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| <b>First Lieutenant Robert J. Hefling</b>   | <b>Mr. Giles J. Hefling, (Brother)<br/>305 Adams Street<br/>Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin</b>          |
| <b>Second Lieutenant Robert L. Wellborn</b> | <b>Mrs. Dolores M. Wellborn, (Wife)<br/>212 South Spring Street<br/>Louisville, Kentucky</b>        |
| <b>Second Lieutenant Howard R. Stillman</b> | <b>Mr. Jay H. Stillman, (Father)<br/>2876 South 47<sup>th</sup> Street<br/>Milwaukee, Wisconsin</b> |
| <b>Second Lieutenant Karl A. Pfister</b>    | <b>Mrs. Karl A. Pfister, (Wife)<br/>26 Cleveland Street<br/>Valhalla, New York</b>                  |
| <b>Technical Sergeant Joseph P. Hoffman</b> | <b>Mr. John T. Hoffman, (Father)<br/>Route Number One, Box 123<br/>Madison, Wisconsin</b>           |
| <b>Staff Sergeant John P. Martin</b>        | <b>Mrs. Ester Martin, (Mother)<br/>357 Righton<br/>Highland Park, Michigan</b>                      |
| <b>Staff Sergeant Frank J. Chappell</b>     | <b>Mrs. Elizabeth E. Chappell, (Wife)<br/>Post Office Box 1876<br/>Ashville, North Carolina</b>     |
| <b>Staff Sergeant Frank N. Kincaid</b>      | <b>Mrs. Virginia M. Grote, (Sister)<br/>106 North Baker Avenue<br/>Evansville, Indiana</b>          |
| <b>Staff Sergeant Raymond J. Weber</b>      | <b>Mrs. Viola F. Weber, (Wife)<br/>Rural Route #1, Box 328<br/>Robertson, Missouri</b>              |
| <b>Staff Sergeant Norman L. Elzeer</b>      | <b>Mr. William M. Elzeer, (Uncle)<br/>West Clifton Terrace, Apt. 107<br/>Washington, D.C.</b>       |
| <b>Sergeant Frederick Lukas</b>             | <b>Mrs. Kathleen Mason, (Mother)<br/>1835 North Second Street<br/>Milwaukee, Wisconsin</b>          |

**WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON**

**MISSING AIR CREW REPORT**

**6307**

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 15<sup>th</sup> AF  
Group 461<sup>st</sup> Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 764<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq (H)
  2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta, Italy Course Straight to target  
Target Giurgui, Rumania Type of mission Combat
  3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Scattered clouds over mountains
  4. GIVE: [a] Date 11 June 1944 Time 1140 Last known position 43° 8'N, 21° 2'E  
[b] Specify whether: [ ] Last sighted, [ ] Forced down, [X] Seen to crash,  
[ ] Last contacted by radio, [ ] No information
  5. AIRCRAFT [LOST] [BELIEVED LOST] AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]  
[X] Enemy aircraft, [ ] Enemy anti-aircraft, [ ] Other
  6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 H AAF Serial Number 42-52458
  7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: \_\_\_\_\_
  8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-43 AAF serial Number [a] CP302830  
[b] CP303076 [c] BP400280 [d] CP302670
  9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] All Browning Cal. 50  
[a] 88384 [e] 951730 [i] 951403  
[b] 951647 [f] 951765 [j] 951725  
[c] 951136 [g] 952039  
[d] 952169 [h] 951642
  10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: [X] Battle Casualty, [ ] Non Battle Casualty
  11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers 0; Total 11  
[If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet]
- | CREW POSITION | FULL NAME [Last, First, Initial]<br>RANK, SERIAL NUMBER | CURRENT STATUS | NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP<br>AND ADDRESS                                       |
|---------------|---|----------------|--|
| [1] Pilot     | Hefling, Robert J., 1 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.<br>0-742079     |                | Giles J. Hefling (brother)<br>305 Adams Street, Sheboygan Falls,<br>Wisconsin  |
| [2] CP        | Stillman, Howard R., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.<br>0-811260    |                | Mr. J. H. Stillman (Father)<br>2876 South 47th Street, Milwaukee,<br>Wisconsin |
| [3] Nav       | Pfister, Karl A., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.<br>0-692068       |                | Jacob A. Pfister (Father)<br>Valhalla, New York                                |
| [4] Bomb      | Wellborn, Robert L., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.<br>0-753093    |                | Dolores M. Wellborn (Wife)<br>212 So. Spring St., Louisville,<br>Kentucky      |
| [5] Photo     | Lukas, Frederick, Sgt.<br>16009632                      |                | Henry J. Lukas (Father)<br>2843 N. 3rd St., Milwaukee,<br>Wisconsin            |
| [6] RWG       | Martin, John P., S/Sgt.<br>16160051                     |                | Ester Martin (Mother)<br>357 Righton, Highland Park,<br>Michigan               |
| [7] BTG       | Weber, Raymond J., S/Sgt.<br>17159885                   |                | Viola Florence Weber, (Wife)<br>R.R. #1, Box 328, Robertson,<br>Missouri       |
| [8] LWG       | Hoffman, Joseph P., T/Sgt.                              |                | John T. Hoffman, (Father)  |

