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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

by WADSWORTH, Lt. Col., AO
WADSWORTH, Capt., AO
Date MAR 15 1946

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Decimomannu, Sardinia; Command or Air Force 12th AF Group 320 Bomb (M); Squadron 441 Bomb (M); Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Decimomannu; Course See back of report
Intended Destination Aquino, Italy-Decimomannu Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
6/10 Visibility
4. GIVE: (a) Date 16-3-44; Time 11:12; and Location 41°28'N, 13°46'E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () last Sighted: () Last Contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down: () Seen to Crash: or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as Follows: Aircraft in right engine. Right wing was afire. Seven (7) chutes were seen to open.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series: B-26B45; AAF Serial No 42-95790
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series: R-2800-43; AAF Serial No (a) R-42-060014
(b) L-42-263129 (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 9 MG Cal. 50.
(a) 632295; (b) 91151; (c) 253616; (d) 402276
(e) 402133; (f) 405952; (g) 1076461; (h) 259421 (i) 252466
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty battle casualty
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 8; Passengers _____;
Total 8

(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 12 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
8051. Pilot	* <u>Hendrix, Francis B</u>	2nd Lt	<u>067773</u> /
8052. Co-pilot	* <u>Schultz, Vernon C</u>	2nd Lt	<u>0752439</u> RTD (M.M.)
8053. Navigator	* <u>Halligan, Terance NMI</u> MIA	2nd Lt	<u>030065</u> /
8054. Bombardier <u>ME 890</u> • <u>RSV89</u>	* <u>Farmer, Radolph W</u>	2nd Lt	<u>076140</u> /
8055. Engineer-gunner	* <u>Lidicker, Neal W</u>	S/Sgt	<u>16049647</u> RTD (M.M.)
8056. Radio-Gunner	* <u>Gormanous, Mitchell NMI</u> /	S/Sgt	<u>38187303</u> RTD
8057. Tail gunner	* <u>Opiner, William G</u>	S/Sgt	<u>37501443</u> RTD
8058. Deputy Flt Commander	* <u>Rucker, Wilton T</u>	Capt	<u>0725798</u> /
9.			
10.			
11.			
12.			

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

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME;

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Check only one column		
				Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	2nd Lt	0737959			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used yes (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason. (Specify) Seven (7) parachutes were seen to open. 5th Army reports one man was seen to walk towards an enemy ambulance.
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, R.N.K., AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report 18 March 1944

2. Course: From base 67° T for 285 statute miles; 67° T for 16 statute miles; 347° T for 22 statute miles; Bomb run: 20 statute miles on axis of 300° NE; 115° T for 15 statute miles; 162 deg T for 26 statute miles; 247° T for 301 statute miles to base.

James R. Edwards
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JAMES R. EDWARDS
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

A TRUE COPY:

Lester H. Gorn
LESTER H. GORN,
Captain, Air Corps.



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

S T A T E M E N T

Aircraft No. 42-95790, piloted by Lt Hendrix, was seen to be hit by anti-aircraft fire. The right engine was hit, and caught afire. Soon the whole right wing appeared in flames, and seven (7) parachutes were seen to open. The airplane was seen to crash at approximately 41°28' N, 130°46'E, at 1112 hours, 16 March 1944.

/s/ William Cook

/t/ WILLIAM NMI COOK,
Captain, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer

A TRUE COPY:

Lester H. Gorn
LESTER H. GORN,
Captain, Air Corps.

41°30'

CASSINO

SCENE OF CRASH

41°20'

COPE CORP.

H. Gorn
P H GORN
CORP.

13040'

13050'

Map, No.
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A.R. Slaughter
Only 1 copy

441st BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M)
320th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
U S Army APO 650

16 April 1944.

S T A T E M E N T

The following is a statement surrounding the disappearance of S/Sgt William G Griner, 37501443, who has been missing in action since 16 March 1944:

"While participating in an operation mission over Aquino, Italy, 16 March 1944, airplane (B-26), in which S/Sgt Griner was Armorer Gunner, was hit by enemy flak over target north of Aquino, Italy. Seven (7) parachutes were seen to open and airplane crashed at 41° 28' N. - 13° 46' E., with one (1) passenger aboard."

