti-aircraft, ( ) Other

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24-D AAF Serial Number 42-51820

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT Purple Shaft

8. ENGINES: Type, m.-dc. & series R-1830-85A AAF Serial Number (a) CP-327943  
(b) CP-328245 (c) CP-328174 (d) CP-328166

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number)  
(a) 16147711 50 Cal. B. Auto. (c) 1647853 50 Cal B. Auto. (i) 1037817 50 Cal. B. Auto.  
(b) 1647684 " " " (f) 1640852 " " " (j) 1638042 " " "  
(c) 1027723 " " " (g) 1037687 " " " (k) " " "  
(d) " " " (h) " " " (l) " " "

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)

CREW POSITION	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial)	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
(1) Pilot	1st Lt.	0-324010	Uhl, Martin E. <i>EUS</i>	0	Mrs. Jean O. Uhl, (Wife) <i>RTD</i> 109 W. 8th St. W. Molana, Ark.
(2) Co-pilot	1st Lt.	0-327747	Spiegel, Charles J. <i>KIA</i>	+	Mrs. Charles J. Spiegel (Father) 14 S. Ashwood Pl. Hillside, N.J.
(3) Navigator	1st Lt.	0-719422	Ritter, Barry W. <i>AWOL</i>	+	Mrs. Magdalene L. Ritter (Mother) 1254 N. Coast Blvd. Laguna Beach, Calif.
(4) Bombardier	1st Lt.	0-716755	O'Hara, Joseph V. <i>KIA</i>	+	Mrs. Margaret V. O'Hara (Wife) 1407 N. 11th St. Philadelphia, Pa.
(5) Upper turret	Sgt.	15048844	Brueding, Nelson L. <i>KIA</i>	+	Mrs. Bertha Brueding (Mother) 31 Roberts Ave. Gollinville, Pa.
(6) Nose gunner	Sgt.	34644880	Eberhardt, Harry L. Jr. <i>KIA</i>	+	Mr. Harry L. Eberhardt Sr. (Father) <i>RTD</i> 1035 Victoria Park Blvd. Ft. Lendendale.
(7) Left waist	Sgt.	35889470	Prince, Kenneth L. <i>KIA</i>	+	Mrs. Margaret A. Prince (Wife) R.F.D. #1, Conover, Ohio
(8) Lower turret	Sgt.	13168309	Posniak, Edward S. <i>KIA</i>	+	Mrs. Barbara Posniak, (Mother) 515 Maple Ave. Johnstown, Pa.
(9) Tail gunner	Sgt.	31416469	Honaker, Gerald L. <i>KIA</i>	+	Mrs. Ica Honaker, (Mother) <i>RTD</i> 412 30th St. Huntington, W. Va.
(10) Right waist	Sgt.	32232750	Pronessa, Anthony J. <i>KIA</i>	+	Mrs. Addie Pronessa (Mother) 646 18th St. Niagara Falls, N.Y.
(11)					
(12)					

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (see instructions) TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME: SAW CONTACTED LAST SAW FORCED LANDING

NAME IN FULL	PARK	SERIAL No.	BY RADIO	CONTACTED LAST	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) Kennedy, Edward J.		3085005		X	
(2) Lawless, Richard G.		1415101			X
(3)					

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

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 EFFORT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE: *None*

17. Inclusions:  
Incl. 1-Statement, S/Sgt. Date: 31 Dec. 1944  
Incl. 2-Statement, Pvt. Lawless (7 copies)  
Incl. 3-Map (7 copies)

*Norman W. Mochel*  
Signature of preparing officer  
**NORMAN W. MOCHEL**  
Capt. Air Corps.  
Adjutant.

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461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APC # 520, US Army.

30 December 1944

S T A T E M E N T

On 29 December 1944, I was flying in B-24 aircraft #460, Piloted by 1st Lt. Richard C. Burkett. The ship was flying in the #1 position of the low flight, as the group formation began its bomb run over Udine, Italy. As we approached the target I saw the #2 ship in our flight, piloted by Lt. Martin S. Uhl, receive a direct hit by anti-aircraft fire between the waist window and the tail. It tore off the covering of the fuselage and I could see the ribs exposed between the window and the tail. The ship immediately dove underneath our plane and I did not see it again. Approximate time 1306.

*Edward G. Kennedy Jr.*  
Edward G. Kennedy, Jr.,  
S/Sgt. 33265063

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C O N F I D E N T I A L724TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APC 520, US Army.

30 Dec. 1944.

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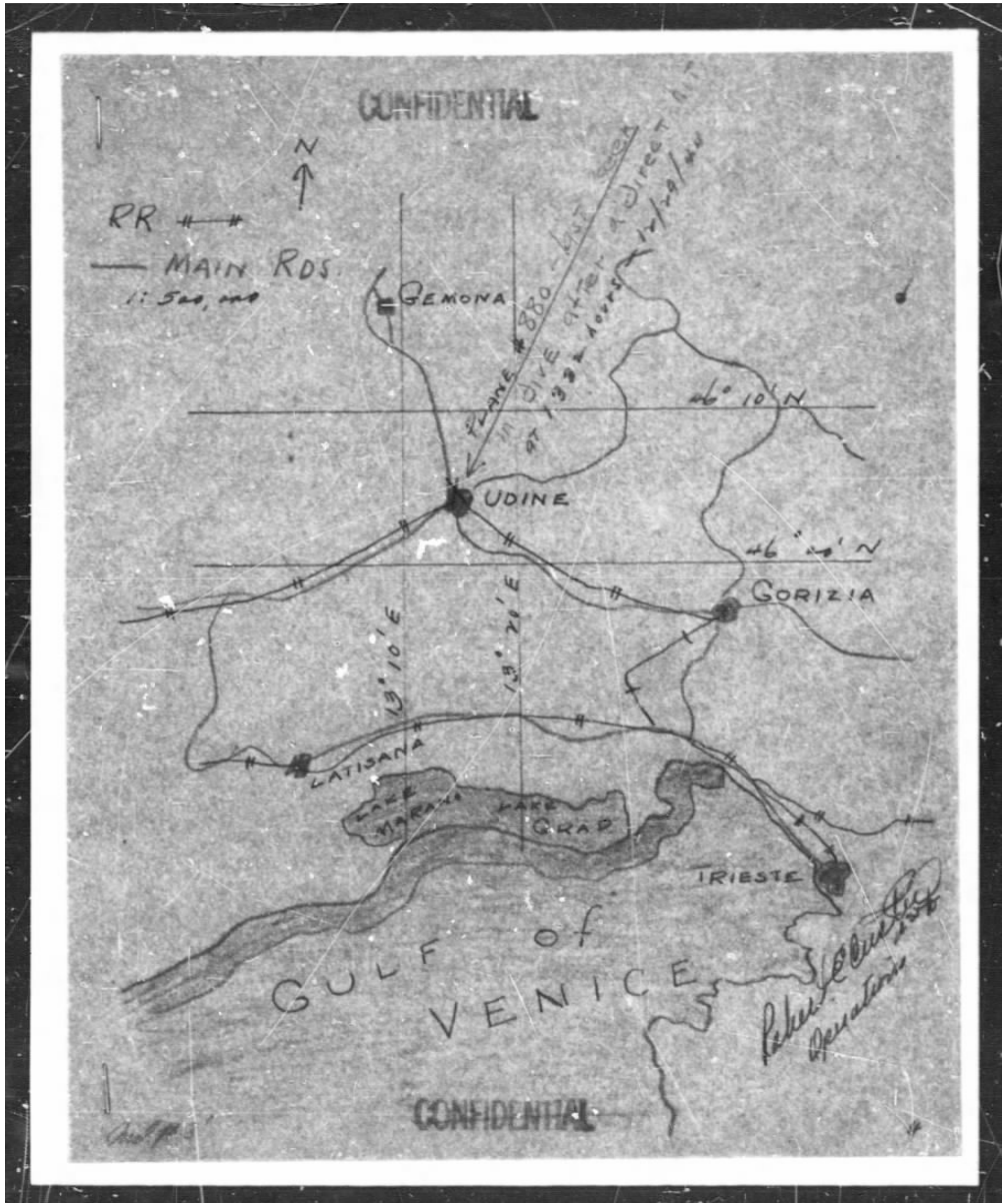
On 29 December 1944, I was flying as photographer in B-24 aircraft #52, piloted by 2nd Lt. Harold S. Patterson. The ship was flying in the #7 position of the 2nd attack unit, as the group formation began its bomb run over Udine, Italy. As we approached the target I saw the #2 ship in the low flight piloted by Lt. Martin E. Uhl, receive a direct hit by anti-aircraft fire just back of the waist windows. The ship passed underneath the rest of the formation and almost immediately the tail assembly broke away and fell free. The ship fell in a flat spin and as it approached the ground it went into a steep dive and plunged to earth. I saw one parachute open, and I do not believe there were any others or I would have seen them.