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|          | <b>16091615</b>                                | <b>R.R. #1, Madison, Wisconsin</b>  |
| [9] TTG  | <b>Elzeer, Norman L., S/Sgt.<br/>15354714</b>  | <b>Sara H. Elzeer (sister)<br/>1301 E. Blvd, Cleveland, Ohio</b>                        |
| [10] TG  | <b>Kincaid, Frank N., S/Sgt.<br/>35721183</b>  | <b>Frank N. Kincaid (Father)<br/>2515 West Franklin Street,<br/>Evansville, Indiana</b> |
| [11] NTG | <b>Chappell, Frank J., S/Sgt.<br/>34430678</b> | <b>Carcie P. Chappell (Mother)<br/>Oakland, North Carolina</b>                          |
|          | [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] <b>William J. Barnes, Jr.</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.</b> | <b>0-813911</b> |                    | <b>X</b>     |           |                    |
| [2] <b>Arlo B. Hughes</b>         | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.</b> | <b>0-703632</b> |                    | <b>X</b>     |           |                    |
| [3] <b>Otto Muller</b>            | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.</b> | <b>0-738005</b> |                    | <b>X</b>     |           |                    |

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: **Yes**

[**11**] 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: **No search made.**

Date: 16 June 1944

/s/ WILLIAM L. HALLAUER  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt., Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

764TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 520 US ARMY

STATEMENT

12 June 1944

My attention was first drawn to plane thirteen when our flight formed behind him preparatory to forming on him for fighter cover after leaving our target. I was flying number two position and took the right wing of the cripple. His number four engine was feathered and my crew reported smoke from his number one engine. During the whole time that he remained in formation his crew was lightening the ship discarding everything removable. Despite his difficulties he was able to maintain altitude successfully with air speed of 160 m.p.h. on the average.

Finally the bomb bays were opened and the crew proceeded to bail out one by one, the plane still in formation. The number four ship cleared from them to the right. My crew counted ten parachutes. Then the plane left formation, descending and falling back. After an interval and eleventh parachute was seen to leave the plane, which then nosed around and over and went down.

To the best of my knowledge the disabled plane never broke radio silence.

/s/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. William J. Barnes, Jr.,  
ASN 0813911

764TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 520 US ARMY

STATEMENT

After leaving the target we assumed a heading of 240 degrees. Immediately after crossing the Danube, we noticed ship number thirteen below us with his number four engine feathered. We dropped down to cover his left wing. The damaged plane was maintaining an altitude of fourteen thousand feet and an indicated air speed of 165. The pilot of the plane maintained a heading of 270 degrees for a distance of about one hundred and fifty miles during which time the plane was being lightened by throwing the guns, camera, radios, ammunition boxes and flak suits out of the waist window. Their radio was evidently knocked out because their Aldis lamp signaled us their intention of landing at Vis. The bomb bays opened about thirty miles southwest of Nis, Yugoslavia and ten chutes were opened when the men bailed out. The damaged plane started a slow circle to the right – another chute left the plane – the plane suddenly peeled off and crashed in the same vicinity. It burst into flames and exploded.