/s/ W. P. Fay, Jr.

W. P. FAY, JR.,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY:

D. S. Jackson
D. S. JACKSON,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

1st Lt. Francis B. Hendrix

POW

Mrs. Phyllis G. Hendrix, (Wife)
Dawson, Minnesota.

1st Lt. Terrence Halligan

MIA

Mrs. James Halligan, (Mother)
181 Goodall Street,
Great Kills,
Staten Island, New York.

Capt. Wilton T. Rucker

POW

Mr. William H. Rucker, (Father)
Strawn, Texas.

2nd Lt. Rudolph W. Farmer

POW

Mr. R. H. Farmer, (Brother)
Thorpe, West Virginia.

2nd Lt. Vernon C. Schulz

POW

Mrs. Joann C. Schulz, (Wife)
158 West Foster Street,
Appleton, Wisconsin.

S/Sgt. William G. Griner

POW

Mr. William G. Griner, (Father)
Route Number Three,
Adrian, Missouri.

S/Sgt. Mitchell Germanus

POW

Mrs. Edith Germanus, (Wife)
Catahoula, Louisiana.

S/Sgt. Neal W. Lidicker

POW

Mrs. Ida Lidicker, (Mother)
1912 North Teutonia Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Harold Schmidt, (Sister)
145 West Beulah Avenue,
Waukesha, Wisconsin.

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AG 201-Griner, William G (EM) 2nd Ind
HQ, TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 11 July 44.
TO: CG, AAF, Washington, D. C.

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Attention is invited to inclosures hereto.

For the Commanding General:

PC-6884

- 15 Incls:
1 - MACR
2 - Ltr, Hq NATOUSA, 29 May 44
3 - Statement (Capt Fay)

D. S. Jackson
D. S. JACKSON,
Major, AGD, *et.c.*
Asst Adjutant General.

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AG 201-Oriner, William G (SM) 2nd Ind
NR, TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 11 July 44.
TO: CG, AAF, Washington, D. C.

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Attention is invited to inclosure hereto,

For the Commanding General:

D. S. JACKSON,
Major, AGO,
Asst Adjutant General.

3 Encls:

- 1 - MAGE
- 2 - Ltr, HQ MATOUSA, 29 May 44
- 3 - Statement (Capt Fay)

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 29, 1944

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SUBJECT: S/Sgt. William G. Griner, 37501443,
441 Bomb Sqdn., 320 Bomb Group (M),
First reported missing in action on
16 March 1944, now a prisoner of war.

TO : Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which the subject named was reported missing (in action) on the date shown first

2. A search of the records of this headquarters indicates that a Missing Air Crew Report, as required by A.G.O. letter, 23 May 1943, (AG 360.33 (5-21-43)OE-S-AF-M), has not been received to date in this case. It is requested that this report be forwarded with the least practicable delay.

For the Commanding General:

E. A. Bradunas
E. A. BRADUNAS,
Major, A. G. D.,
Chief, Casualty Branch,
AAF Personal Affairs Division.

AG 201 -Griner, William G. (EM) 1st Ind.
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 8 July 1944.

GP-1/500

TO: CG, Twelfth Air Force, APO 650.

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

For the Commanding General:

[Signature]
[Illegible text]

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. Organization: 320th Bomb Group (M), 441st Bomb Squadron (M) 12th Air Force
Location: Decimomannu, Sardinia
2. Point of Departure: Decimomannu-Aquina, Italy
Intended Destination: Aquina, Italy-Decimomannu, Sardinia
Type of Mission: Combat Course: See Attached sheet.
3. Weather conditions: 6/10 Visibility - 15 miles
4. Date: 16-3-44 Time: 11.12 Location: 41 deg, 28' N, 13 deg, 46' E. last sighted
5. Aircraft was lost, or is believed to have been lost as a result of: Aircraft was seen hit in right engine. Right wing was afire. Seven (7) chutes were seen to open.
6. Aircraft: Type, model and Series: B-26B45 AAF Serial number 42-95790
7. Engines: Type: R-2800-43 AAF Serial Number: H-42-060014
L-42-263129
8. Installed Weapons:

632295 MG-Cal.50	91151 MG Cal.50	253616	9 MG Cal. 50	402276 MG-Cal.50
402133 MG-Cal.50	405952 MG-Cal.50	1076461 MG-Cal.50	259421 MG-Cal.50	
252466 MG-Cal.50				
9. Persons listed below were reported as Battle Casualty.
10. Number of persons aboard aircraft: Crew: 8

Crew Position

Pilot	Hendrix, Francis B	2nd Lt	0677734
Co-pilot	Schuls, Verrin C	2nd Lt	0753439
Bombardier	Farmer, Rudolph W	2nd Lt	0741804
Navigator	Halligan, Terence	2nd Lt	0800654
Engineer-gunner	Lidicker, Neal W	W/Sgt	15049647
Radio gunner	Germanous, Mitchell	S/Sgt	38187900
Tail gunner	Griner, William G	S/Sgt	37901443
Deputy Pit Cmdr	Rucker, Wilton T	Captain	07257796 (Group Operator)

11. Identify below those persons who are believed to have last knowledge of aircraft:
Hielsberger, Simon C 2nd Lt 0737959 Saw crash
12. Parachutes were used. Seven (7) were seen to open. 5th Army reports one man was seen to walk towards an enemy ambulance.

18 March 1944
/s/ James A. ...

Missing Air Crew Report (2nd Lt Francis B Hendrix and crew) cont'd.

COURSE: From base 67 deg T for 285 statute miles; 67 deg T for 16 statute miles; 347 deg T for 20 statute miles; Bomb run: 20 statute miles on axis of 300 deg. NE; 115 deg T for 15 statute miles; 162 deg T for 26 statute miles; 247 deg T for 301 statute miles to base.

A TRUE COPY:

Lester H. Gorn
LESTER H. GORN,
Captain, Air Corps.

HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
APO 534 US ARMY

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29 May 1944

AG 383.6 (AM P/W) - C

SUBJECT: Prisoners of War.

TO : CO, 320th Bomb Gp., THRU: CG, Twelfth U.S. Air Force, APO 650.

The following personnel were reported missing in action on organization Battle Casualty Reports, NATUSA Form 6. Information has been received from The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., that these individuals are prisoners of War of the AXIS. Inform organization concerned; amend records accordingly. The submission of corrected Battle Casualty Reports is not required.

2nd Lt Vernon C Schulz	0-753439
Capt Wilton T Rucker	0-725798
S Sgt Harold W Dalisle	32276519
S Sgt William G Griner	37501443
Sgt James P Wilson	34350092.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

/s/ Jack K Roberts

JACK K ROBERTS,
2nd Lieut., A.C.D.,
Asst Adjutant General.

A TRUE COPY:

Lester H. Gorn
LESTER H. GORN,
Captain, Air Corps.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Francis B. Hendrix Rank 1/st. Lt Serial No. O-677734
Eugene B. Kim er G.
2. Organization 320/thp Commander Fletcher Rank Lt Col Sqdn CO Oggetti Rank Capt.
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month March day 16 did you go down?
To destroy gun Area of Heavy gun
4. What was the mission, emplacements, target, concentrations, target
 time, 11:00 A.M., altitude, 10,000 Ft., route scheduled, NE over
Tybrrenian Sea, route flown As scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over target area, in breakaway.
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". Capt. Melvin Rucker, Flt. Com. Dep., left first through nose wheel door, followed by Lt. Terrence Halligan, Lt. R. W. Farmer and Lt. V. C. Schulz. All three of the enlisted men in the aft compartments bailed out through the camera hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? About two miles from target.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) There was no one left in the 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? I met three of the Officers, Capt. Rucker, Lt. Farmer, Lt. Schulz, in a German Prison Camp.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Nothing specific.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Vernon C. Schulz Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-755439
2. Organization 12 AAA Gp Commander Rank Unkn Rank Unk Sqn CO Spillette Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944, month March day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Med. Bomb., target, Redempt area, target
time, 11:30, altitude, 9000 route scheduled, Cross
lines northwest, route flown same as above
5. Where were you when you left formation? approx. 5 mi. northeast Casino, Italy
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 of crew bailed out and reached the ground safely
Eventually seen all members after bailing out except Lt.
Callihan.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Casino, Italy
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) No one was in ship
when it hit the ground
11. Where were they in aircraft? none
12. What was their condition? none
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Sgt. Briner -- a few hrs. after capture -- unharmed
Sgt. Gormannous -- Same as above
Sgt. Lidiker -- Miami Beach, Fla. -- Aug. 1945 - Unharmed
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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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HEWITT, Francis B File # 3829
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-67704
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator/Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? approx. 5 mi. northeast of Casino, Italy.

If not, why not? -----

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

When he ordered the crew to bail out (gave the alarm signal)

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Piloting the ship as I bailed out

Any heresy information: Met him when he joined Stalag Luft 111

about 3 months after I was there.

Sources: -----

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

Was liberated and returned to the States.

Total number of missions of above crew member: approx. 35

Dates and destinations if possible: Italy

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HILLMAN, Thomas (MC) File # 3219
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-55884
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? approx. 3 mi. northeast of Casimo, Italy

If not, why not? -----

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

Observed adjusting chute in Nav. Comp.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? I saw him last in plane

Any hearsay information: Lt. Farmer said that he landed about 25 yds.

from Lt. Malligan, waved to him (both were okay and on their feet)

but immediately captured by Germans and Lt. Farmer was marched

away in an opposite direction. This is the last anyone on the

crew heard or saw of Lt. Malligan.

Sources: Lt. Farmer

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

unknown

Total number of missions of above crew members: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WILSON, Ralph W File # 3829
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-78494
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? approx. 5 mi. northeast of Casino, Italy

If not, why not? -----

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Observed assisting bay. with chute in bay. compartment.

Was he injured? Yes. Flak thru left hand just before we were hit.

Where was he when last seen? Met him a few hrs. after we hit the ground

Any hearsay information: remained together during our entire confinement

Sources: -----

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: was liberated and returned to the States

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx. 30

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WILSON, Milton F File # 2220
 Rank: Captain
 Serial number: 0-100000
 Position: Crew (Bomber) 2nd Lt Commander

Did he bail out? ies

Where? approx. 5 mi. northeast of Casimo, Italy

If not, why not? -----

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Observed adjusting chute just behind me.

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? Saw him when on the ground.

Any hearsay information: Remained together during our entire confinement

Sources: _____

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

Was liberated and returned to the States

Total number of missions of above crew members: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: NECHER, Wilton F File # 3219
Rank: Captain
Serial number: O-720798
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ Deputy Flt Commander

Did he bail out? YES

Where? PIEDMONT, ITALY, NEAR THE TREVISO AIRFIELD

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? LAST SEEN WAS IN FLORENCE, ITALY

Any hearsay information: —

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Sources: —

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: **FARMER, Rudolph W** File # **3219**
Rank: **2nd Lt**
Serial number: **0-741404**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ **Bombardier**

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR PIEDMONT ITALY

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? FLORENCE, ITALY

Any hearsay information: _____

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 18

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HALLIGAN, Terence (NMI)** File # **5219**
Rank: **2nd Lt**
Serial number: **0-300654**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ Navigator

I NEVER HEARD ABOUT HIM OR SAW HIM AFTER WE WAS SHOT DOWN. BOMBARDIER CLAIMED HE BAILED OUT, BUT I DONT KNOW.

