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By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

CONFIDENTIAL 12090

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Castellucio, Italy Command Air Force 15th
Group 451st Bombardment Group Squadron 725th Bomb Squadron

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Castellucio Field Course Base Casainova-7008 1449E
Target Vienna, Austria Type of mission Bombing TP to Target

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear and Visibility Unlimited

4. GIVE: (a) Date 2/7/45 Time 1323 Last known position Over Target
(b) Specify weather: Last sighted, Forced down, Seen to crash,
 Last contacted by radio, No information.

5. AIRCRAFT [LOST] ~~XXXXXX~~ AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]
 Enemy aircraft, Enemy anti-aircraft, Other Collision

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-52036

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-65 AAF Serial Number (a) BP-452719
(b) CP-328044 (c) 42-62019 (d) CP-328043

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number]
(a) No records (b) available (c) available (d) available

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: 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	FULL NAME [Last, first, initials] RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP STATUS AND ADDRESS
Pilot	<u>BURK, DARRELL M.</u> 2nd Lt, O-208897B	MIA Jay V. Burk (Father) 2134 E. C St, Torrington, Wyoming
Co-Pilot	<u>FAEZ, HECTOR</u> 2nd Lt, O-831984	MIA Mary C. Faez (Mother) 510 Amsterdam Ave, NY, NY
Nav	<u>NETTLETON, ORAN B.</u> 2nd Lt, O-2071817	MIA Mrs Jo Anne W. Nettleton (Wife) % C.W. West, Rt # 3, Hamilton, Tex.
Bomb	<u>STEDMAN, ROBERT L.</u> 2nd Lt, O-2068235	MIA Ona May G. Stedman (Mother) 124 Division Ave, Jackson, Tenn.
Up Tur	<u>Crow, James V.</u> Sgt, 18151400	MIA Ethel Crow (Wife) 6111 Tulsa Ave, Shreveport, La.
Low Tur	<u>Corrigan, Marvin J.</u> Cpl, 37738829	MIA John M. Corrigan (Father) Rt # 5, Independence, Missouri
Right W	<u>Groblewski, Benjamin G.</u> Cpl, 33611068	MIA Anna Groblewski (Mother) 224 Butler St, Kingston, Pa.
Left W	<u>KOBLISKA, Andrew Jr.</u> Cpl, 32580799	MIA Anna Kobliska (Mother) Eastern Ave, Palmer, NY
Rail gr	<u>Hanna, Thomas L.</u> Cpl, 18163736	MIA Willie Irene Hanna (Mother) 1707 North Frankfort, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Hose Gr	<u>Hatch, Jesse V.</u> Cpl, 33424305	MIA Helen F. Hatch (Mother) 560 Cathell Rd, RD # 10, Pittsburgh, Pa.

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (use only) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED LAST BY RADIO	SAW	FORCED
<u>ALBERT D. SHERMAN JR</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>O-828659</u>	<u>X</u>		

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) Unknown

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.

