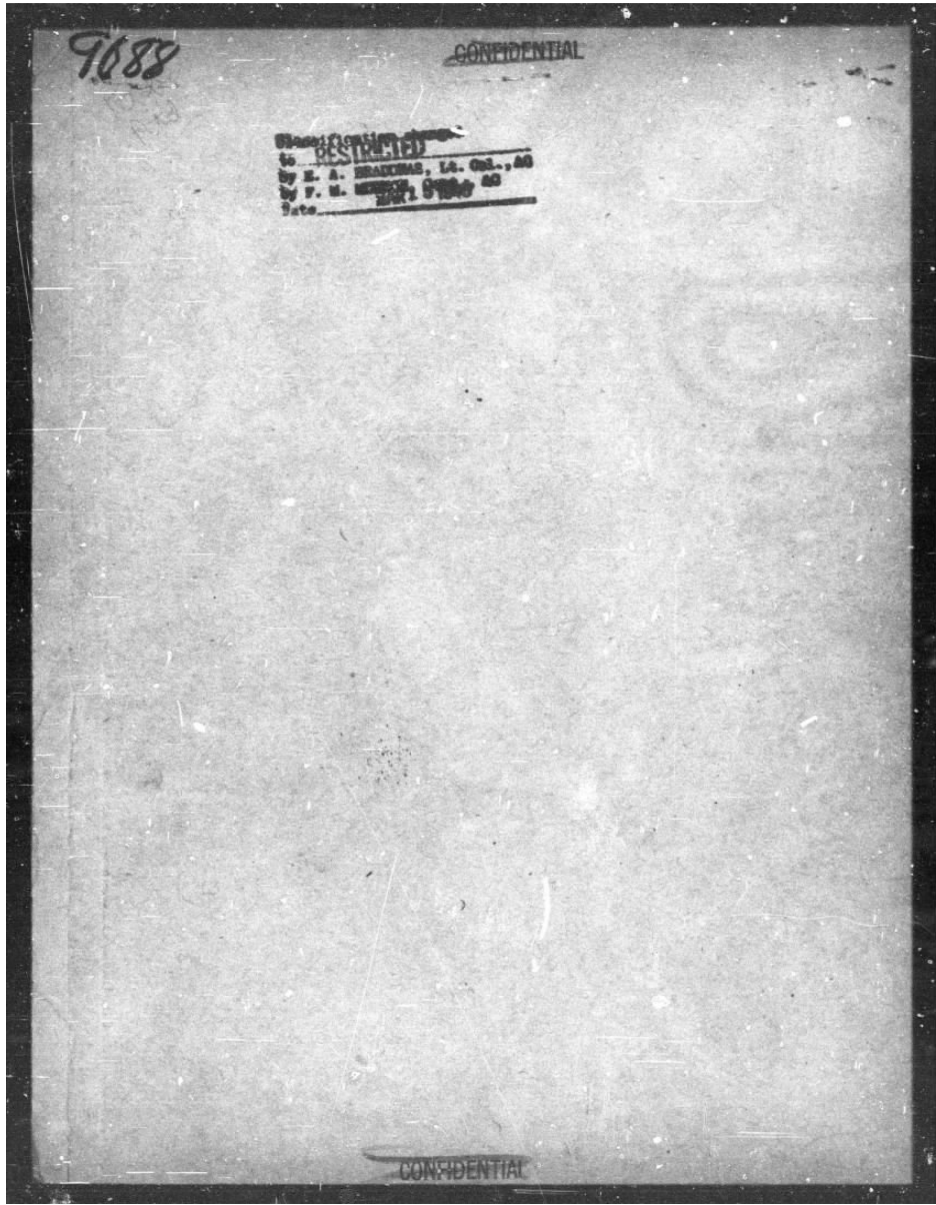


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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Castelluccio, Italy Command or Air Force 10th Air Force
Group 451st Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 727th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Castelluccio, Italy Course (See Reverse)
Target Vienna, Austria Type of mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU

4. GIVE: (a) Date 13 Oct 1944 Time 1240 Last known position Vienna, Austria
(b) Specify whether: () Last sighted, () Forced down, () Seen to crash, () Last contacted by radio, () No information, (x) seen to explode

5. AIRCRAFT (LOST) (CHECK ONE) 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 44-41056

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT Wessie

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1870-65 A AAF Serial Number (a) BP-440538
(b) BP-440527 (c) BP-440783 (d) BP-440975

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.)
(a) Brown Cal 50 1203424 (c) Brown Cal 50 1203347 (f) Brown Cal 50 1638461
(b) " " " 1203733 (i) " " " 1203384 (j) " " " 1203454
(d) " " " 1640240 (g) " " " 1203650 (k) " " " 1204039 (h) " " " 1203701 (l)

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (x) Battle Casualty, () Non-Battle Casualty.

