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Serial Number: 42-51714

Report Number: 10688

Location: Oswiecim, Poland

Point Of
Departure: Giulia #1, Cerignola, Italy

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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- ORGANIZATION: Location Giulia #1, Cerignola, Italy Command or Air Force 15th
Group 459th Bombardment (HV) Squadron 757th Bombardment
- SPECIFY: Place of departure Giulia #1, Cerignola, Italy Course 5002°N, 1912°E
Target Oswiecim, Poland Type of mission Heavy Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear. Visibility approximately 20 Miles over target.
- GIVE: (a) Date 18 December 44 Time 1216 Last known position Oswiecim, Poland
(b) Specify whether: (X) Last sighted, () Forced down, () Seen to crash,
() Last contacted by radio, () No information.
- AIRCRAFT (LOST) (BELIEVED LOST) AS A RESULT OF: (Check one only)
() Enemy aircraft, () Enemy anti-aircraft, (X) Other Engine failure
- AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24J AAF Serial Number 42-51714
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT California Rocket on Left Side, "POP" on right side.
- ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-65 AAF Serial Number (a) 42-63353
(b) 42-39037 (c) CP - 327714 (d) CP - 327694
- INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Make, type and serial number.) All Browning Acft M-2, .50 cal.
(a) R. Waist 1547163 (e) R. Upper 1548804 (i) R. Tail 1548214
(b) L. Waist 1547102 (f) L. Upper 1548787 (j) L. Tail 1548573
(c) R. Nose 1034298 (g) R. Ball 135776 (k) _____
(d) L. Nose 1548245 (h) L. Ball 1548211 (l) _____
- PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty, () Non-Battle Casualty.
- 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, initial) RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP STATUS AND ADDRESS
ED(1) Pilot	BEIMBRINK, William J. 2nd Lt., O-715691	Mrs Mildred Beimbrink (Mother) 139-22, 87 Road, New York, N.Y.
ED(2) Co-Pilot	FELT, Spencer P. Jr. 2nd Lt., O-2059017	Mr Spencer C. Felt (Father) 115 Virginia St., Salt Lake City, Utah
ED(3) Navigator	DEJEWSKI, Thaddeus A. 2nd Lt., O-2064229	Mr. Stanley Dejewski (Father) 639 Atlantic St., Stamford, Conn.
ED(4) Bombardier	NELSON, Robert T. T/O T-123067	Mrs. Catherine Nelson (Mother) 219 Beaumont Dr., New Rochelle, N.Y.
ED(5) Eng.	WISICH, Edward J. Top Turret Opl. 39563564	Mrs. Barbara Sich (Mother) 1326 Campbell St., Youngstown, Ohio.
ED(6) Radio Oper.	VENABLE, Walter B. Opl. 14185196	Mrs Bobbie K. Venable (Wife) 313 N. Locust St., Florence, Alabama.
ED(7) Ball Turret	BLEHAR, Jack F. Pvt. 12238645	Mr. Theodore Blehar (Father) 236 State Park Ave., Salamanca, N.Y.
ED(8) Nose Turret	DALLAS, Clarence A. Jr. Opl. 19124917	Mrs Virginia J. Dallas (Wife) 4471 Oliver St., St Louis, Mo.
ED(9) Tail Turret	MC CUTTIE, William J. Jr. Opl 12228486	Mrs Loretta McCuttie (Mother) 2587 45th St., Astoria, L.I. N.Y.
ED(10) Left Waist	RACINE, Bernard C. Opl 11098611	Mrs Fleu Ange Racine (Wife) 292 Pratt Rd., Fitchburg, Mass.

(11)

(12)

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 LAST		
			BY RADIO	SAW SIGHTED	SAW FORCED CRASH LANDING
(1) HUTTON, Don C.	2nd Lt.,	O-826973		X	
(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.
(X) Other reasons (specify) Aircraft last sighted was flying at reasonable altitude

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

- 2 Inclosures.

Incl -1 Statement of Date 21 December 1944
circumstances (Lt Hutton) **CONFIDENTIAL**

Incl -2 Map overlay of position last sighted.

Signature of Reporting Officer
HOWARD G. ROSETO,
Capt., A
Adjutant.