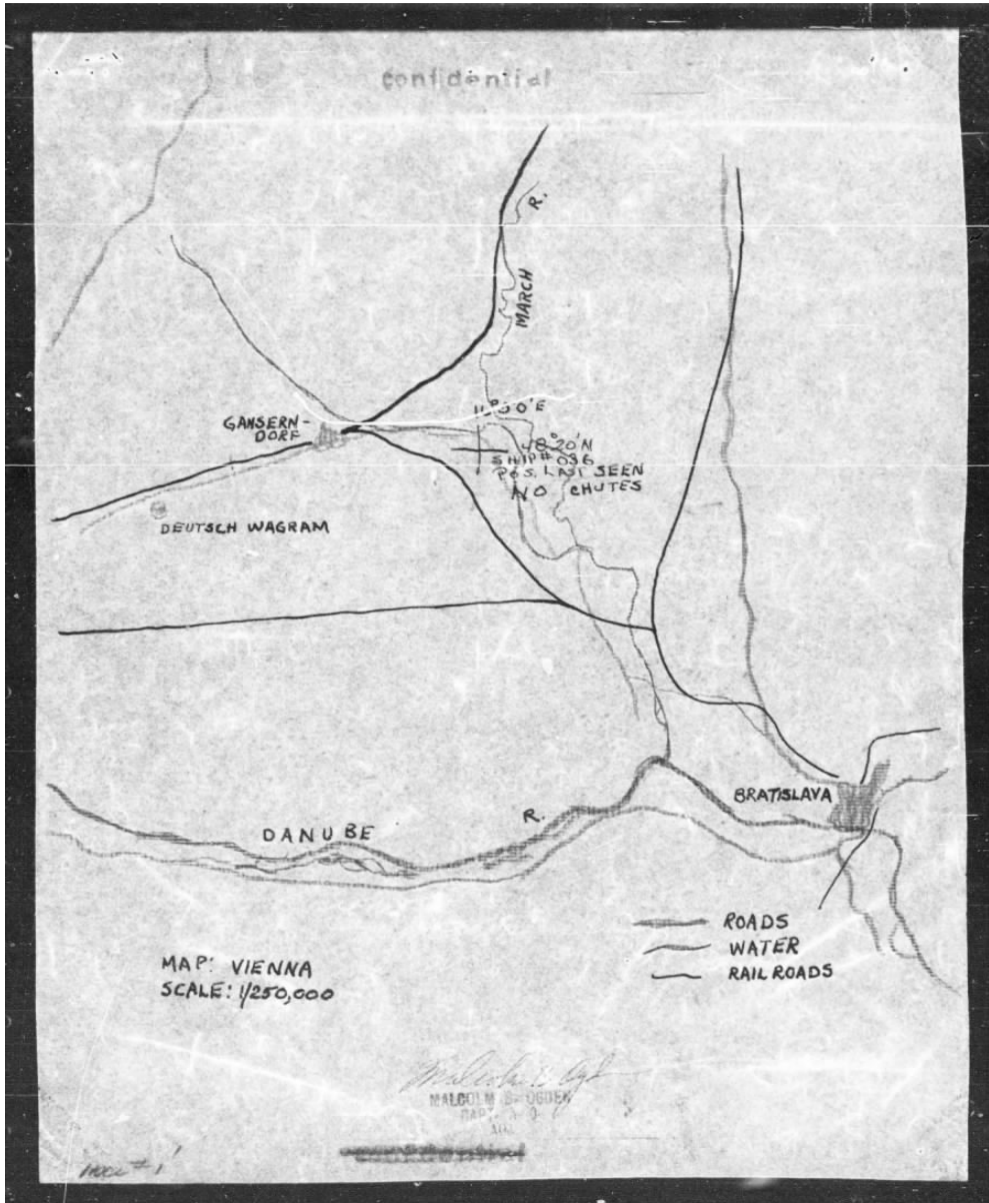
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

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. Inclosure:
Incl 1- Overlay of 10 Feb 1945 area last sighted
Incl 2- Statement, Lt Sherman

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Capt, AC, Adj

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

10 February 1945

S T A T E M E N T

I, ALBERT D. SHERMAN JR., O-828558, was the Pilot of a B-24 Liberator Aircraft which flew in the fourth position of the formation on 7 February 1945 with B-24 Liberator Aircraft number 42-52036 piloted by 2nd Lt DARRELL M. BURK, O-2058978, flying number five position, and B-24 Liberator Aircraft number 42-52440, piloted by 2nd Lt PAUL D. HOLST, O-721758, flying number six position.

While over the target Lt HOLST received a direct flak hit in the bomb bay of his ship, causing it to burst in flames. He rallied right and in doing so crashed into Lt BURK'S aircraft. It appeared as if Lt BURK tried to avoid a collision, but to no avail. When the ships collided a few bombs were dropped from Lt BURK'S ship. After the collision the two ships remained together until Lt BURK'S ship barrel-rolled earthward out of my view and Lt HOLST'S ship disintegrated.

