

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

4087

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 Torretta, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
Group 461st Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 766th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta, Italy Course 921
Target Bihac, Yugoslavia Type of mission Combat

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

4. GIVE: [a] Date 2 Apr 44 Time 1136 Last known position Bihac, Yugoslavia
[b] Specify whether: [] 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, [] Enemy anti-aircraft, [] Other **Mid-air collision**

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 H AAF Serial Number 41-29336

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: _____

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R 1830-65 AAF serial Number [a] BP 428941
[b] BP 429617 [c] BP 429486 [d] BP 429609

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] All Browning Cal. 50

[a] unknown	[e] unknown	[i] unknown
[b] unknown	[f] unknown	[j] unknown
[c] unknown	[g] unknown	
[d] unknown	[h] unknown	

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, Initial] RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
[1] Pilot	Wilson, Sidney Shepard 2nd Lt. 0-795548		
[2] CP	Loftus, Jr., Joseph William 2nd Lt. 0-755373		
[3] Bomb	Whitney, Emil Lloyd 2nd Lt. 0-752730		
[4] Nav	Ross, Harlan Page 2nd Lt. 0-692078		
[5] TTG	Fine, Dale Vernon Sgt. 18163238		
[6] LWG	Goldstein, Gerald (NMI) S/Sgt. 12190044		
[7] NTG	Ulrich, Edward George Sgt. 12203084		
[8] TTG	McCoy, Clifford Alonzo Sgt. 37393128		
[9] RWG	Wallace, Irving Glen T/Sgt. 12024476		
[10] BTG	Childs, Homer David Sgt. 11101348		
[11]			
[12]			

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRAITE [one only] COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
[1] Laughlin Robert Denis	Sgt.	19123848		X		
[2] Brennan, Edward H.	2nd Lt.	0-752802		X		
[3] Lewis Jr., Charles F.	Pvt.	12040923		X		
[4]						

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].

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.**

Date: 6 Apr 44

/s/ Robert A. Preciado

767TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

STATEMENT

We were flying in number three position of "A" flight first section. After bombs away we made a left turn preparatory to reaching the coast. I looked back out of the left nose window to see the result of our bombs. I saw two airplanes come together. One appeared to turn to the right and the second plane ran into it. The fuselages were together. I saw a few spots of flame. I do not remember which plane belonged to our squadron. The planes were intact when I lost sight of them

/s/ Edward H. Brennan
2nd Lt., A.C.

I heard a crash and in a few seconds saw a ship with the fuselage torn into three pieces pass just below my turret. It had red cowling. I didn't see any parachutes.

/s/ Pfs Joseph R. Griffith

I heard an audible sound that was unfamiliar with the regular noises. I revolved my turret around to see what caused it. When I was facing six o'clock the first thing I knew two ships came into view more or less locked together. They made a sharp turn and the 767th ship broke into three pieces. Parts of the 767th ship was all over the sky. I did see the prop of the 766th ship with the wreckage of the 767th as it floated down. The yellow tips caught my attention.

In the meantime the 766th ship broke away and went into about a forty five degree dive, a light trail of black smoke was visible as the plane headed into the direction from which we came. No fire was visible from it. The 767th ship did have flames, the forward piece containing part of the wing started to burn.

I saw no parachutes as I didn't track the planes all the way down. I had no interphone and thought enemy fighters might have gotten the two ships so I was forced to cover our own ship.

/s/ Pvt. Charles F. Lewis

Our ship was flying number three position of "A" Flight in the lead section when the crash occurred. To my knowledge no one was able to get out. The 767th Squadron ship broke in half and they both started up. As to what happened after that I didn't see.