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S T A T E M E N T

21 December 1944

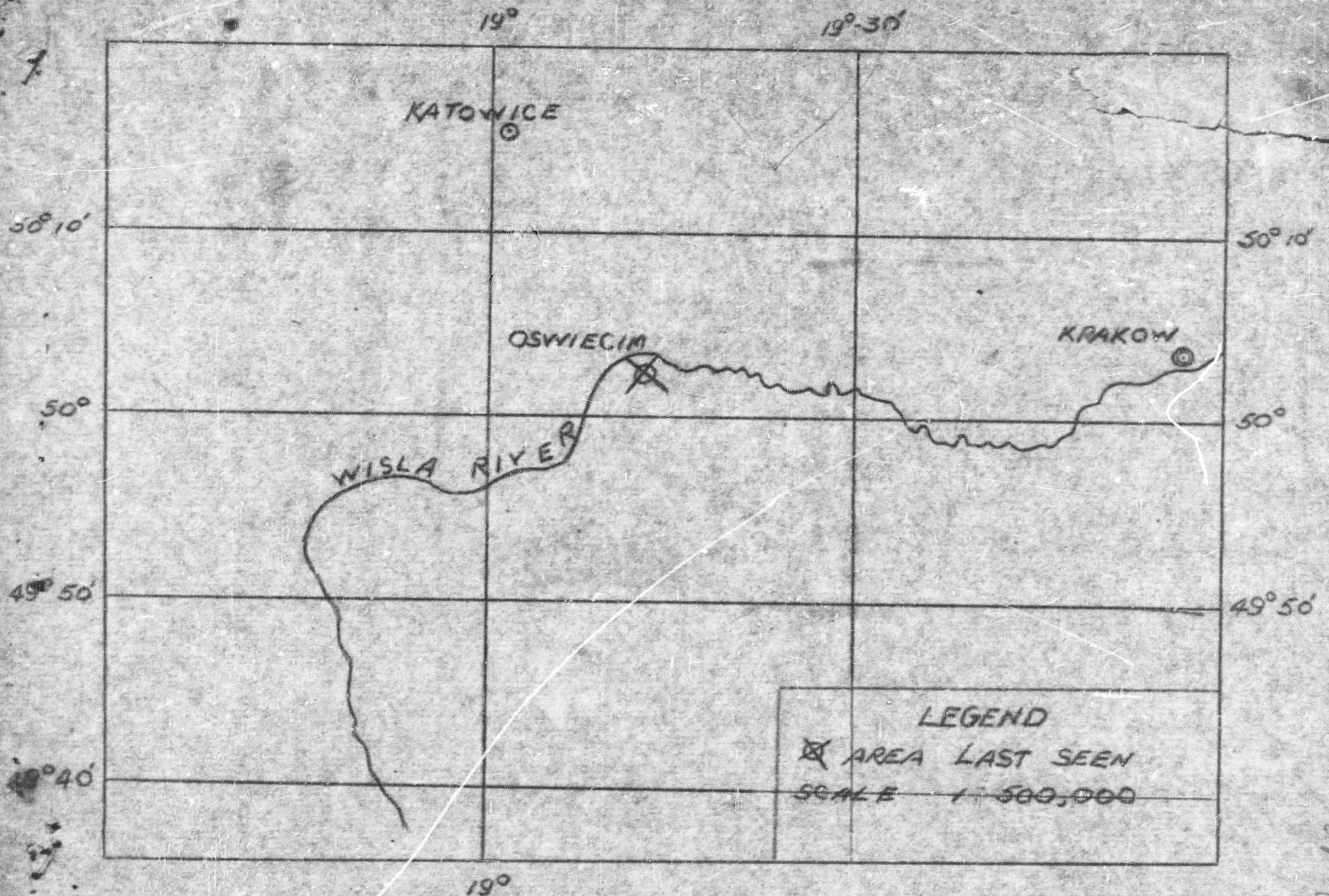
On the 18 December 1944, we departed Giulia Fld, Cerignola, Italy on a Heavy Bombardment mission to Oskoswiscin, Poland. The weather was clear with visibility 15 to 20 miles. We were flying in E-4 position and Lt. Beimbrink and his crew in aircraft 42-51714 was flying in E-5 position on our right side. As we passed over the target we noticed that number 4 engine on Lt Beimbrink's aircraft was smoking slightly although it seemed to be running smoothly. The flak over the target was intense and at this time Lt Beimbrink left the formation and that was the last we saw of him.