*Richard G. Lawless*  
RICHARD G. LAWLESS,  
Pvt. 14151801

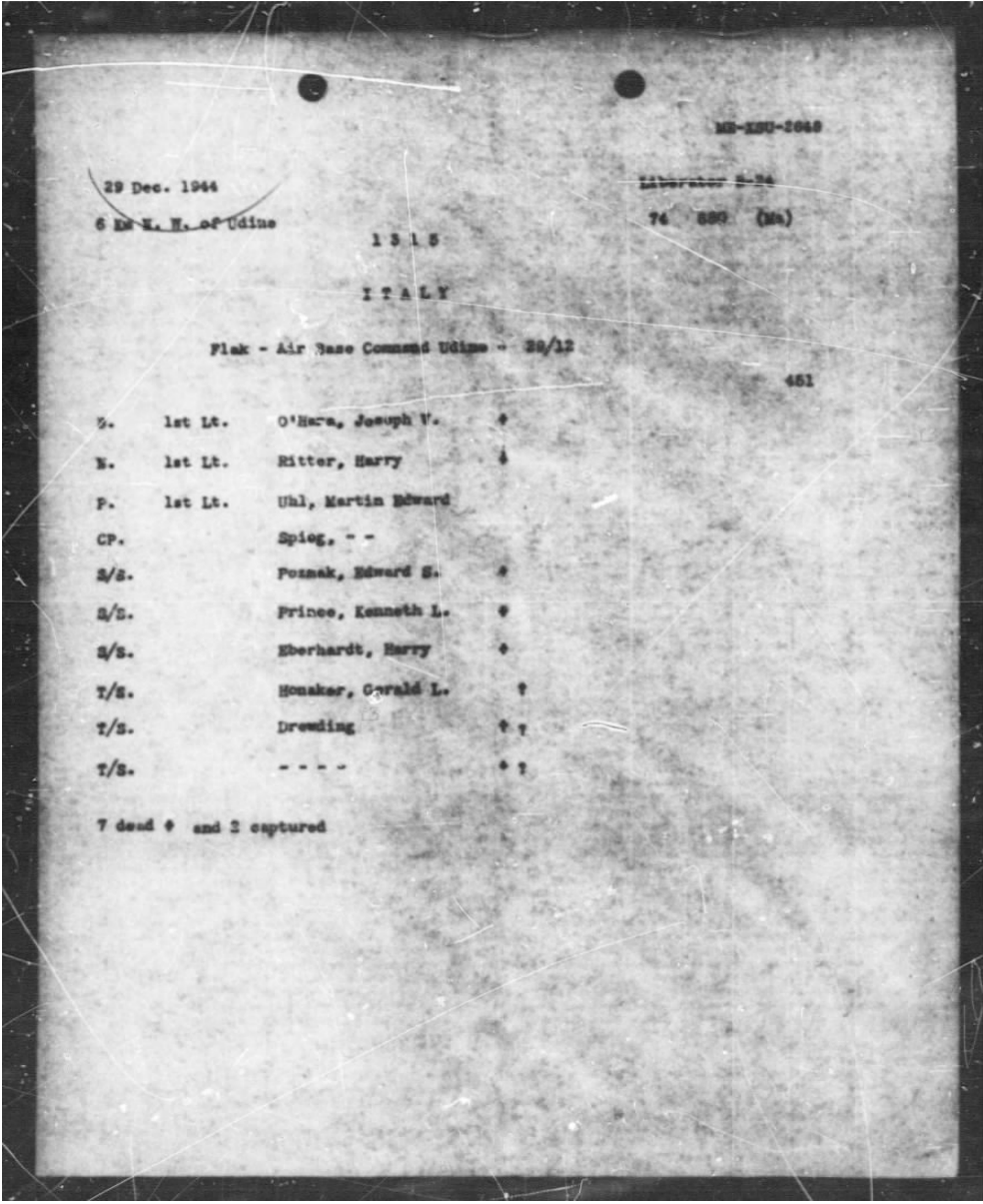
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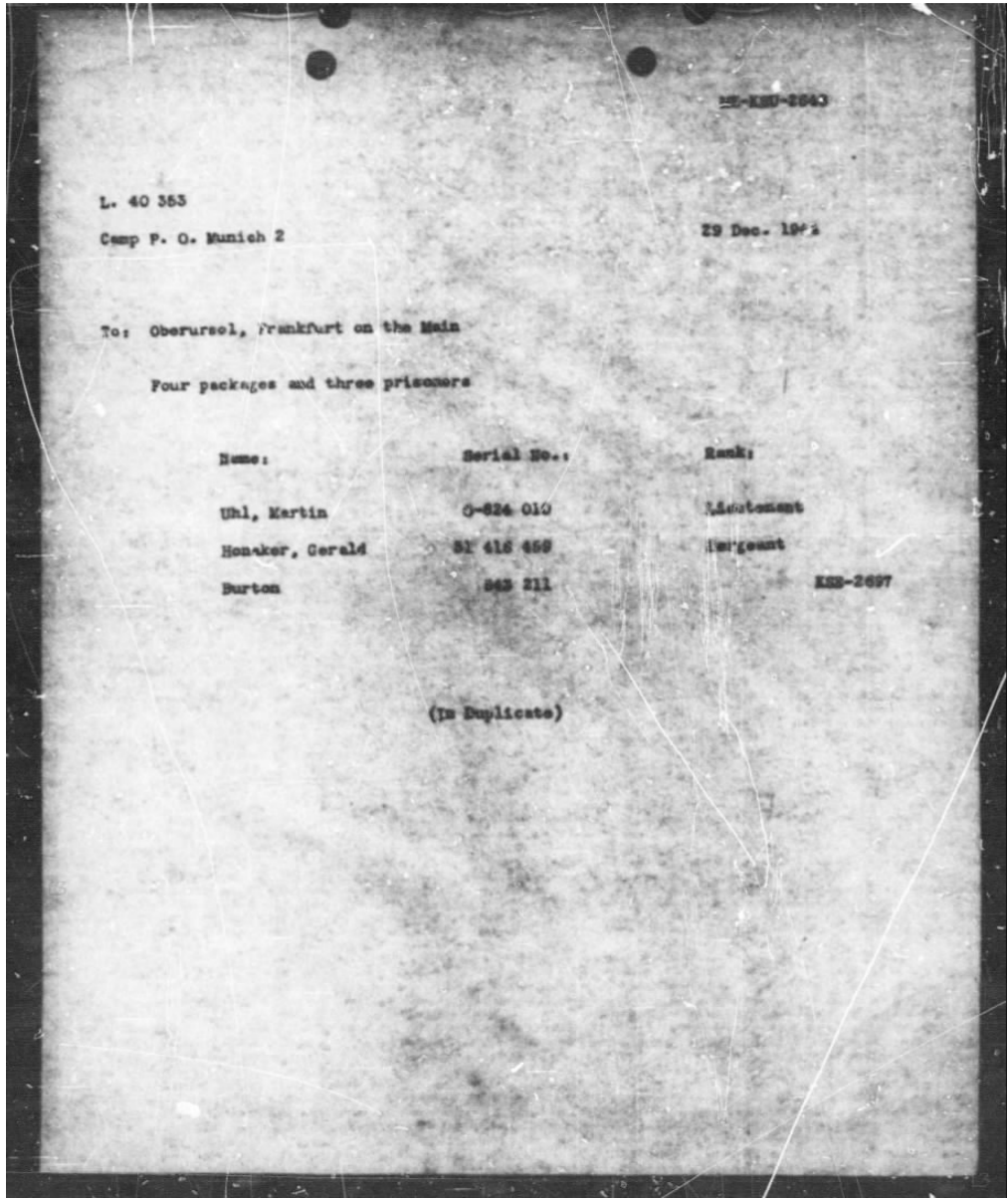
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|------|---------|--------------------|---|
| S.   | 1st Lt. | O'Hara, Joseph V.  | + |
| N.   | 1st Lt. | Ritter, Harry      | + |
| P.   | 1st Lt. | Uhl, Martin Edward |   |
| CP.  |         | Spieg, - -         |   |
| S/S. |         | Poznak, Edward E.  | + |
| S/S. |         | Prince, Kenneth L. | + |
| S/S. |         | Eberhardt, Harry   | + |
| T/S. |         | Honaker, Gerald L. | + |
| T/S. |         | Drewing            | + |
| T/S. |         | - - - -            | + |