/s/ Sgt Loyd (NMI) Agee

Our ship was flying number two position, Lt. Wilson was flying number five position. Lt. Zumsteg was flying number four position when we started our run on the

target. Lt. Zumsteg pulled out to his left, I did not see where he went. Lt. Wilson pulled into number four position. We made our run on the target. About three minutes after we left the target Lt. Wilson pulled to his right as if he lost position for a moment. When this happened Lt. Zumsteg started to pull back into four position. He was coming in to his right. Lt. Zumsteg was a little below and ahead of Lt. Wilson. Lt. Wilson was at the same time pulling back into four position also. Lt. Wilson was a little behind and above of Lt. Zumsteg when I saw this I started to motion to Lt. Wilson to pull up. I know he was looking at me, because I see his face very clearly. The number one and two engines of Lt. Wilson's ship went between the vertical stabilizers of Lt. Zumsteg's ship. They were so close together I could see the shadow of Lt. Wilson's ship on Lt. Zumsteg's ship. Lt. Wilson's ship landed on top of Lt. Zumsteg's ship. It landed right behind the vertical séance antenna. Lt. Wilson's number one and two engines started to cut the fuselage of Lt. Zumsteg's ship. They cut down to the top of the waist windows. The two ships then pulled up to the right and back of our ship. That was all I saw.

/s/ Sgt. Robert D. Laughlin

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Loftus, Joseph William Jr.**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-755375**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **I have reason to believe he did.**

Where? **Bihac, Yugoslavia.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Just before I took my combat position.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **Co-pilot seat.**

Any hearsay information: **My pilot said he got up and left just after we got hit. Top turret gunner said he went out the top hatch.**

Source: **1st Lt. S.S. Wilson (Pilot) Sgt. D. T. Fine (Top turret gunner)**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **While in custody of the Germans I saw his dog tags and his parachute (harness). It was bloody & muddy. Therefore I believe he got out of the ship because the ship burned after it hit.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **(1)**

Dates and destinations if possible: **April 2, 1944 mission Bihac, Yugoslavia.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Wallace, Irving G. Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 12024476
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Glantzberg Rank Col Sqn CO Dooley Rank Capt.
3. What year 1944 month April day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bihac, target, Yugoslavia, target time, 12:05, altitude, 23,000 ft route scheduled, No knowledge, route flown No knowledge
5. Where were you when you left formation? 4 position with 767 Bomb Sqdn.
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". I counted 9 parachutes while I was going down.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near a small town.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) I don't believe anyone was in it.
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 mentioned above. May I mention that if it hadn't been for our pilot, 1st Lt. S. S. Wilson, we would all be on the dead list. He was wounded badly and fought to the very last and to my knowledge all he's got to show for it is 13 months 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. No knowledge.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Harlan P. Ross Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-642078
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Glantzberg Rank Col Sqn CO Dooley Rank Major.
3. What year 1944 month April day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bihac, Yugoslavia, target, First Group Mission, target time, 1100, altitude, 20,000 ft. route scheduled, Across Adriatic to Bihac, route flown Course scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? Had just turned off 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". Immediately after collision Whitney & Ross from nose hatch. Wallace from left waist window. Plane was in a spin. After level off, McCoy, Golostien and Childs from waist escape hatch. Fine & Wilson from bomb bay. Ulrich from nose hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Vicinity of Bihac.
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 unless Loftus was caught to outside.
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. I do not believe that any of the members of the plane which flew into us got out alive. Both planes will be found within ten miles radius of Bihac, Yugoslavia.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Loftus, Joseph William Jr..**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-755375**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Near Bihac, Yugoslavia.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Myself and Sgt. Dale Fine saw him bail out the top hatch.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **Bailing out.**

Any hearsay information: **German interrogator at Zagreb, Yugoslavia had Lt. Loftus dog tags and said that he had been killed.**

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **He bailed out the top hatch of a B-24 that was in a violent spin, was perhaps struck by the tail.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **One**