Don C. Hutton
DON C. HUTTON,
2nd Lt., AC

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2nd Lt. Spencer P. Felt Jr.

Mr. Spencer P. Felt, (Father) ✓
115 Virginia Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

2nd Lt. Shannon A. Rajewski

Mr. Stanley T. Rajewski, (Father) ✓
679 Atlantic Street,
Stamford, Connecticut.

371 2nd Lt. William J. Reibrink

Mr. William A. Reibrink, (Father) ✓
139-22 67th Road,
Jamaica Long Island, New York.

P/O Robert T. Nelson

Mrs. Catherine R. Nelson, (Mother) ✓
215 Woodmont Drive,
New Rochelle, New York.

Cpl. Edward J. Ratz

Mrs. Barbara Sini, (Mother) ✓
1326 Campbell Street,
Trenton, Ohio.

Cpl. Walter E. Venable

Mrs. Bobbie E. Venable, (Wife) ✓
213 North Locust Street,
Florence, Alabama.

Cpl. Bernard U. Reelax

Mrs. Floss Ange Reelax, (Wife) ✓
232 Pratt Road,
Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Cpl. William J. McQuinn Jr.

Mr. William J. McQuinn Sr., (Father) ✓
2587 45th Street,
Astoria, New York.

Cpl. Clarence A. Dallas Jr.

Mrs. Virginia J. Dallas, (Wife) ✓
4472 Olive Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Pvt. Jack F. Blahar

Mr. Theodor Blahar, (Father) ✓
236 Gate Park,
Salamonca, New York.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BEIMBRINK, William J.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-715691

Position: Crew (Bomber) on Flight (Fighter):

Pilot

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN TO ME.

Where?

If not, why not?

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

CREW TO BAIL OUT.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: Co-pilot was supposed to have seen
Lt. Beimbrink ENTERING Bomb Bay. From FLIGHT DECK
PREPARING TO BAIL OUT

Source: Lt. Spencer P. Felt. Co-PILOT

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I BELIEVE
EITHER HIS chute FAILED TO OPEN OR THAT HE WAS
SHOT OR KILLED WHEN HE HIT THE ground. HE COULD
HAVE BEEN KILLED BY HOSTILE CIVILIANS OR THE
ENEMY.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5.

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BLEHAR, Jack F.

Rank:

Pvt.

Serial number:

12238645

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~:

Bail Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES.

Where? ~~AT~~ MIDWAY BETWE PT 15 M E. OF NOWY TARG POLAND.

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? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

MAN RETURNED TO THE U.S. WITH ME.

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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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Nelson, Robert T. Rank F/O Serial No. T-122067
2nd Lt. 0-933391
2. Organization 459^E Gp Commander _____ Rank Col. Sqn CO Christie Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 18 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, OSWIECIEM, POLAND, target
time, APP. 1115, altitude, APP. 24,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Bomb. Run. south of Target
6. Did you bail out? yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes.
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". NAVIGATOR + MYSELF.
BAILED OUT NOSE HATCH. I DID NOT SEE REST OF CREW
LEAVE AIRCRAFT.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Pt. APPROXIMATELY 15mi E. OF HOWY TARG, POLAND
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should
cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
cribed above? _____

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you
have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

FORMERLY:

1. Your name MR. WM. MC CUTTIE Rank CPL Serial No. 12228486
2. Organization AAF(15) Co Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month DEC. day 18 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Oil, target, NEAR OSWECIEM, target
time, APPROX. 12:30, altitude, ? route scheduled, ?
route flown ?
5. Where were you when you left formation? JUST BEFORE BOMB RUN.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
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". ALL BAILED OUT WITHIN TWENTY SECONDS OF EACH OTHER - PARATROOPER STYLE, EXCEPT FOR PILOT & COPILOT WHO WERE LAST TO LEAVE SHIP.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? VICINITY OF COMMUNITZA, NEAR NOWY SACE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) _____
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

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ALL POLISH NAMES HERE ARE NOT SPELLED CORRECTLY
BUT ACCORDING TO THEIR PRONUNCIATION.