7 dead + and 3 captured

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CASUALTY NO.  
ME-KIU-2648

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
 WAS SHOT DOWN: 29 Dec. 1944 at 13:50 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: 6 km W. of Udine (Map grid M G 5/7 by Flak 563)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator B-24-J. Ser. 42-61840

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 215/VII -Udine - 6 Jan. 1945

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CREW

SURNAME, AND Spiegel,  
FIRST NAME: Charles J.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: O-827 747 T-43-64-A

CAPTURED:                      WOUNDED:                      DEAD: Dead

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:                      TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: In village Celugna near Udine.

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REMARKS:  
 Body was found in salvaging plane, 6 km W. of Udine - Map grid M G 5/7.  
 Buried by 1002 Udine - Local Headquarters.

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ME-KSU-2068

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
 WAS SHOT DOWN: At 13:50 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: 6 km E. W. Udine by fiak 563

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 318/VII - Udine - 29 Dec. 1944.

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CREW

SURNAME, AND Uhl,  
 FIRST NAME: Martin E.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Lieutenant

SERIAL NUMBER: O-824 010

CAPTURED: Captured      WOUNDED:      DEAD:  
 At 14:00 o'clock - 6 km E. W. of Udine

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:      TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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REMARKS:  
 Seven dead - Two captured

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MB-ESU-2040**REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT****DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT**

WAS SHOT DOWN: At 13:50 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: 6 km N. W. Udine by flak 565

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 211/VII - Udine - 29 Dec. 1944

**CREW**SURNAME, AND Honaker,  
FIRST NAME: Gerald

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sergeant

SERIAL NUMBER: 31 416 459 - T-64-64

CAPTURED: Captured

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

At 14:00 o'clock - 6 km N. W. of Udine

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

**REMARKS:**

Seven dead - two captured.

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CASUALTY NO.  
ME-KMU-2648

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

**DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:** 29 Dec. 1944 at 13:50 o'clock

**PLACE OF CRASH:** 6 km E. W. of Udine - Map grid M G 5/7 by Flak 563

**TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:** Liberator B-24-J Ser. 42-61690 - Order No. W-53b - AC-21216 - Fus. No. 25 - 1880

**REPORTING OFFICE:** Air Base Command E (V) 213/VI - Udine - 6 Jan. 1945

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CREW

**SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME:** Drueding, Nelson E.

**DATE OF BIRTH:**

**RANK:** 1st Sgt.

**SERIAL NUMBER:** 13 046 344 - T-35-44-O

**CAPTURED:** **WOUNDED:** **DEAD:** (recovered in salvaging of plane-6 km E. W. of Udine-Map grid M G 5/7)

**DISTRIBUTION:** WHICH CAMP: **TYPE OF INJURY:**

**GRAVE LOCATION:** Cemetery in village Colugna

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**REMARKS:**

By Local Headquarters 1002 Udine

E. addressee: Mrs Nelson J. Drueding, 31 Roberts Ave., Collingdale, Pa.

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CASUALTY NO.  
 MS-KSU-2648

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: At 13:50 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: 6 km N. W. of Udine - Map Grid MG 5/7 by Plnk 363

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 213/VII - Udine - 29 Dec. 1944.