Dates and destinations if possible: **April 2nd 1944 Bihac, Yugoslavia.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Sidney S. Wilson Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-795548
2. Organization 461th Gp Commander Glantzberg Rank Col Sqn CO Dooley Rank Capt.
3. What year 1944 month April day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Bihac, Yugoslavia, target time, 11:00am, altitude, 20,000 ft route scheduled, , route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Just turning off target.
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, All.
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". Pilot, Sidney S. Wilson, 1st Lt. Bailed out bomb bay captured immediately sprained ankle. Co-pilot, Joseph W. Loftus, Jr., 2nd Lt., See individual questionnaire. Navigator, Harlan P. Ross, 2nd Lt., bailed out forward hatch captured immediately uninjured. Bombardier, Emil Whitney, 2nd Lt., bailed out forward hatch captured immediately uninjured. Engineer, Irving G. Wallace, S/Sgt., bailed waist window captured immediately uninjured. Radio Op, Gerald Goldstein, S/Sgt., bailed waist window captured immediately uninjured. TTG, Dale Fine, Sgt., bailed out bomb bay captured immediately uninjured. NTG, Edward G. Ulrich, Sgt., bailed out forward hatch captured immediately uninjured. LTG, Homer D. Childs, Sgt., bailed out waist window captured immediately uninjured. TTG, Clifford A. McCoy, Sgt., bailed out waist window captured immediately uninjured. The ship, a B-24, was involved in a mid-air collision at about 20,000 ft. It spun down to about 8,000 ft. where the pilot brought it into level flight. It was on fire. All members bailed during the spin or immediately after leveling out. Lt. Loftus bailed out during the spin. He chose the top hatch because the door leading to the bomb bay was jammed. The top turret gunner waited until the ship leveled out and was successful in opening the door to the bomb bay and the bomb bay doors.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge.
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? None.

12. What was their condition?

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? **I saw all crew members except Lt. Loftus in a guard house at Zagreb. They were unhurt except for Sgt. Goldstein who had a sprained or possibly fractured ankle.**

14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. **No knowledge.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **LOFTUS, Joseph William Jr.**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-755375**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Bihac, Yugoslavia.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **We were trying to locate position of another plane in trouble.**

Was he injured? **No, not that any of us knew.**

Where was he when last seen? **Leaving our plane through the top hatch.**

Any hearsay information: **Only that Lt. Loftus was dead, that he never opened his chute. I think this right because we saw his chute – the rip cord had never been pulled.**

Source: **German.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **We supposed that Lt. Loftus did not clear the plane, he went out the top hatch and we were spinning. We all believe he hit some part of our plane and was killed or unable to open his chute.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **One**

Dates and destinations if possible: **April 2, 1944 – Bihac, Yugoslavia.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name McCoy, Clifford A. Rank Serial No.
2. Organization 461th Gp Commander Glantzberg Rank Col Sqn CO Rank
3. What year 1944 month April day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, R.R Yards, target, Bihac, Yugoslavia, target
time, , altitude, 20,000 ft route scheduled,
, route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Just about 1 ½ minutes past 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 left near Bihac. Nose T.G., navigator went through nose wheel hatch. Pilot, T.T.G left through bomb bay door. R.O., Ball T.G., R.W.G, Tail T.G. left through the camera hatch. Co-Pilot left through top hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Bihac, Yugoslavia.
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. No knowledge.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **LOFTUS, Joseph William Jr.**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-755375**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Over Bigac, Yugoslavia.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **No conversation – mid-air collision.**

Was he injured? **Yes (according to the condition of his chute, harness and dog tags).**

Where was he when last seen? **Going over top turret – according to top turret gunner.**

Any hearsay information: **He was killed because his chute did not open – he must have hit some part of the ship (probably hit the tail structure.**