(9) VICINITY OF COMMUNITZA, NEAR NOWY SĄCZ,
SOUTHERN POLAND (NEAR BORDER)

(10) NONE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN SHIP.

(11) —

(12) —

(13) SAW PILOT - JUST BEFORE TAKE OFF - A LITTLE
TIRED.

(HE HAD FLOWN ABOUT 5 CONSECUTIVE MISSIONS)

(14) —

WE BAILED OUT. I WAS EIGHTH. ONLY PILOT &
CO-PILOT REMAINED. ON DESCENDING I SAW TWO CHUTES
ABOVE ME - WHICH COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN THE NINTH
& TENTH MEMBERS OF CREW. PILOT TRIMMED SHIP
& STOOD ON CATWALK WITH COPILOT, PREPARING TO
BAIL OUT. WENT BACK TO FLIGHT DECK FOR A MINUTE
THEN RETURNED TO COPILOT. MOTIONED TO COPILOT TO
JUMP & THAT HE WAS READY TO FOLLOW. THIS WAS THE
LAST ANYONE SAW HIM.

POLISH PARTISANS FOUND PLANE, RECOVERED SMALL FLYING
EQUIPMENT. CLAIMED TO HAVE DISMANTLED PLANE & HID IT,
AND TO HAVE CHOPPED AWAY TREES WHERE AIRCRAFT
STRUCK TO CONFUSE NAZIS. THEY ~~SAID~~ SAID NO ONE

~~WAS~~ WAS IN PLANE. THEY ALSO RETURNED IMPORTANT
PAPERS & MAPS, SLIGHTLY CHARRED - WHICH WE BURNED.

THE NAVIGATOR, TAD DEJEWSKI OF STAMFORD, CONN.
SPOKE GOOD POLISH. THEREFORE THERE WERE NO
MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN ANY CONVERSATIONS. THE LEADER
OF THE POLISH PARTISANS ONCE CAME IN AND TOLD US

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CON'T.

THAT ONE OF THEIR MEN WAS MACHINE GUNNED AND SHOT THRU THE HEAD BY THE NAZIS. THIS MAN, AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, WAS WEARING A B-10 JACKET (IT WAS MINE - AN EXTRA ONE I HAD IN THE PLANE - WHICH HE EVIDENTLY FOUND AND WORE). THIS INCIDENT MAY INDICATE THAT THE NAZIS WERE TOLD TO SHOOT ON SIGHT. PILOT MAY HAVE MET THIS SAME FATE.

RUMORS CAME BACK THAT AN AIRMAN WITH A BROKEN ANKLE WAS SHOT BY GERMANS. WE HEARD ABOUT THREE DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THIS STORY BUT GAVE IT NO CREDIT AT THE TIME.

ALSO HEARD MANY STORIES OF AN AMERICAN AIRMAN BEING SHOT BY THE RUSSIANS. BECAUSE OF THE HATE BETWEEN THE POLES AND RUSSIANS WE DIDN'T BELIEVE THESE STORIES EITHER. HOWEVER - A RUSSIAN PARTISAN, AND ABOVE ALL A DRUNKEN ONE (AS THEY GENERALLY WERE) IS VERY CAPABLE OF SHOOTING ANYONE, FRIEND OR FOE. AND IN THE CASE OF DOUBT, AS IN THIS CASE HE WOULD SHOOT TO KILL.

THERE WERE MANY "CONFIDANTS" IN THIS AREA. THE PILOT MAY HAVE BEEN BETRAYED BY ONE, OR KILLED.

TRACE "LAMPART" OR "THE JAGUAR OF THE HILLS". HE WAS THE LEADER OF THE POLISH PARTISANS IN THIS AREA. HE IS VERY CLEVER AND KNOWS MUCH. ALSO TRACE "DUDEK". HE WAS A MERCHANT - HE SOLD CIGARETTES ETC. TO NAZIS. HE MAY KNOW SOMETHING. ALSO TRACE "LUDWIG MARCINAK" WHO SAVED ME FROM JERRIES.

IF A SEARCH IS MADE I OFFER TO RETURN TO THE SCENE AND BE OF WHATEVER USE I CAN. [I AM ON VACATION AUGUST (whole month)]. PLEASE NOTIFY ME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS GREAT WORK.