CREW

SURNAME, AND Eberhardt,  
 FIRST NAME: Harry

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: - - -

SERIAL NUMBER: 34 544 680 - T-43-64

CAPTURED:

WOUNDED:

DEAD: Body recovered 29 Dec. 1944  
 at 14:00 o'clock at place of  
 /crash.

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: Udine - by Local Headquarters 1002 of  
 Udine.

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO.  
ME-KSU-2648

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
 WAS SHOT DOWN: At 13:50 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: 6 km N. W. of Udine - Map grid ME-5/7 by flak 563

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 215/VII - Udine - 29 Dec. 1944.

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CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Pozniak, Edward S.

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK: - - -

SERIAL NUMBER: - - -

CAPTURED: \_\_\_\_\_ WOUNDED: \_\_\_\_\_

REAR; Body recovered  
29 Dec. 44 at 14:00 o'clock at place of  
TYPE OF INJURY: / crash.

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CARP: \_\_\_\_\_

GRAVE LOCATION: Udine - by Local Headquarters - 1002 of  
/Udine.

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REMARKS:

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REPORT ON HOST-COUNTRY AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: At 13:50 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: 6 km N. W. Uslino - Map grid WG 5/7 by flak 568

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 213/VII - Uslino - 29 Dec. 1944

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CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Prince, Kenneth L.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RACE: - - -

SERIAL NUMBER: 35 890 470 - T-44-44

CAPTURED:  WOUNDED:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

DEAD: Body recovered on 29 Dec. 1944 at 14:00 o'clock at place of /crash.

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: Cemetery Uslino - Interred by Local Headquarters - 100E Uslino.

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REMARKS:

6-2226 AF (4)

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REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
 WAS SHOT DOWN: - - -  
 PLACE OF CRASH: - - -  
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator  
 REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 213/VII - Udine - 29 Dec. 1944.

CREW

SURNAME, AND O'Hara,  
 FIRST NAME: Joseph V.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: ---

SERIAL NUMBER: O-716 756 - T-43-44-0

CAPTURED:

WOUNDED:

DEAD Body found 29 Dec. 1944  
 at 14:00 o'clock at place of crash.  
 TYPE OF INJURY:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

GRAVE LOCATION: Cemetery at Udine by local Headquarters  
 1002 Udine.

REMARKS:



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MAACK 10 916  
 AAF 42-51880  
 B-24  
 10 men

Place: 6 km north west of Udine	29 Dec 1944	HW 2648
Liberator	1st Lt. O'BARA Joseph V.	O-718755-KIA dead +
451 EB Sqd.	1st Lt. BITTER Harry (Documents)	O-718433-KIA " +
Target: A.B. X(v) 215/VII	1st Lt. UEL Martin Edward	<del>SMITH</del> O-824010 capt.
CEMETERY: COLOGNA/UDINE	2nd Lt. SPINDEL Charles J. (Doc.)	O-827747-KIA dead +
See KSU 2648	S/Sgt POZNIAK Edward S.	12158209-KIA " +
	S/Sgt PRING Kenneth L.	35880470-KIA " +
	S/Sgt BERNHARDT Harry	34844580-KIA " +
	T/Sgt HORAKER Gerald L.	31418459 capt.
	T/Sgt BRIDGING Nelson K.	13048344-KIA dead +
	T/Sgt .	.

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KSU 2648

Subject: Dead members of the enemy force.

Dowling of 29, December 1944 at 1350 PM. 6 km northwest of Udine map grid MG 5/7  
Type: Liberator B 2L-J SERIAL # 42-51880, Order # W 535 Ac 21216 Stabilizer #  
251880 on stabilizer.

Name:	EBERHARDT	dead - KIA
First name:	Harry L. JR.	
ASN:	Y4544680 T 43-44	
Name:	POZNIAK	dead - KIA
First name:	Edward S.	
ASN:	13159309 T 44 T 44	
Name:	RITTER	dead - KIA
First name:	Harry N.	
ASN:	O-718423	
Rank:	2.Lieutenant.	
Name:	SPIEGEL	
First name:	Charles J.	dead - KIA
ASN:	O-827747 T 43 -44	
Rank:	2. Lieutenant.	
Name:	BRUEDING	dead - KIA
First name:	Nelson K.	
ASN:	13646344 T 43 44	
Rank:	Sgt.	
Name:	PRINCE	dead - KIA
First name:	Kenneth L.	
Rank:	E/Sgt.	
ASN:	35880470 T 44-44	
Name:	O'HARE	dead - KIA
First name:	Joseph F.	
ASN:	O-718755 T 43-44	
Rank:	2. Lieutenant.	

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Report on Captured Enemy Airplane 1/45

KSU 2648

FMA I/10, 2nd FB-Sqd. Foscolo near Udine reports 1 Jan. 1945 through Rinck, Engineer.

- 1) Type of airplane Liberator B-24-J. Serial nos 42-33580, Order nos W 55 AC 2126
- 2) Markings \*74" white painted, 1 meter high, on cockpit. Main airforce number (0,20 meter high): 251880
- 3) Captured 29 Dec. 1944 at about 1800 near Colugna, about 3 km north-west of Udine
- 4) Condition a) fuselage 80 %; b) engines: 1 to III --90 %, 4th motor not found, crew, did not burn.
- 5) C.P.W.S. Totals: 10 men; dead: 8 men; captured: 2 men.
- 6) Kind of capture shot down by flak.
- 7) Motor belongings a) engines: Twin Waco, Model nos B-165065A; engine no A-5118-A MFD, no CP 327945. b) propellers: Hamilton "Hydraulic", 3 blades.
- 8) Fuel tank hit, fuel run out.
- 9) Armament 8 mg 12,7 mm; 2 in cockpit, nose, fuselage & tail. The 2 machine guns to the side at tail could not be found; this part of the fuselage is missing.
- 10) Photo equipment nothing found.
- 11) Wireless equipment all ten found wireless equipments are bruised and destroyed.