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers 0; Total 11
(If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet.)

CREW POSITION	FULL NAME (Last, first, initial)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN AND ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP
(1) Pilot	<u>Brewer, Homer T.</u>			<u>MIA</u>	<u>Lenore M. Brewer, wife, c/o R.T.</u>	
	<u>1st Lt., O-797463</u>				<u>A. L. Brewer, Tallapoosa, Ga.</u>	
(2) Co-pilot	<u>Weeks, Benjamin E., III</u>			<u>MIA</u>	<u>Benjamin Weeks, Jr., Father,</u>	
	<u>2nd Lt., O-1540351</u>				<u>72-36 112 St., Forest Hills, L.I.</u>	
(3) Navigator	<u>Henschel, Harold C.</u>			<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mary E. Henschel, Mother, 134</u>	
	<u>1st Lt., O-722313</u>				<u>Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.</u>	
(4) Bombardier	<u>Brennan, Thomas G.</u>			<u>MIA</u>	<u>Mary B. Brennan, Mother, 331</u>	
	<u>1st Lt., O-723772</u>				<u>Ocean Ave., Jersey City, N.J.</u>	
(5) Upper turret	<u>Rozar, James P.</u>			<u>MIA</u>	<u>Emma Grace Rozar, wife, 1450</u>	
	<u>S/Sgt., 34544012</u>				<u>S.W. 4th St., Miami, Fla.</u>	
(6) Lower turret	<u>Monaco, Eugene S.</u>			<u>MIA</u>	<u>Lucy Monaco, Mother, 530 Division</u>	
	<u>S/Sgt., 13187998</u>				<u>St., New Castle, Pa.</u>	
(7) Right waist	<u>Kopiasz, Stanley F.</u>			<u>MIA</u>	<u>Apolonia Kopiasz, Mother, 103</u>	
	<u>S/Sgt., 12139263</u>				<u>Onelia St., Buffalo, N.Y.</u>	
(8) Left waist	<u>Paada, Joseph J.</u>			<u>MIA</u>	<u>Margaret Paada, Mother, 700</u>	
	<u>S/Sgt., 33804218</u>				<u>Seybert St., Hazelton, Pa.</u>	
(9) Tail gunner	<u>Klopfenstein, Victor P.</u>			<u>MIA</u>	<u>Anna Klopfenstein, Mother,</u>	
	<u>S/Sgt., 35296165</u>				<u>R.R. #2, West Unity, Ohio</u>	
(10) Nose gunner	<u>Brooks, Frank M.</u>			<u>MIA</u>	<u>Goldie Mae Trippett Brooks, Mother,</u>	
	<u>S/Sgt., 15394518</u>				<u>607 State St., Fairmont, W. Va.</u>	
(11) Photographer	<u>Longbrake, Clarence W.</u>			<u>MIA</u>	<u>Marguerite P. Longbrake, Mother,</u>	
	<u>S/Sgt., 35622212</u>				<u>South Charleston, Ohio</u>	

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.	BY RADIO	CONTACTED LAST	SAW	FORCED	SAW
(1) <u>Walter F. Oakes, Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-736711</u>					<u>seen to explode</u>
(2)							
(3)							

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): NO parachutes seen.

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. None made

2 Inclosures.
Incl 1 - statement, Date 16 Oct 1944
Incl 2 - sketch.

Jack Bernstein
Signature of reporting officer
JACK BERNSTEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Executive.

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451ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
A.P.O. 520, U. S. Army