Source: **German interrogators said that his chute did not open (In my opinion the condition of the chute showed that it did not open).**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Dirt was crammed into the stitching of the harness (left side), dog tags were bent into a “V” and the chest type chute was also twisted and torn. But none of the crew saw the body (as far as I know).**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **First mission.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **2 April 1944 – Bihac, Yugoslavia.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Emil L. Whitney Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-777527301643
2. Organization 461 Gp Commander Glantzberg Rank Col Sqn CO Dooley Rank Capt.
3. What year 1944 month April day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, bombing, target, Marshalling yard, Bihac, Yugoslavia, target time, 1130, altitude, 20,000 ft route scheduled, almost direct NW over target, route flown same as scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? No. 4 – 1st Sq.
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". No knowledge except each man's own story. Nose gunner – front escape hatch; navigator – same; bombardier – same; pilot – through the bomb bay; co-pilot – through the top hatch (according to pilot and top gunner); top gunner – through the bomb bay; left waist gunner – rear escape hatch; right waist gunner – through right waist window; tail gunner – rear escape hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Base of Mt, North of Bihac – 2 miles.
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.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Goldstein, Gerald Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 12180044
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Glantzberg Rank Col Sqn CO Dooley Rank Capt.
3. What year 1944 month April day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Frag bombardment, target, troops at marshalling yard, target time, 1130, altitude, 20,000 ft route scheduled, up the Adriatic into target, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? We had just come off 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". Bombardier, nav., tail gunner & rt waist bailed out in spin – top turret, ball, pilot and myself jumped after pilot straightened it out a bit.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Bihac, Yugoslavia.
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? Saw Lt. Loftus shortly after we got on course and I left for my gun position.
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No knowledge.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **LOFTUS, Joseph William Jr.**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-755375**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Bigac, Yugoslavia.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **I don't recall.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **Leaving the top hatch.**

Any hearsay information: **One chute didn't open.**

Source: **German German soldiers who captured me.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **We believe he was blown into the stabilizer or antenna.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **1.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **2 April 1944 – Bihac, Yugoslavia.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **LOFTUS, Joseph William Jr.**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-755375**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes, top turret gunner, D. Fine reported to me that he saw Loftus climb through the top hatch while the plane was spinning.**

Where? **Bigac, Yugoslavia.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Ball gunner, bombardier, and myself all called in the plane coming up from below to Loftus.**

Was he injured? **Not as far as I know.**

Where was he when last seen? **Clinging to top turret guns by Sgt. Fine who was in the turret.**

Any hearsay information: **Pilot, S.S. Wilson, reported to me after capture that after the collision Loftus grabbed his chute and started to the escape panel. Top turret reported that he (D. Fine) found the panel leading to the bomb bays jammed when he tried it later (after the plane recovered from the spin).**

Source:.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **I assume that Loftus tried the panel to the bomb bays first and finding it jammed turned and went through the top hatch. When D. Fine managed to get out of the top turret, Loftus was clinging to the guns from the outside. I believe that he either struck some part of the plane and was knocked unconscious or that he was caught and unable to get free.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **First mission.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Target – R.R. yards – Bihac, Yugoslavia April 2, 1944.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **LOFTUS, Joseph William Jr.**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-755375**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Not known.**

Where? **If he did it was in target area, Bigac, Yugoslavia.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Last oxygen check before hitting I.P.**

Was he injured? **Not known.**

Where was he when last seen? **Before taking off.**

Any hearsay information: **Germans said they found him in area of target dead and from evidence, they say his chute did not open.**

Source: **German soldiers who found him.**

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: **1.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **April 2, 1944, Bihac, Yugoslavia.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Homer D. Childs Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 11101348
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Glantzberg Rank Col Sqn CO Dooley Rank Capt.
3. What year 1944 month April day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Bihac, Yugoslavia, target time, 12:10, altitude, 19,500 ft route scheduled, across Adriatic, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Not known.
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". Sgts. Wallace, Goldstein, McCoy bailed out of the waist hatch just after collision with other ship. I landed alone in pasture.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In same pasture where I landed.
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.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **LOFTUS, Joseph William Jr.**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-755375**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Somewhere over target.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **None.**

Was he injured? **I don't know.**

Where was he when last seen? **On the flight deck of plane.**

Any hearsay information: **According to crew members he went out thru the top hatch of our plane.**

Source: **crew member.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **No.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **1.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **April 2, 1944, Bihac, Yugoslavia.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Ulrich, Edward G. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 12203084
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Glantzberg Rank Col Sqn CO Dooley Rank Capt.
3. What year 1944 month April day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bihac, Yugoslavia, target, , target time, 1100, altitude, 20,000 ft route scheduled, , route flown unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Just after passing 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". Had nose turret position – no knowledge. We had a mid-air collision over target on April 2, 44. A plane from underneath came up into us and put us in to a spin, knocking No. 2 engine completely off its mount and putting No. 3 on fire. After spinning quite a few thousand feet the pilot (Lt. S.S. Wilson) managed to pull the ship out of the spin which enabled the rest of the crew to bail out As far as the other plane I'd like to know where I can get a any information as to weather or not any of crew members had been able to bail out of that plane or not. Also any information I can get on the Group I had flown with.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Exact location not know.
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.