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|---|--|---------------|
| 1) SIGNAL CORPS U.S. ARMY<br>TRANSMITTER TUNING UNIT TU-5-B<br>FREQUENCY RANGE 5000-1800 KC<br>SERIAL NO. 44828 | 2) TRANSMITTER TUNING UNIT<br>TU-5-B<br>FREQUENCY RANGE 1500-3000 KC<br>Serial no. 10828   | 29 Dec 44     |
| 3) TRANSMITTER TUNING UNIT<br>TU-7-B<br>FREQUENCY RANGE 6000-7700 KC<br>SERIAL NO. 44828                        | 4) TRANSMITTER TUNING UNIT<br>TU-8-B<br>FREQUENCY RANGE 6000-10000 KC<br>SERIAL NO. 10827  |               |
| 5) TRANSMITTER TUNING UNIT<br>TU-9-B<br>FREQUENCY RANGE 7700-10000 KC<br>SERIAL NO. 44828                       | 6) RADAR TRANSMITTER T-26/APT-2<br>80/185Z, 10 400-2800MHz, D.C.<br>SER. NO. 1276 ORD. NO. 585-DAY-64  | MACK<br>10916 |
| 7) RADIO RECEIVER BC-348-R<br>28 VOLTS D.C.<br>11574 CML<br>11414-2F-4E   | 8) SIGNAL CORPS<br>CASE CS-80-3<br>2604/CIR<br>11411-2F-4E<br>7A-5045 A1 V. 1104/828   |               |
| 9) RADIO RECEIVER E3248-R<br>28 VOLTS D.C.<br>8415 CML<br>11414-2F-4E   | 10) R.F. UNIT RECEIVER<br>TYPE 24 TYPE R 1885<br>REF. NR. 10D/1015 REF NR. 10D/1805<br>A. N. A. N.<br>SERIAL NR. G 018805 SERIAL NR. REG 28047 |               |

12) Others The documents, which were taken away from the dead, have been delivered to the airfield of Udine. The other documents and maps, as well as the type plates, which have been found, will be delivered with this report to distributor 1)

See KSU 2648  
(Book K572A-KE 6270 misc.)

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Airforce Engineer.

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FORM 1247 (1)  
 Restricted  
 STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRIBUTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE OR STATION: Airbase HQ E (v) 213/VII

LOCATION: Udine on 29 Dec 44 OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES: \_\_\_\_\_

REGARDING: DOWNED )  
 EMERGENCY LANDINGS ) Liberator DATE AND TIME: 29 Dec 44, 1350  
 CRASH )

AT: \_\_\_\_\_ NEAR: 6 km northwest of Udine by anti-aircraft unit 563

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: (SURNAME ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (LAST NAME ) UHL

FIRST NAME: (CHRISTIAN NAME)  
 (GIVEN NAME ) Martin E.

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERVICE O-824010

NATIONALITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE: \_\_\_\_\_ STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 29 Dec 44, 1100 hauled out DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: see above CONDITION OF BODY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM) \_\_\_\_\_ DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED? \_\_\_\_\_

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GRAVE LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE  
 S.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY  
 PATRONAGE OR FAVOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
 PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: 7 crew members dead, 2 prisoners  
 (ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD: \_\_\_\_\_  
 INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD: \_\_\_\_\_

signed: Granier  
Colonel and Commander

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FORM LEAF #3

**Restricted**  
STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRIBUTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE OR STATION: Airbase #12 (v) 213/VII

LOCATION: Udine on 29 Dec 44 OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES: \_\_\_\_\_

REGARDING: DOWNED }  
EMERGENCY LANDINGS } Liberator DATE AND TIME: 29 Dec 44, 1350  
CRASH }

AT: NEAR: 6 km northwest of Udine by antiaircraft unit 563

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: LAST NAME ) HOWKER  
SUBNAME )  
FIRST NAME: GIVEN NAME ) Gerald  
CHRISTIAN NAME )

RANK: S/sgt

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE 3146459 T 44-44

NATIONALITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE: bailed out STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF CAPTURE: 29 Dec 44, 1100 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: \_\_\_\_\_  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: see above CONDITION OF BODY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM): \_\_\_\_\_ DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
GRAVE LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.F. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PAYORAGE OR FAVOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: 7 w/w members dead, 2 captured  
(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD: \_\_\_\_\_

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD: \_\_\_\_\_

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29 December 1944

SUBJECT : Enemy Air Force Members, Killed in Action.

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- a) Downing of a Liberator 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/7 at 1350 by antiaircraft unit 563. Markings and admittance No unknown, because aircraft totally destroyed.
- b) Name, First name: KENNETH L, Prince
- c) Rank
- d) Identification tag No: 35880470 T 44-44
- e) Date of birth
- f) Address of next-of-kin
- g) Day, Time and Place of Recovery: 29 Dec 44 at 1400, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/7
- h) Place of burial and sketch or grave site: Udine  
Burial will be performed by Local Headquarters 1002, Udine.

Signed: Cranier  
Lt. Colonel and Commander

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- c) Rank
- d) Identification tag No: 35880470 T 44-44
- e) Date of birth
- f) Address of next-of-kin
- g) Day, Time and Place of Recovery: 29 Dec 44 at 1400, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/7
- h) Place of burial and sketch or grave site: Udine. Burial will be performed by Local Headquarters 1002, Udine.

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29 December 1944

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- a) Downing of a Liberator, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MC 5/7 at 1350 by antiaircraft unit 363. Markings and admittance No unknown, because aircraft totally destroyed.
- b) Name, First name: RITTER, Harry
- c) Rank
- d) Identification tag No: 0-719423
- e) Date of birth
- f) Address of next-of-kin
- g) Day, time, and place of recovery: 29 Dec 44 at 1400, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MC 5/7
- h) Place of burial and sketch or site of grave: Udine (Burial will be performed by Local Headquarters 1002, Udine)

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- a) Downing of a Liberator, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/7 at 1350 by antiaircraft unit 563. Markings and admittance No unknown, because aircraft totally destroyed.
- b) Name, First name: RITZER, Harry
- c) Rank:
- d) Identification tag No: O-718423
- e) Date of birth:
- f) Address of next-of-kin:
- g) Day, time, and place of recovery: 29 Dec 44 at 1400, 6 km northwest of UDINE, map-grid MG 5/7
- h) Place of burial and sketch or site of grave: Udine (Burial will be performed by Local Headquarters 1002, Udine)

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29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Enemy Air Force Members, Killed in Action.

a) Downing of a Liberator, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/7  
at 1350 by antiaircraft unit 563.  
Marking and assistance No unknown, because aircraft totally destroyed.

b) Name, First name: EBESHARDT, Harry

c) Rank

d) Identification tag No: 34544680 T 43-44

f) Address of next-of-kin

e) Date of birth

g) Day, time, and place of recovery: 29 Dec 44 at 1350, 6 km northwest  
of Udine, map grid MG 5/7

h) Place of burial and sketch or  
site of grave: Udine (Burial will be performed  
by Local Headquarters 1002, Udine)

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Lt. Colonel and Commander

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SUBJECT: Enemy Air Force Members, Killed in Action.

- a) Downing of a Liberator, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/7  
at 1350 by antiaircraft unit 565.  
Marking and admittance No unknown, because aircraft totally destroyed.
- b) Name, First name: EBENHARDT, Harry
- c) Rank
- d) Identification tag No: 34344680 T 43-44
- f) Address of next-of-kin
- e) Date of birth
- g) Day, time, and place of recovery: 29 Dec 44 at 1400, 6 km northwest  
of UDINE, map grid MG 5/7
- h) Place of burial and sketch of site of grave: Udine (Burial will be performed  
by Local Headquarters 1002, Udine)

Signed: Granier  
1st Colonel and Commander

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29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Enemy Air Force Members, Killed in Action.