16 October 1944

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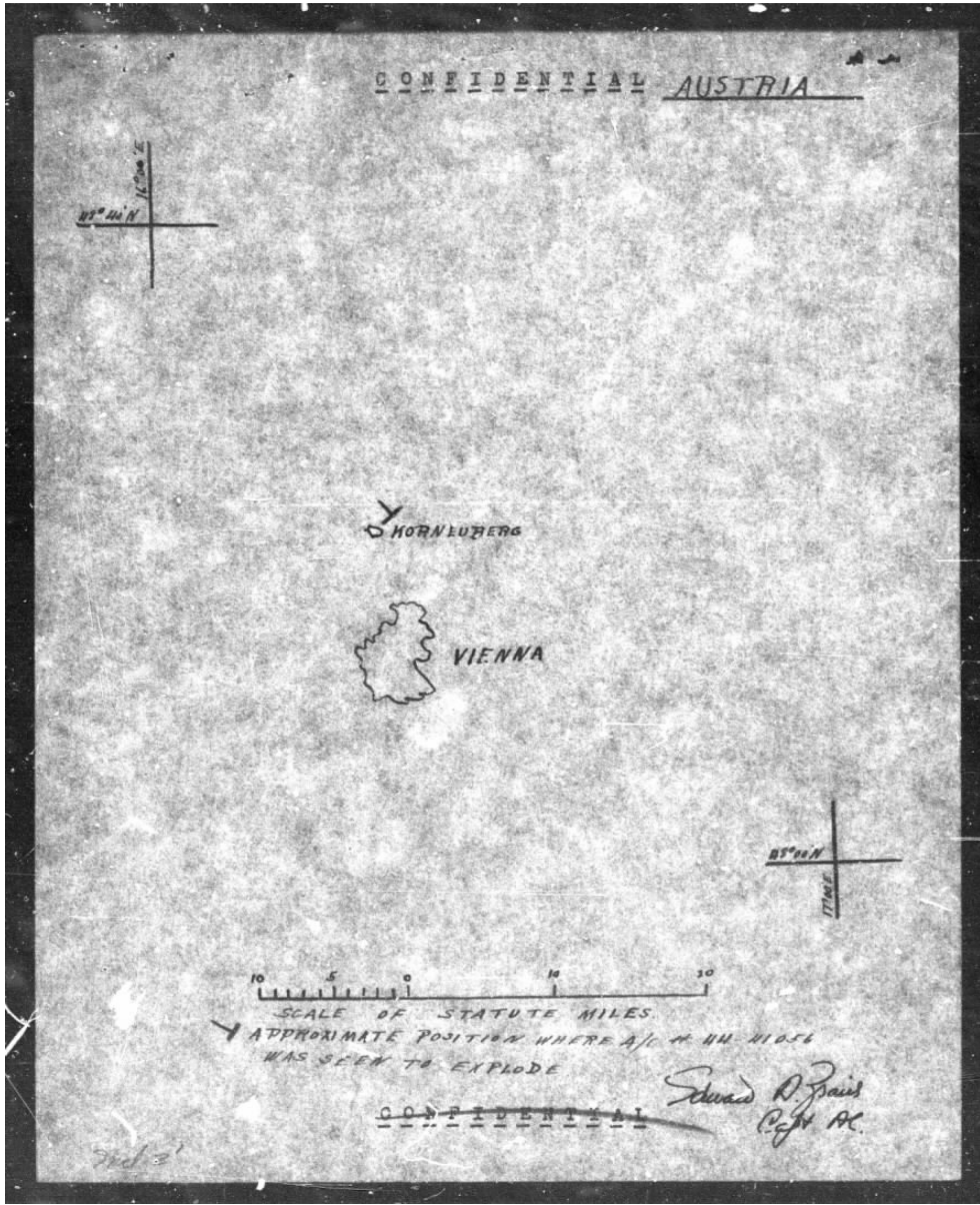
On 13 October 1944 I was flying on an operational mission against Vienna, Austria. Leading the flight in which I flew was A/C # 44-41056, with Lieutenant Brewer as pilot. Just as bombs were about to be dropped, and while we were over the city of Vienna, his aircraft received a direct hit in the bomb-bay and exploded. No chutes were reported.

Walter F. Oakes, Jr.
WALTER F. OAKES, JR.,
2nd Lt., O-736711,
pilot.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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1st Lt. Russ T. Brewer	Mrs. Lenora M. Brewer, (Wife) c/o A. L. Brewer, Tallapoosa, Georgia.
1st Lt. Harold G. Henschel	Mrs. Mary Evangelina Henschel, (Mother) 134 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.
1st Lt. Thomas G. Brennan	Mrs. Marie Brennan, (Mother) 311 Ocean Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.
2nd Lt. Benjamin E. Weeks, III	Mr. Benjamin E. Weeks, (Father) 72-36 112 Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York.
S/Sgt. James P. Foster	Mrs. Essie Grace Foster, (Wife) 1450 Southwest Fourth Street, Miami, Florida.
S/Sgt. Eugene S. Hancock	Mrs. Lucy Hancock, (Mother) 530 Davison Street, New Castle, Pennsylvania.
S/Sgt. Stanley F. Kopianski	Mr. Joseph F. Kopianski, (Father) 103 Onida Street, Buffalo, New York.
S/Sgt. Joseph J. Parda	Mrs. Margaret Parda, (Mother) 700 Saybert Street, Hamilton, Pennsylvania.
S/Sgt. Victor D. Klopfenstein	Mrs. Anna Klopfenstein, (Mother) Rural Route Number Two, West Unity, Ohio.
S/Sgt. Frank M. Brooks	Mrs. Goldie Mae T. Brooks, (Mother) 607 State Street, Fairmont, West Virginia.
S/Sgt. Clarence W. Longbrake	Mrs. Marguerite P. Longbrake, (Mother) South Charleston, Ohio.