Albert D. Sherman Jr.
ALBERT D. SHERMAN JR
2nd Lt, O-828558,
725th Bomb Squadron (H)

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NIACR NO.
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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN: 7 Feb 45 - 1330 CASUALTY NO. ME 2799

PLACE OF CRASH: near Vienna

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Airbase HQ A (c) 4/XVII

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
GROBLEWSKI 4 Feb 24	Benjamin Gordon Pa.	Cpl. 33611568	captured	Dulag-Luft West
PAEZ	Hector	2nd Lt 0-831984	dead	
KOBLISKA	Andrew I.R.	Cpl. 32660799	dead	

REMARKS: Dulag-Luft, 18 March 45 v.v.S.

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 B24
 10 men
 AHF 42-52036

SD 7683

Place: Vienna Liberator 725 H.B.Sgd., 451 Gr. Air Base: Castelluccio Target: A.B.A(o) 4/XVII	7 Feb. 1945, 13.36 h.	ME 206 ME 2799
see KSU 2799 see 90 71683	2nd Lt. BURK 2nd Lt. FRAE Hector 2nd Lt. HETTELTON 2nd Lt. STODMAN Ofc. CROW James A. Cpl. CHORLOWSKI Benjamin Gordon Cpl. HATCH Cpl. HANNA Cpl. CORRIGAN Cpl. KOBLISKA Andrew I.R.	. KIA, missed 0-831984 dead : missed : " 0-824178 " 33611668 capt. missed " 32660799 - KIA dead

James Y Crow
 18151400. KIA

MACR
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1st Lt. James A. Crow, 0824178, was rejected
 MIA on 21 Feb 45. He is EUS

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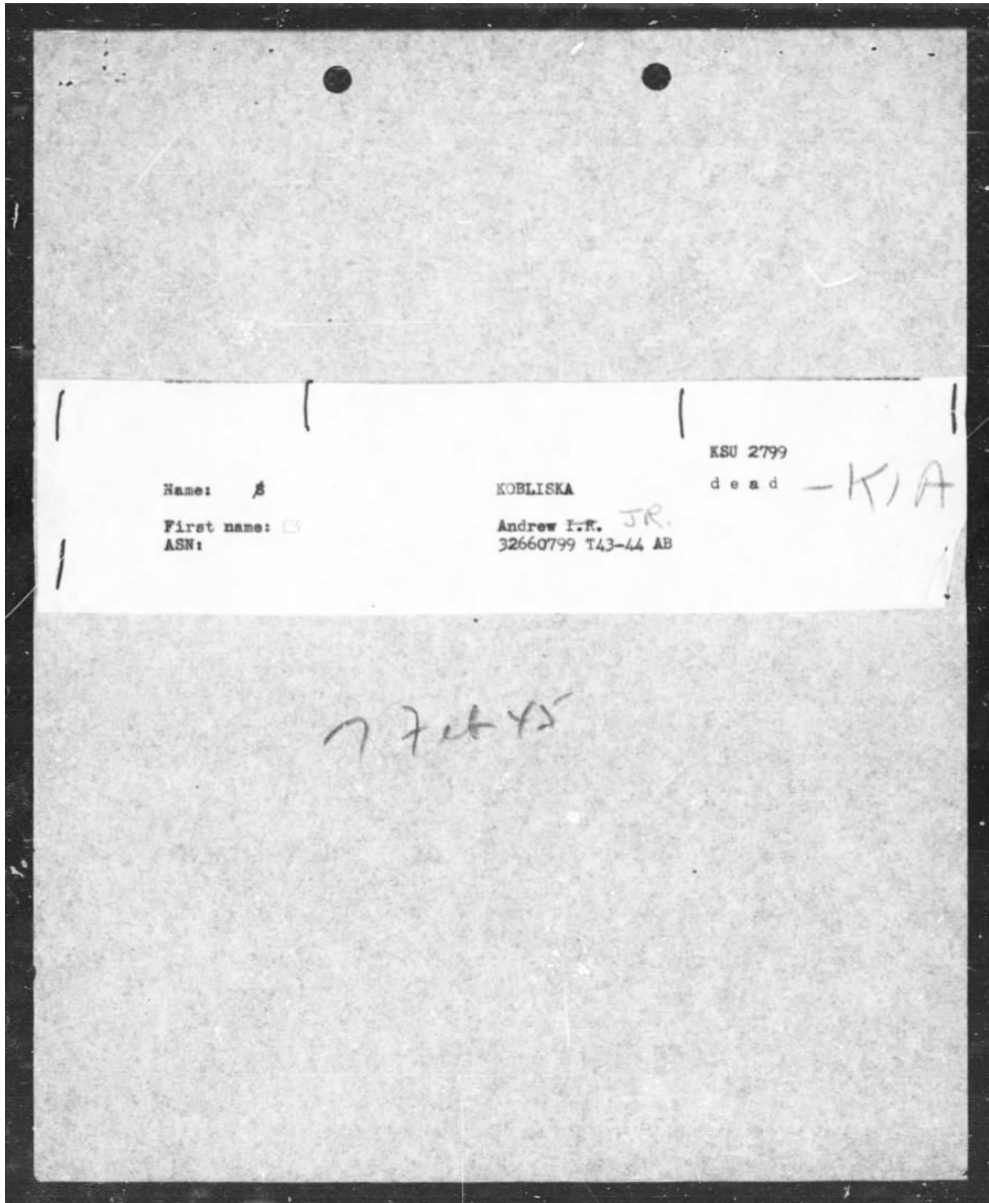
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See KSU 2799
 (Book KS 72A- KE 6270 mic.)