- a) Downing of a Liberator, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/E at 1350 by antiaircraft unit 563. Markings and admittance No unknown, because aircraft totally destroyed.
- b) Name, First name: S. POZNIAK, Edward
- c) Rank
- d) Identification tag No: 13158309 T 44-44 ✓
- e) Date of birth
- f) Address of next-of-kin
- g) Day, time, and place of recovery: 29 Dec 44, 1400, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/7
- h) Place of burial and sketch or site of grave: Udine  
 (Burial will be performed by Local Headquarters 1002, Udine)

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29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Enemy Air Force Members, Killed in Action.

- a) Downing of a Liberator, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/8 at 1950 by antiaircraft unit 563. Markings and admittance No unknown, because aircraft totally destroyed.
- b) Name, First name: S. POZNIAK, Edward
- c) Rank
- d) Identification tag No: 13158309 T 44-44
- e) Date of birth
- f) Address of next-of-kin
- g) Day, time, and place of recovery: 29 Dec 44, 1400, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/7
- h) Place of burial and sketch or site of grave: Udine  
(Burial will be performed by Local Headquarters 1002, Udine)

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- a) Downing of a Liberator, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/7 at 1350 by antiaircraft unit 363. Markings and admittance: Unknown, because aircraft totally destroyed.
- b) Name, First name: V O' HARA, Joseph
- c) Rank
- d) Identification tag No: O-716755 T 43-44 O
- e) Date of birth
- f) Address of next-of-kin
- g) Day, time, and place of recovery: 29 Dec 44, at 1400, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/7
- h) Place of burial and sketch or site of grave: Udine (Burial will be performed by Local Headquarters 1002, Udine)

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29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Enemy Air Force Members, Killed in Action.

- a) Downing of a Liberator, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid WG 5/7 at 1350 by antiaircraft unit 369. Markings and admittance No unknown, because aircraft totally destroyed.
- b) Name, First name: V J' HARA, Joseph
- c) Rank
- d) Identification tag No: O-716755 T 43-44 O
- e) Date of birth
- f) Address of next-of-kin
- g) Day, time, and place of recovery: 29 Dec 44 at 1100, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid WG 5/7
- h) Place of burial and sketch or site of grave: Udine (Burial will be performed by Local Headquarters 1002, Udine)

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6 January 1945

SUBJECT : Enemy Air Force Members, Killed in Action.

TO : Evaluation Center West  
Oberursel/Taunus

- a) Downing of a Liberator, 6 km northwest of Udine, map grid MG 5/7, on 29 December 44 at 1350 by antiaircraft unit 563.  
TYPE of plane: Liberator B-24J, Serial No: 42 - 51880  
Order No: W 535 As 21216 No on file: 25 1830
- b) Name, First name: SPIEGEL, Charles J.
- c) Rank: 2nd Lt
- d) Identification tag No: O-827747, T 43-44 A
- e) Date of birth: unknown ✓
- f) Address of next-of-kin: unknown
- g) Day, time, and place of recovery: 30 Dec 44 during salvage of aircraft, 6 km northwest of Udine, map grid MG 5/7
- h) Place of burial and sketch or site of grave: Village of Colugna near Udine  
(Burial has been performed by Local Headquarters 1602, Udine)

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 TYPE of plane: Liberator B-24J, Serial No: 42 - 51890  
 Order No: W 535 Ac 21216 No on file: 25 1860

b) Name, First name: SPINDEL, Charles J.

c) Rank: 2nd Lt

d) Identification tag No: O-827747, T 43-44 A

e) Date of birth: unknown

f) Address of next-of-kin: unknown

g) Day, time, and place of recovery: 30 Dec 44 during salvage of aircraft,  
 6 km northwest of Udine, map grid MG 5/7

h) Place of burial and sketch or site of grave: Village of Colugna near Udine  
 (Burial has been performed by Local Headquarters 1002, Udine)

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TO : Evaluation Center West  
Oberursel/Taunus

- a) Downing of a Liberator, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/V, on 29 Dec 44 at 1330 by anti-aircraft unit 553.  
Type of plane: Liberator B-24-J, Serial No: 42 - 51880, Order No: W 535 Ac. 21216, No on file: 25 1880
- b) Name, First name: Erueiding, Nelson K.
- c) Rank: T/Sgt
- d) Identification tag No: 13046944, T 43-44 O
- e) Date of birth: unknown
- f) Address of next-of-kin: Mrs. Nelson J. Erueiding  
31 Eborata Ave.  
Collingdale, Penna.
- g) Day, time, and place of recovery: 30 Dec 44, during salvage of aircraft, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/T
- h) Place of burial and sketch or site of grave: In the village of Colugna near Udine (Burial has been performed by Local Headquarters 1002, Udine)

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6 January 1945

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TO : Evaluation Center West  
Oberursel/Tunus

- a) Downing of a Liberator, 6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/7,  
on 29 Dec 44, at 1350 by anti-aircraft unit 565.  
Type of plane: Liberator B-24-J, Serial No: 42 - 51880,  
Order No: F 24 A. 21216, No on file: 25 1880
- b) Name, First name: Drueding, Nelson K.
- c) Rank: T/ Sgt
- d) Identification tag No: 13040344, F 43-44 0
- e) Date of birth: unknown
- f) Address of next-of-kin: Mrs. Nelson J. Drueding  
31 Roberts Ave.  
Collingsdale, Penna.
- g) Day, time, and place of recovery: 30 Dec 44, during salvage of aircraft,  
6 km northwest of Udine, map-grid MG 5/7
- h) Place of burial and sketch or site of grave: In the village of Colugna near Udine  
(Burial has been performed by Local  
Headquarters 1002, Udine)

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1st Lt Joseph V. O'Hara	Mrs. Margaret M. O'Hara (Wife) ✓ 1407 North 11th Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1st Lt Harry W. Ritter	Mrs. Magdalene L. Ritter (Mother) ✓ 1254 Coast Boulevard North Laguna Beach, California
1st Lt Martin E. Uhl	Mrs. Jean Uhl (Wife) ✓ 109 North 6th Street West Helena, Arkansas
2d Lt Charles J. Spiegel	Mr. Charles V. Spiegel (Father) ✓ 14 Beechwood Place Hillside, New Jersey
T/Sgt Anthony J. Paolessa	Mrs. Addie T. Paolessa (Mother) ✓ 546 Eighteenth Street Niagara Falls, New York
T/Sgt Nelson K. Drueding	Mrs. Bertha Drueding (Mother) ✓ 31 Roberts Avenue Collingdale, Pennsylvania
S/Sgt Edward S. Pozniak	Mrs. Barbara Pozniak (Mother) ✓ 615 Maple Avenue Jcharzown, Pennsylvania
S/Sgt Kenneth L. Prince	Mrs. Margaret A. Prince (Wife) ✓ Route Number One Canover, Ohio
S/Sgt Gerald L. Honaker	Mrs. Ica M. Honaker (Mother) ✓ 412 30th Street Huntington, West Virginia
S/Sgt Harry L. Eberhardt, Jr.	Mr. Harry L. Eberhardt (Father) ✓ 108 South Victoria Park Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Spiegel, Charles J. File 10916  
 Rank: 2nd Lt  
 Serial number: O-827747  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) / ~~1st/2nd/3rd/4th/5th/6th~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Cannot say positively

Where? Udine, N. Italy

If not, why not? Don't know

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Was last seen heading for Bombay. with chute

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In plane before it was hit 29 Dec 44

Any hearsay information: German interrogator said 8 bodies were buried in a cemetery at Udine.