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Date and Time Aircraft was shot down: 13 October 1944 at 1210
 Place of crash: S. of Andau
 Type of Aircraft: Liberator
 Reporting Office: Airbase Headquarters: Parndorf.

Name	Rank	Serial Number	capt'd wounded dead	Place of Internment
BREWER Homer Thompson	1st Lt	O-797453	captured	Dulag Luft West
WEEKS Benjamin E.	1st Lt	O-1540351	"	did
HENSCHEL Harold Cornelius	1st Lt	O-722313	"	did
BRENNAN Thomas George 1921 N.J.	1st Lt	O-723772	"	did
PASDA Joseph John	T/Sgt	33604218	"	did
KOPIASZ Stanley Felix	T/Sgt	12139263	"	did
BROOKS Frank Martin 2 Apr. 24 Pa. ment, W. Va.	S/Sgt	15399518	"	did
POZAR James Pitner	S/Sgt	34544012	"	did
KLOPFENSTEIN Victor Dee	S/Sgt		"	did
LONGBRAKE Clarence Wilbert 15 Sept. 23 Stockport, Ohio	S/Sgt	35622212	"	did
<u>Forming No. ME 2244</u>				
			I. Supplement dated 13 November 1944	
NONACO Eugene Salcator 5 Nov. 25 Pa.	S/Sgt	13187998	"	did
Dulag Luft, 6 November 1944				

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DATE: 13 Oct. 1944 at 1210
PLACE: 2 km South of Aachen
TYPE: Liberator
727th (H.P.)Sqd.
461st Grp. 49th Wing
TARGET: HQ of airfield Paradorf

U S A ME 2244

1st Lt.	BRUCHER, Homer Thompson	0-797455	✓
2nd Lt.	WEEKS, Benjamin E. III	0-1540381	✓
1st Lt.	HENNINGER, Harold Carmon	0-722313	✓
"	BRIDGEMAN, Thomas George	0-723772	✓
2/Sgt.	PASDA, Joseph John	33304216	✓
"	KSPIACK, Stanley Felix	12139265	✓
3/Sgt.	BROCKE, Frank Martin	15394518	✓
"	ROZAR, James Pinner	24044012	✓
"	KLOPFENSTEIN, Victor Dec	35266153	✓
"	MONAGG, Eugene Salvator	13187998	✓
"	LONGBRANE, Clarence Wilbert	35622212	✓

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Casualty Branch, AGO		DATE	
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN SECTION 9, MISSING PERSONS ACT, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE ACCEPTED AS AN OFFICIAL REPORT OF DEATH AND THAT A CASUALTY REPORT BE INITIATED SHOWING THE DEATH OF THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED HEREIN:			
GRADE AND NAME		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE
TYPE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	
CAUSE OF DEATH		EXTRA PAY STATUS	
CHECK THOSE APPLICABLE			
<input type="checkbox"/> LINE OF DUTY		<input type="checkbox"/> RESULT OF OWN MISCONDUCT	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN PAY STATUS		<input type="checkbox"/> IN DUTY STATUS	
PRIOR STATUS	DATE	PLACE	MESSAGE NUMBER
SOURCE OF INFORMATION			
REMARKS			
EVIDENCE OF DEATH RECEIVED IN WAR DEPARTMENT			
ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON SYSTEMS:			
TELEGRAM. MACHINE LETTER SD-1 WILL BE USED _____			
TELEGRAM. SPECIAL DRAFT OF CONFIRMING LETTER WILL BE SENT TO APPROPRIATE LETTER SUB-SECTION _____			
DO NOT SEND TELEGRAM. ROUTE TO SR AND D, ROOM 4602 _____			
Officer in Charge, Status Review and Determination Section.			
APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:			
Chief, Casualty Branch, AGO			

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Meldung über den Abschuss eines
 US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuss-Nr. 11-2244

Abschusstag und Zeit: 13.10.44 - 12.10 -
 Abschussort: S Andau
 Flugzeugtyp: Liberator
 Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. H. Ktr. Parndorf

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef. verw. tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
BREWER Homer Thompson	1. Lt.	O-797453	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
WEEKS Benjamin F.	1. Lt.	O-1540351	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
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DGLAG-LUFT, den 6.11.44
 W.G.