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: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HENDRIX, Francis B** File # **3219**
Rank: **2nd Lt**
Serial number: **O-677734**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and~~ ~~Fighter~~ ~~(Fighter)~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR PIEDMONT, ILLAY

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? JUST BEFORE WE REACHED OUR TARGET.

Any heresy information: _____

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 20

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MITCHELL GORMANOUS Rank S/SGT Serial No. 38187303
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MARCH day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, ^{NEAR} PIEDMONT, ITALY, target, GUN PLACEMENTS, target time, 11:55, altitude, ABOUT 10,000 FT. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR PIEDMONT, ITALY
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" WILLIAM G. BRINER
BAILED OUT BEFORE ME NEAR PIEDMONT, ITALY
S/SGT NEAL W. LIDICKER ALSO BAILED OUT JUST BEFORE
ME, BUT HE WAS HURT AND WHEN HE HIT THE GROUND HE BACKWARDS
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR PIEDMONT, ITALY
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 THAT I KNOW OF
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. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back!)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ~~XXXXX, William T~~ Title of ~~XXXX~~
Rank: ~~XXXX~~
Serial number: ~~XXXX~~
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Deputy ~~XXXX~~ Commander

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR CASSINO

If not, why not? _____

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

AT START OF BOMB RUN

was he injured? NOT THAT I COULD SEE

Where was he when last seen? GERMAN AIR STA.

Any hearsay information: BEING DISCHARGED AT MIAMI BEACH, FLA. AUG. 1945

Sources: LT. SCHULTZ SAME CREW

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: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HERB, Ralph W File # 389
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-7500
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator

Did he bail out? I HEARD YES

Where? NEAR CASSINO

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE SAID BOMB BAYS OPEN

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: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **WILLIAM, Eugene (M)** **3120 4 2123**
Rank: **1st Lt**
Serial number: **0-10000**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Navigator**

Did he bail out? No id FOR NOTed

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 heresy information: _____

Sources: _____

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: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 3220

Name of crew member: GOLDMAN, Arthur
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 0-671345
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____
 If not, why not? It is believed that he didn't hear the bail out signal or was injured.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: A very short time before the attack he told me we were over Holland.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Navigator's compartment in the nose

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Lt. Goldman was in the plane when it crashed unless he was thrown clear when the plane went out of control and broke up. At any rate, he was probably killed because he was not wearing a parachute when the plane went out of control.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Nine

Dates and destinations if possible: 15 March 44 Bombing a target at Brunswick, Germany

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 3220

Name of crew member: **MCNEARY, Clifford J. Jr.**
 Rank: **1st Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-679201**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of [unclear] (signature)~~: **Bombardier**

Did he bail out? No

Where? Not known - if is believed that he was wounded and

If not, why not? did not hear the bail out signal due to elect. failure

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Ten minutes
before the attack he asked me if that was our 10th mission
C.F. Moriarty D.R. Tilk

Was he injured? Not known

Where was he when last seen? Nose Turret

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: C.F. Moriarty
was in the plane when it crashed unless he was
thrown clear when the plane went out of control and
broke up. - No further explanation possible

Total number of missions of above crew member: Nine

Dates and destinations if possible: 15 March 44 Bombing a
target at Brunswick, Germany.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name David R. Talbot Rank 1st Lt. Capt. Serial No. 0-242224
2. Organization 44 Gp Commander Col. Dent Rank Col. Sqn CO James Kahl Rank Maj
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month March day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Brunswick, Germany target
time, 1200, altitude, 19000 route scheduled, _____
direct, route flown direct
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Holland
6. Did you bail out? No
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". 7 crew members bailed out
All crew members who bailed out did so through
the waist windows - time is unknown
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? New Leuson, Holland
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
Bombardier
11. Where were they in aircraft? Nose + Nose Turret
12. What was their condition? Unknown
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Bombardier was seen in nose turret before the
attack and was apparently in good condition.
Navigator was seen the instant before the plane went
out of control and was apparently in good condition
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Farmer, Francis B File # 2829
Rank: Sgt 2d
Serial number: 0-07700
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator (Bombardier) Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Close To Piedmont Italy