Source: German Interrogator at Oper Ursal

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I opened my chute very close to ground. Only one chute was seen above me. Later found out to be fail ganner. Body of Chas J. Spiegel could not be located. Deduction - he was caught in Bombay. The only part of ship not accessible about 24

Total number of missions of above crew member: about 24

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

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Ritter, Harry W. File 10916  
 Rank: 1st Lt  
 Serial number: O-718423  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of 774th/784th~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? NoWhere? Udine N. ItalyIf not, why not? Chute was popped open in nose compartmentLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NoneWas he injured? Not until plane hit groundWhere was he when last seen? Dead in nose compartment 29 Dec 44

Any hearsay information: None, positively identified by me as  
deceased - German Interrogator at Ober-Ursal  
said 8 bodies (my crew) were buried in a  
cemetery. Udine.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

None except that he was only one left in  
nose compartment with chute popped. Tail of plane  
was shot off at 24,000 feet, thus giving limited  
time of getting out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Don't know but nearlyDates and destinations if possible: Finished four of 35 mis.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: O'Hara, Joseph V. File 10916  
 Rank: 1st Lt  
 Serial number: O-716755  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~F4U~~/~~F4U~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? Yes No parachute

Where? Udine, N. Italy

If not, why not? No <sup>Positive</sup> explanation of no chute. Probably navigator's parachute silk hindered him from finding it.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane? None

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge, before hitting ground.

Where was he when last seen? Dead about 50 feet from plane, 29 Dec 44 Udine N. Italy

Any hearsay information: Positively identified by me as dead. German Interrogator at Ober-Ursal said that 8 bodies (my crew) were buried at in a cemetery at Udine.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Positively identified by me as dead, 29 Dec 44

Total number of missions of above crew member: Don't know but nearly finished four of 35 Miss.

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Drueding, Melson K. File 10916  
 Rank: T/Sgt  
 Serial number: 13046344  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~at/111111/17111117~~ Upper Turret

Did he bail out? No  
 Where? Udine N. Italy.  
 If not, why not? Do not know  
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: No  
conversation. Did not notice whether he was injured  
 Was he injured? Don't think so or not.  
 Where was he when last seen? Dead in top turret 29 Dec 44  
 Any hearsay information: German Interrogator at Ober-  
Ursal said that 8 bodies (my crew) were buried  
in a cemetery at Udine

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Positively  
identified by me as dead 29 Dec 44

Total number of missions of above crew member: 22  
 Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Eberhardt, Harry L. Jr. File 10 916  
 Rank: S/Sgt  
 Serial number: 34544580  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of 11/11/11/11/11/11~~: Nose Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes without parachute

Where? Udine, N. Italy

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: No conversation or contact

Was he injured? No don't think so (before getting out)

Where was he when last seen? Dead about 500' from plane 29 Dec 44

Any hearsay information: German Interrogator said that 8 bodies (my crew) were buried in a cemetery at Udine

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Positively identified by me as dead 29 Dec. 44

Total number of missions of above crew member: about 19

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Prince, Kenneth L. File 10916  
 Rank: S/Sgt  
 Serial number: 35830470  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) on ~~10/13/44~~ ~~10/14/44~~: Left waist

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Hit by direct burst of flak.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None, the tail was shot off

Was he injured? Yes he was hardly recognizable for flak holes

Where was he when last seen? Dead about 200' from plane

Any hearsay information: German Interrogator said that 8 bodies (my crew) were buried in a cemetery at Vothne.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Positively identified by me as dead 29 Dec 44

Total number of missions of above crew member: about 22

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Pozniak, Edward S. File 10916  
 Rank: S/Sgt  
 Serial number: 13158309  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of 10/11/1944/10/11/44~~: Lower Turret

Did he bail out? Don't know parachute and he were  
 Where? Udine, N. Italy <sup>probably</sup> thrown out rear end in spin.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None,  
tail was shot off.

Was he injured? Don't know

Where was he when last seen? Dead near plane.

Any hearsay information: German Interrogator said that  
8 bodies (my crew) were buried in a cemetery  
at Udine, I

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Positively  
identified by me as dead 29 Dec 44

Total number of missions of above crew member: about 22

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Paonessa, Anthony J. File 10916  
 Rank: T/Sgt  
 Serial number: 32832730  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~at flight/assignment~~: Right Waist

Did he bail out? No

Where? Udine N. Italy

If not, why not? Hit by direct burst of flak

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None  
tail of plane was shot off

Was he injured? Yes he had several flak wounds

Where was he when last seen? Dead not far from plane

Any hearsay information: German Interrogator said that  
8 bodies (my crew) were buried in a cemetery  
at Udine

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Positively  
identified by me as dead 29 Dec 44

Total number of missions of above crew member: Do not know

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

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Martin E. Uhl Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0-824010
2. Organization 451 Gp Commander <sup>Est. Knopp</sup> Rank 1st Lt SqN CO Sauford Rank Capt  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Dec. day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Visual bombing, target, 5th Lt. Udine, target time, about 1240, altitude, 24,500 route scheduled, Primary target - Passau, route flown to Passau and back to Udine
5. Where were you when you left formation? app. 4 mi. N.W. of Udine
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes tail 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".  
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9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? app. 4 mi. N.W. Udine
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Navigator, top turret gunner, probably co-pilot
11. Where were they in aircraft? Nav. in nose, gunner (top turret), co-pilot prob. in bombay
12. What was their condition? Dead
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All 8 were seen dead.  
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14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None.  
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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Eberhardt, Harry L. Jr. File 10 916  
 Rank: 3/3gt  
 Serial number: 3454680  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of flight 171st BT: Nose Gunner

Did he bail out? yes he did.  
 Where? Over Udine, Italy..

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? His chute did not open.

Where was he when last seen? On the ground after the crash.

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: Our first pilot, Lt. Uhl, was able to examine the bodies.

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

Name of crew member: Drueeding, Nelson K. File 10916  
Rank: T/Sgt  
Serial number: 13046344  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~11/11/44/11/44/44~~: Upper Turret

Did he bail out? ~~Drueeding did not bail out of the plane. He stayed in the~~  
Where? plane till it hit the ground.

If not, why not? We think he was caught in the turret.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_  
I believe he called out some planes just before we were hit.