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
 WAS SHOT DOWN **2 April 1944 - 1200**
 PLACE OF CRASH **At Bihac**
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT **Liberator**
 REPORTING OFFICE **Air Base Command**

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
Wallace, Irving Glen 28 April 1923 Le Roy N.Y.	S/Sgt.	12024476	Captured	Dulag Luft
Ulrich, Edward George 26 April 1923 Hoboken, W.V.	Sgt.	12203084	Captured	Dulag Luft
Mc Coy, Clifford Alonzo 1 February 1928 Caston, Mo	Sgt.	37393128	Captured	Dulag Luft
Fine, Dale Vernon 15 August 1924 Okla.	Sgt.	18163238	Captured	Dulag Luft
Wilson, Sidney Shepard USA	2nd Lt.	0-795548	Captured	Dulag Luft
Ross, Harlan Page 30 August 1922 Bogota, N.J.	2nd Lt.	0-692098	Captured	Dulag Luft
Goldstein, Gerald 22 December 1922 Brooklyn, N.Y.	S/Sgt.	12190044	Captured	Dulag Luft
Childs, Homer David	Sgt.	11101348	Captured	Dulag Luft
Whitney, Emil Lloyd	2nd Lt.	0-752730	Captured	Dulag Luft
Loftus, Joseph W.	2nd Lt.	0-755373	Dead	

REMARKS:
Dulag Luft: 6 June 1944. We.

	Rank	U.S.A. Name	ASN	
DATE: 4/2/44 1200	2 nd Lt.	Whitney, Emil Lloyd	0-752730	
PLACE: near Bihac	Sgt.	Wallace, Irving Glen	12024476	
TYPE: Liberator B-24J	Sgt.	Childs, Homer David	11101348	
766 Sqd	Sgt.	Ulrich, Edward George	12203084	
461 Group; 49 Wing	Sgt.	McCoy, Clifford Alonzo	37393128	
BASE: between Foggia	Sgt.	Fine, Dale Vernon	18163238	
Cerignola	2 nd Lt.	Wilson, Sidney	0-795548	Hospital
TARGET: Hq. Airbase	2 nd Lt.	Loftus, Joseph W.	0-755373	Dead
	2 nd Lt.	Ross, Harlan Page	0-692078	Captured
	S/Sgt.	Goldstein, Gerald	12190044	Hospital

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-094

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: **2 April 1944 - 12:00 o'clock**

PLACE OF CRASH: **Crash of two American 4 motor bombers**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **4 motor Bomber**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command A 201/XVII – Agram –
4/4/44 15:30 o'clock**

CREW

SURNAME, AND **Goldstein**
FIRST NAME: **Gerald**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **S/Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **12 190 044**

CAPTURED: **Captured** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured at Bihac on 12:00 o'clock at 4/2/44

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TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **4 motor Bomber**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command A 201/XVII – Agram –
4/4/44 18:15 o'clock**

CREW

SURNAME, AND **Ross**
FIRST NAME: **Harlan P.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **0-603 078**

CAPTURED: **Captured** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO.
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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
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PLACE OF CRASH: **Crash of two American 4 motor bombers**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **4 motor Bomber**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command A 201/XVII – Agram –
4/4/44 17:30 o'clock**

CREW

SURNAME, AND **Whitney**
FIRST NAME: **Emil L.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **0-752 730**

CAPTURED: **Captured** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO.
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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
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PLACE OF CRASH: **Crash of two American 4 motor bombers**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **4 motor Bomber**