Wm. Mc Cutler

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BEIMBRINK, William J.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-715691
Position: Crsw (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Eighteen)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? BELIEVED TO. NO BODIES FOUND IN PLANE
Where? VICINITY OF "COMMUNITA" NEAR NOWY SĄCZ, SOUTHERN POLAND
If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE SAID "LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE EATING CAVIAR TONIGHT" OVER THE INTERPHONE. THEN "BAIL OUT - GOOD LUCK" HE WAS VERY CALM.

Was he injured? NO.

Where was he when last seen? ON CATWALK OF BOMB-BAY PREPARING TO BAIL OUT

Any hearsay information ① NAZIS SHOT AIRMAN WITH BROKEN ANKLE.

② RUSSIANS SHOT AMERICAN AIRMAN.

Source: POLISH PARTISANS

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

- ① MAY HAVE BEEN SHOT ON SIGHT BY NAZIS.
② " " " " " " " " RUSSIAN PARTISANS.
③ " " " BETRAYED TO NAZIS BY "CONFIDANT" OR KILLED.
④ " " " EXECUTED BY NAZIS.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN. NO KNOWLEDGE.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BLEHAR, Jack F.

Rank:

Pvt.

Serial number:

12238645

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR ME IN SOUTHERN POLAND

If not, why not? -

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

"GO AHEAD JACK"

Was he injured? NO.

Where was he when last seen? ATLANTIC CITY N.J.

Any hearsay information: HEARD HE WAS GETTING

DISCHARGED.

Source: CLARENCE DALLAS CREW MEMBER NOSE GUNNER (IN A LETTER)

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

MAY HAVE DRUNK HIMSELF INTO OBLIVION.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: SALAMANCA, BUFFALO N.Y.

DATES NOT POSSIBLE (B.O.)

Jack Blehar is NOT M.I.A. - HE RETURNED WITH MYSELF & THE SEVEN OTHER SURVIVORS OF CREW. PLEASE EXCUSE MY LITTLE JOKE.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BEIMARINK, William J.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-715691
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Eighteen)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? FEW MILES SOUTH CRACOW, POLAND IN MOUNTAINS

If not, why not? _____

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

CONTACT WAS HIS ORDER TO BAIL-OUT.

Was he injured? HE WASN'T SEEN AFTER HE ORDERED US TO BAIL OUT.

Where was he when last seen? STANDING IN BOMB-BAY

Any hearsay information: HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE LANDED IN A

CAMP OF RUSSIAN PARTISANS AND SHOT AS SOON AS HE LANDED.

THIS STORY WAS HEARD FROM TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE AT

DIFFERENT TIMES.

Source: POW POLISH PARTISANS

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

OF THE PLANE WAS SEARCHED FOR HIM AND SCOUTS OF THE

POLISH PARTISANS LOOKED FOR HIM ALL THE WAY TO YUGOSLOVIA.

THE REPORT OF HIS DEATH WAS THE ONLY INFORMATION WE

RECEIVED ABOUT HIM.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT SEVEN

Dates and destinations if possible: DON'T REMEMBER. LAST MISSION ON

DEC. 18, 1944 OVER AUSWEIGHAN, POLAND.

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Name of crew member:

BLEHAR, Jack F.

Rank:

Pvt.

Serial number:

12238645

Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~:

Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? FEW MILES SOUTH OF GRACIA, ISLAND

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?

Any hearsay information: THIS MAN RETURNED WITH THE REST

OF US TO THE U.S. ON APRIL 10, 1945. LT. BEIMBRINK WAS

THE ONLY CREW MEMBER STILL MISSING.

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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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name VENABLE, WALTER B. Rank SGT Serial No. 14125196
2. Organization 459th B.Gp Commander MADNEY Rank COL Sqn CO Ed. Rank LT COL.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month DEC. day 18 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, DSW-6MM POLAND, target, OIL REFINERY, target
time, 12:30, altitude, 19,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? A FEW MILES FROM TARGET.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
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". _____

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? IN MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF CRACOW, POLAND
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

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Name of crew member:

BEINBRINK, William J.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-715691

Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~:

Pilot

Did he bail out?

Unknown - was not in plane when found. Was in Bombay, injured, & not prepared to bail out when I left.