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? Still in his turret after the plane hit the ground.

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Source: Lt. Uhl, our first pilot.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_  
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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: O'Hara, Joseph W. File 10916  
Rank: 1st Lt  
Serial number: O-716755  
Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~716755~~ Bombardier

Did he bail out? I do not know anything about this man, I did not see his  
Where? body...

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? On the ground before the mission.

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

Name of crew member: Ritter, Harry W. File 10916  
 Rank: 1st Lt  
 Serial number: 0-718423  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~111111/111111~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? I don't know anything about this man. He was not on our crew and I did not see his body.  
 Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? On the ground before the mission.

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Prince, Kenneth L. File 10916  
Rank: S/Sgt  
Serial number: 37980770  
Position: Crew (Bomber) 37980770/11141111: Left 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Pozniak, Edward S. File 10916  
Rank: S/Sgt  
Serial number: 1158309  
Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~1158309~~: Lower Turret

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of crew member: **Pacness, Anthony J.** **File 10916**  
 Rank: **1/Sgt**  
 Serial number: **32832730**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **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: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Spiegel, Charles J. File 10916  
 Rank: 2nd Lt  
 Serial number: O-827747  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~at flight/flight~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? I donot know , He disappeared in the crash.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

We were going to take over lead position after the bomb run and he was giving us instructions.

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? At his position.

Any hearsay information: none

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

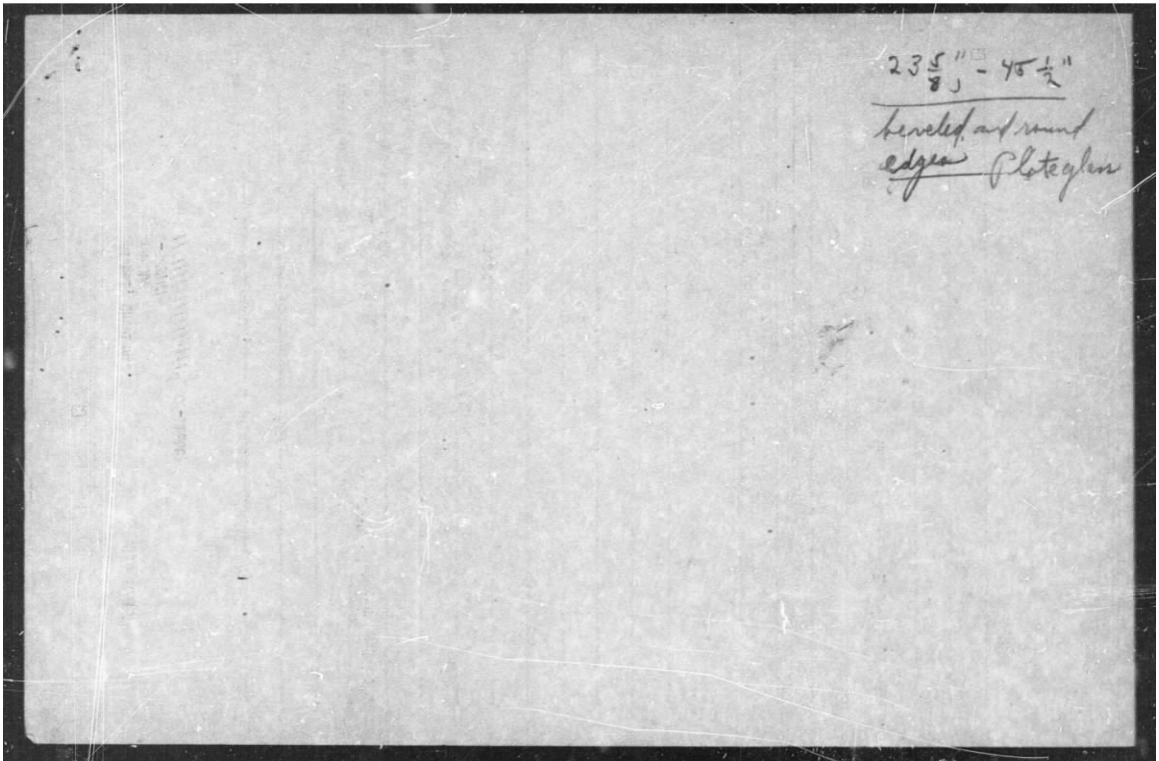
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

We believe that he was helping the top turret gunner out of his position and was mashed under the plane. Lt. Uhl did not have time to search the wreckage before the Germans took him prisoner.

Total number of missions of above crew member: I believe he had flown 10 missions

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

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Honsker, Gerald L. Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 31416459
2. Organization AAF Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Col. Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Major  
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Dec. day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 25, target, Udine, Italy, target  
 time, 1:00 PM, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, -- Target  
 briefed, Vernia, route flown -----
5. Where were you when you left formation? About three miles from the town of Udina.
6. Did you bail out? The ship was blown apart and I then used my chute.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? The pilot was the only one who saved himself with his chute. Some crew members had none on to use and some didn't use the one's they had.
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".  
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9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? About five miles from the city.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) The upper turret man was the only one person we could see in the plane. The co-pilot was never seen. As far as I know the Germans did not find his body.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Top turret gunner
12. What was their condition? Lt. Uhl said he was dead. I did not look. Lt. Uhl was my pilot.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?  
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14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.  
The last time I saw all the crew was when we took off on the mission.  
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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members  
TO: UEL, Martin E., 1st Lt.

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in Washington and in the theaters overseas, Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Offices to collect all information from our own and enemy sources, correlate this information and furnish it to search teams in the theaters who will go to the scene of the casualty incident and investigate. These teams will question those in the area who have knowledge of the incident and trace all leads down until they have the story. The German records we have translated are excellent. We have just received the Japanese records. By combining all this data with the story available in your memory, we can tell next of kin the things that mean so much to them.

2. You may or may not have been questioned in this manner before concerning the mission on which you were shot down and the events that followed. Regardless of previous questionnaires, it is important that we have the information requested here to complete our records concerning combat crewmen remaining in a casualty status.

3. If you have been sworn to secrecy as a result of your escape, evasion or internment, you may consider yourself released from all restrictions as to disclosure or publication of experiences except:

- a. Secret intelligence activities and methods developed for use, or actually used, in prison camps.
- b. Details of techniques employed by military intelligence organizations operating behind enemy lines to assist evasion and escape.
- c. Negotiations conducted on high government or military level to secure release from internment in a neutral country. (See AAF Reg 46-8 dated 30 October 1945)

4. Please answer all the questions you can promptly and accurately. Re-

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quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-8, Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

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Uhl, Martin E. 1st Lt. AC Box 1441 Hdq. Annex SAAFld Smyrna, Tennessee  
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces  
Attention AFPPA- 8, Washington 25 D. C.

Forms and questionnaires have been completed as requested. Information therein is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MARTIN E. UHL  
1st Lt Air Corps  
Adjutant

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