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CREW

SURNAME, AND **Loftus**
FIRST NAME: **Joseph W. Jr.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **0-755 373**

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: **Dead**

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: **Bibes will be reported.**

REMARKS:

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PLACE OF CRASH: **Crash of two American 4 motor bombers**

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CREW

SURNAME, AND **Wallace**
FIRST NAME: **Irving G.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **S/Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **12 024 476**

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: **wounded, but able to be transported** DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-094

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: **2 April 1944 - 12:00 o'clock**

PLACE OF CRASH: **Crash of two American 4 motor bombers**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **4 motor Bomber**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command A 201/XVII – Agram
4/4/44 – 17:45 o'clock**

CREW

SURNAME, AND **Ulrich**
FIRST NAME: **Edward G.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **12 203 064**

CAPTURED: **Captured** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CASUALTY NO.
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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
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TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **4 motor Bomber**

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CREW

SURNAME, AND **Childs**
FIRST NAME: **Homer D.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **11 101 348**

CAPTURED: **Captured** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CREW

SURNAME, AND **McCoy**
FIRST NAME: **Clifford A.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **37 396 128**

CAPTURED: **Captured** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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CREW

SURNAME, AND **Wilson**
FIRST NAME: **Sidney S.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **0-795 548**

CAPTURED: **Captured** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured at Bihac on 4/2/44 at 12:00 o'clock

Sgt. Dale V. Fine	Mr. James O. Fine (Father) Box 14A Drumright, Oklahoma
Sgt. Homer D. Childs	Mr. Homer D. Childs (Father) 650 Praetel Bouthington, Connecticut
Sgt. Clifford A. McCoy	Mrs. Bertha W. McCoy (Father) 410 Jamison Street Canton, Missouri
2nd Lt. Emil L. Whitney	Mrs. Tillie E. Whitney (Mother) Box #51 Keeskis, Idaho
2nd Lt. Sidney S. Wilson	Mrs. Helen R. S. Wilson (Mother) 160 Bryant Street Buffalo, New York
2nd Lt. Harlan P. Ross	Mrs. Harlan P. Roce, III (Mother) 105 East Pleasant Avenue Maywood, New Jersey
2nd Lt. Joseph W. Loftus, Jr.	Mr. Joseph W. Loftus (Father) 1422 Bellevue Avenue Burlington, California
Sgt. Edward G. Ulrich	Mr. G. Ulrich (Father) 1589 Ann Street Fort Lee, New Jersey
S/Sgt. Gerald Goldstein	Mr. Harry Goldstein (Father) 2502 Cortelyou Road Brooklyn, New York
T/Sgt. Irving G. Wallace	Mrs. Hazel J. Dicks (Mother) R.F.D. #1 Wyoming, New York

AG 360.33
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 22 April 1944.

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TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534. Attn: Casualty Branch, AGD.

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR No. L-57, dated 20 April 1944, which was forwarded to the 90th MRU 20 April 1944.

For the Commanding General

/s/ Harold B. Neely
Major, AGD
Assistant AG.

766TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF

AG 360.33

APO #520, c/o PM
New York, New York
6 April 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding Officer, 461st Bombardment Group,
APO #520, c/o PM, New York, New York

1. In compliance with Letter, 15th Air Force, file AG 360.33 dtd. 5 January 1944, subject: Preparation of Missing Air Crew Reports, submitted herewith is Missing Air Crew Report for B-24 **41-29336, Lt. Sidney S. Wilson** and crew.

2. Subject crew personnel are battle casualties as defined by paragraph 2, Section II, Circular No. 10, Headquarters, NATOUSA.

3. Battle Casualty Report forwarded your headquarters, **5 April 1944**.

For the Squadron Commander:

/s/ Robert A. Preciado
1st Lt. AC
Adjutant

Headquarters, 461st Bomb Group, APO 520, U.S. Army, 7 April 1944.

TO: CO, 49th Bombardment Wing, APO 520, U.S. Army.

Forwarded.

For the Group Commander:

/s/ Louis C. Pfister
1st Lt., Air Corps
Personnel Officer