Where?

near Caspethian Mts. - Poland

If not, why not?

✓

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

He gave orders to bail; then when crew had gone, he gave me the bail-out signal. I waited in Bombay for him. When he was prepared, I left.

Was he injured?

No

Where was he when last seen?

Bombay

Any hearsay information:

Rumors that he was shot by mistake by Russian partisans, but I don't believe it.

Source:

Polish people

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

It is my belief that his parachute did not open.

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Seven

Dates and destinations if possible:

Mission No. 6 - 17-Dec.-44 - Odessa,
Mission No. 7 - 18-Dec.-44 - Auschwitz, Poland

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Name of crew member:

BLEHAR, Jack F.

Rank:

Pvt.

Serial number:

12238645

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight or Fight~~:

Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes. He returned to the United States

Where? with the rest of the crew on 9-April-45.

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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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Spencer P. Felt, Jr. Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. 0-2059017
2. Organization 459th Gp Commander Rank Col. Sen CO Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month December day 18 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Assewicz, Poland, target
time, 12:45 P.M., altitude, 24,400 ft. route scheduled, Italy to Poland
via Vienna, route flown Italy to Poland - via Vienna
5. Where were you when you left formation? just short of target
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes
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". All members bailed out over low Carpathian Mts. in Southeast Krakow, Poland. Bailed out from regular exits, B-24, at approximately 13:15, 19-Dec.-44.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In some vicinity as bailed out
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) According to reports of Polish Underground who located plane, these were in plane.
11. Where were they in aircraft? ✓
12. What was their condition? ✓
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Lt. Beinbrink after setting up C-1, joined me in bombing after all crew members except me had bailed out. He was injured and appeared to be exceptionally calm.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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File # 10682

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BEIMBRINK, William J.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-715691

Position: Crew (Bomber) on ~~Flight (Fighter)~~:

Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OCHOTNICA, POLAND — 40 MILES SE OF CRACOW APP BEARING 145°

If not, why not?

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

INTERPHONE CONVERSATION JUST BEFORE BAIL-OUT

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? AROUND OCHOTNICA

Any hearsay information: THAT BEIMBRINK BROKE HIS LEG

UPON LANDING AND ALSO THAT HE WAS SHOT

Source: POLISH PARTISANS

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

RUSSIAN PARTISANS IN AREA OF BAIL-OUT — BEIMBRINK

MIGHT HAVE SPOKEN IN GERMAN, KNOWING THAT WE

WERE IN GERMAN OCCUPIED TERRITORY

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: 18 DECEMBER 1944

OSWIECIM, POLAND

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File #10686

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BLEHAR, Jack F.

Rank:

Pvt.

Serial number:

12238645

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Eighteen)~~:

Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? _____

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: _____

PVT. BLEHAR EVADED CAPTURE AND
RETURNED TO UNITED STATES WITH ALL
OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW.

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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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name THADDEUS A. DEJEWSKI Rank 2nd LT. Serial No. 0-204229
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month DECEMBER day 18 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, OSWIECIM, POLAND, target time, 12:15, altitude, 24,500 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? _____
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
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". ALL OTHER CREW MEMBERS BAILED OUT SAFELY EXCEPT CPL. WALTER VENABLE WHO TORE UP CARTILAGE AND TENDONS OF HIS LEFT KNEE WHEN PARACHUTE OPENED
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? IN THE GORCE MTS. NEAR OUCHNICA, POLAND
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NOBODY
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL CREW MEMBERS EXCEPT LT. BEIMBRINK CAME BACK WITH ME TO THE UNITED STATES
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. THROUGH HEARSAY - SIX MEMBERS OF A.A.F. (CREW UNKNOWN) BURIED IN WIELICZKA, POLAND - 15 MILES EAST OF CRACOW THROUGH HEARSAY, ANOTHER AIRFORCE MEMBER WAS BURIED IN A SMALL VILLAGE (UNKNOWN) ON THE ROAD FROM OUCHNICA TO BOCHNIA - NATIVES CLAIM HIS CHUTE NEVER OPENED

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IN THE OCHOTNICA AREA A WELL KNOWN PARTISAN
CAPTAIN (LAMPART, A PSEUDONYM) KEPT ALL RECORDS
OF DISASTERS IN THE AREA