See SA Case 7683.

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refer: K S U 2799
K S U 2792

Vienna, February 14, 1945

Sender: Air - district command XVII
chief - section I photo
Vienna X 9 Elisabeth Street

Receiver: Investigation point
west Oberur-
see 1/Taurus

Kind of dispatch: By messenger
Packing: Package

Quantity	Subject	asset statement
1	American hand camera	As 420225
11	American aircraft camera (4 x 5 inches) In the camera there is a film not yet spread out probably already exposed.	Type K 20

The camera had been salvaged from an enemy plane shot down afloat during a raid on Vienna on February 7, 1945
Type: Fortress B 17 or Liberator B 24

The camera had been handed over by the police station 162 at Vienna to the airfield Aspern and from there taken over by the air district command XVII, chief - section I (photo) and transferred to the above mentioned station for purpose of further investigation.

Note: 15 photographs showing red framed formations of Liberators above the clouds a. s. o.

/s/ Kleinschmitt

Technical administrator.

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FORM 1

K S U 2799

Restricted.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airfield - H.Q. A (O) 4/XVII**
 PLACE: **Vienna - Aspern**
 DATE: **February 7, 1944**
 CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Unknown**
 REGARDING: EM. LANDING: AT: **In the area of Vienna on February 7, 1944 at 14.00**
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Kobliska**
 FIRST NAME: **Andrew Jr. Rank unknown**
 SERIAL NUMBER: (C/A) **32660799 T 43 - 44 AB**
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Dead when taken from plane**
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported later**

Distribution: **Dulag - Luft - Oberursel near Frankfurt / Main.**

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ME 2799
 NE 206 A

USA

	<u>Rank:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>A.S.N.:</u>
On: <u>Febr. - 7 - 45</u> at noon			
Place: Area VIENNA	2nd LT	BURE Darrell	KIA
Type: LIBERATOR	2nd LT	PACER ² Hector	KIA
725 th (H.B.) Sqd	2nd LT	NETTELTON Gren	PDD
451 st Group	2nd LT	STEDMAN Robert	PDD missed
Airbase: Castelluccio	Sgt	CROW James	KIA missed
Airbase H.Q. A (o) 4 / XVII	Cpl	GROBLEWSKI ^{AS} Benjamin Gordon	missed
	Cpl	HATCH Jessy	PDD
	Cpl	HANNA Thomas	KIA missed
	Cpl	CORIGAN Marcia	PDD missed
	Cpl	KOBLISKA Andrew	KIA missed

*MACR 12090
 10 In Crew
 1 EUS
 5 KIA
 4 PDD*

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