If not, why not? _____

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

Just Before Entering Enemy Territory

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Just Before going to my position

Any hearsay information: _____

Lt Farmer said He was at San Antonio

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William G GRIMER Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 37501443
2. Organization 32080 441 B.Sqr. Gp Commander Col. Fletcher Rank Col Sqn CO Cagletti Rank CAPT
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MARCH day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 31, target, Gun Positions AT Piedmont ITALY, target
time, 11:35, altitude, Not known route scheduled, Not known
Not known, route flown Not known
5. Where were you when you left formation? About 3 miles away from the 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". Radio Man And Engineer Bailed out of Waist Window. No Knowledge of The Rest.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Close To Piedmont Italy
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? Last time I saw the officers, other than Lt. Hendrick and Halgren. They were all right.
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)

Have seen Lt. Farmer at San Antonio Texas just before getting my discharge.

If you can give me any information as to how I may get the Air Medal and cluster which my parents have been notified I was awarded I would certainly appreciate it.

It was awarded from Gen. Cannons 12th AAF. Hq.

Very truly yours.

William N. Limer
Adrian, Mo

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WHEELER, Francis B File # 3829
 Rank: Sgt 1st
 Serial number: 9-07704
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator/Observer Pilot

Did he bail out? I HEARD YES

Where? NEAR CASSINO

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: _____

Sources: _____

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: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name LIDICKER, NEAL W. Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 16049647
2. Organization 320 Co Commander FLETCHER Rank LT/Col Sqn COOBELETTI Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MARCH day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, CASSINO, target, RAIL ROAD GUNS, target
time, 11:00 AM, altitude, 12,000' 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". S/SGT. GRINDER
JUMPED BEFORE LIDICKER AND S/SGT. GORMANUS
RETER FROM THE TAIL.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? _____
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? CAPT. RUCKER IN GOOD CONDITION
AND S/SGT GORMANUS HELPED ME TO A
GERMAN AID STATION
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WILLIAMS, Walter F File # 228
Rank: Captain
Serial number: 0-42870
Position: Crew (Bomber) of Flight (night) Supply Sgt Commander

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Close To Piedmont Italy

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just Before going into Enemy Territory
Walter Post at Verona Italy. Pilot taken to Germany

was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Verona Italy

Any hearsay information: _____

was seen at Stalag Luft #3

Sources: Capt Williams of the 444 Bomb Sqdn.

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

Total number of missions of above crew members: UN KNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible; _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WILSON, Eugene (M) File # 249
Rank: Sgt 1st
Serial number: 0-30000
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Just Before Entering Enemy Territory

was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? When I went to my position

Any hearsay information: _____

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

MAJOR - 3219

Casualty No: ME 890

Date and Time Aircraft was shot down: 16 March 1944, Time 1200

Place of crash: near Cassino

Type of craft: Marauder

Reporting Office: Air Fleet Command 2

Name: Date and Place of Birth:	Rank:	ASN:	captured wounded dead	Place of Internment
LIDICKER, Neal William born 24 April 21, Milwaukee, Wisc.	S/Sgt.	16049647	wounded	Hospital Mantua
RUCKER, Wilton Thomas born 20 May 19, Mr. Stephenville	Capt.	O-725798	captured	Dulag Luft
SCHULZ, Vernon Charles 22 June 20, Wisconsin	2nd Lt.	O-753439	captured	Dulag Luft
FARMER, Rudolph Warren born 28 April 21, Va.	2nd Lt.	O-741404	captured	Dulag Luft
GRINER, William G. born 21 Jan 23, at Adrian Mo.	S/Sgt.	37501443	captured	Stalag 6 Herdkrug
GERMANOUS, Mitchell,	S/Sgt.	38187303	captured	Stalag 6 Herdkrug
HENDRIX, Francis Ben born 27 Oct 20, Anderson, S. Carol.	2nd Lt.	O-677734	captured	Stalag 781 A (reported later on 11 July 44)

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