/s/ ARLO B. HUGHES,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., Air Corps,  
767th Bomb Squadron

764TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 520 US ARMY

STATEMENT

After coming off of the target our flight flew a course of 270 degrees. After the enemy fighters left our flight leader, who has slowed down, told us to form on the cripple ahead which turned out to be number thirteen. We took up a position on his left wing at an altitude of 14,000 feet. We tried to contact him by radio but were unable to do so. We flew this position (number three) for approximately one hour and twenty minutes. After flying with him for about three quarters of an hour, he started throwing out ammunition, flak suits, guns, oxygen bottles, a camera, and then signaled on the Aldis lamp "V-I-S". We signaled "O-K" and continued on about twenty-five minutes later the bomb bay doors opened. A man bailed out of the nose and others were lined up on the catwalk in the bomb bay. They all bailed out and my crewmembers counted ten parachutes that opened. The pilot was still in the cockpit and about five minutes later he bailed out. The ship went down. The airplane seems always under control and was very easy to fly on. He maintained his altitude of between 13,000 and 14,000 feet. And was indicating an air speed of between 160 and 165 miles per hour. I told the navigator to pinpoint them and this was done. All members of the crew bailed out, their parachutes opened and they all seemed safe or uninjured.

/s/ Otto Muller,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., Air Corps,  
767th Bomb Squadron

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INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: 27 Sept 1944

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| NARRATOR: <u>Self</u>               | SQUADRON: <u>764<sup>th</sup></u>    |
| ARMY SERIAL NO.: <u>0-742079</u>    | GROUP: <u>461<sup>st</sup></u>       |
| HOME ADDRESS: <u>231 Monroe St.</u> | TYPE AIRCRAFT: <u>B-24</u>           |
| EX-REPORT NO.:                      | DATE OF MISSION: <u>11 June 1944</u> |

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| POSITION | MEMBERS OF CREW | PWIB RECORD |
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| <u>Hefling, R.J.</u>  | <u>Pilot</u>    |
| <u>Stillman, H.R.</u> | <u>Co-Pilot</u> |
| <u>Wellborn, R.L.</u> | <u>Bomb</u>     |
| <u>Pfister, K.A.</u>  | <u>Nav</u>      |
| <u>Hoffman, J.P.</u>  | <u>Eng</u>      |
| <u>Martin, J.P.</u>   | <u>RO</u>       |
| <u>Chappell, F.J.</u> | <u>G</u>        |
| <u>Kincaid, F.N.</u>  | <u>G</u>        |
| <u>Weber, R.J.</u>    | <u>G</u>        |
| <u>Elzeer, N.L.</u>   | <u>G</u>        |
| <u>Lukas, F.</u>      | <u>P</u>        |

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NARRATOR: Joseph P. Hoffman                      SQUADRON: 764<sup>th</sup>  
ARMY SERIAL NO.: 16091615                      GROUP: 461<sup>st</sup>  
HOME ADDRESS: R1, Box 123, Madison      TYPE AIRCRAFT: B-24  
EX-REPORT NO.:                                      DATE OF MISSION: 11 June 1944

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All crewmembers returned to the U.S.

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NARRATOR: Robert L. Welborn  
ARMY SERIAL NO.: 0-753093  
HOME ADDRESS: 212 S. Spring St.  
EX-REPORT NO.:

SQUADRON: 764<sup>th</sup>  
GROUP: 461<sup>st</sup>  
TYPE AIRCRAFT: B-24  
DATE OF MISSION: 11 June 1944

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Hefling, R.J.  
Stillman, H.R.  
Wellborn, R.L.  
Pfister, K.A.  
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NARRATOR: Raymond Weber  
ARMY SERIAL NO.: 17159885  
HOME ADDRESS: R#1, Box 328  
EX-REPORT NO.:

SQUADRON: 764<sup>th</sup>  
GROUP: 461<sup>st</sup>  
TYPE AIRCRAFT: B-24  
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NARRATOR: Howard R. Stillman  
ARMY SERIAL NO.: 0-811260  
HOME ADDRESS: 2876 S. 47th  
EX-REPORT NO.:

SQUADRON: 764<sup>th</sup>  
GROUP: 461<sup>st</sup>  
TYPE AIRCRAFT: B-24  
DATE OF MISSION: 11 June 1944

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NARRATOR: S/Sgt. Frank J. Chappell      SQUADRON: 764<sup>th</sup>  
ARMY SERIAL NO.: 34430678                      GROUP: 461<sup>st</sup>  
HOME ADDRESS: Box 1876, Ashville        TYPE AIRCRAFT: B-24  
EX-REPORT NO.:                                      DATE OF MISSION: 11 June 1944

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| <u>Elzeer, N.L.</u>   | <u>G</u>        |
| <u>Lukas, F.</u>      | <u>P</u>        |

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KNOWN INFORMATION: No information

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NARRATOR: Frederick Lukas  
ARMY SERIAL NO.: 16009632  
HOME ADDRESS: 1836 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
EX-REPORT NO.:

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GROUP: 461<sup>st</sup>  
TYPE AIRCRAFT: B-24  
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NARRATOR: John P. Martin  
ARMY SERIAL NO.: 16160051  
HOME ADDRESS: 357 Righton  
EX-REPORT NO.:

SQUADRON: 764<sup>th</sup>  
GROUP: 461<sup>st</sup>  
TYPE AIRCRAFT: B-24  
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NARRATOR: Frank N. Kincaid  
ARMY SERIAL NO.: 35721183  
HOME ADDRESS: 106 N. Barber  
EX-REPORT NO.:

SQUADRON: 764<sup>th</sup>  
GROUP: 461<sup>st</sup>  
TYPE AIRCRAFT: B-24  
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NARRATOR: Norman L. Elzeer  
ARMY SERIAL NO.: 15354714  
HOME ADDRESS: 1301 E. Blvd.  
EX-REPORT NO.:

SQUADRON: 764<sup>th</sup>  
GROUP: 461<sup>st</sup>  
TYPE AIRCRAFT: B-24  
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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name **Ralph M. McKinney** Rank **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.** Serial No. **0-687608**
2. Organization **461st** Gp Commander **Hawes** Rank **Col.** Sqn CO **Goree** Rank **Capt.**
3. What year **1944** month **April** day **13** did you go down?
4. What was the mission, **Budapest, Hun.,** target, **M.E. Assembly Plant,** target time, **1300,** altitude, **20,500 ft** route scheduled, **Direct**  
**-----,** route flown **Direct**
5. Where were you when you left formation? **15 miles so of Budapest, Hungary.**
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". **Rear gunner – 2 waist gunners, ball turret gunner and bombardier bailed out the escape hatch in the rear, also the engineer and nose turret gunner, and co-pilot bailed out nose – pilot out of bomb bay.**
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? **Near Djiedea, Hungary.**
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? **All were seen at Moosberg, Germany. Stalag 7A.**
- 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: **SMITH, Jr., Charles Maurice.**  
Rank: **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.**  
Serial number: **0-683159**  
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Navigator**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **100 miles So. Of Budapest, Hungary.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Last words were to Lt. Smith – “Bail Out”.**

Was he injured? **Yes, Broken leg.**

Where was he when last seen? **Moosberg, Germany – Stalag VIIA.**

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Lt. Charles M. Smith was alive at ending of hostilities with Germans. I know nothing after that time. When shot down his only injury was a left broken leg..**

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

Dates and destinations if possible: **Not possible.**

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name **Troup, Merle A.** Rank **Sgt.** Serial No. **6989672**
2. Organization **461** Gp Commander **Glantzberg** Rank **Col** Sqn CO **Goree** Rank **Capt.**
3. What year **1944** month **April** day **13** did you go down?
4. What was the mission, **Budapest, H.**, target, **Aircraft Factory**, target time, **1307**, altitude, **20,000 ft** route scheduled, , route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? **Over target on rally.**
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 bailed out first, Lt. Smith followed me and we landed close together. The others jumped as we saw them later that day.**
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? **About 40 miles south of Budapest.**
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: SMITH, Jr., Charles Maurice.  
Rank: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.  
Serial number: 0-683159  
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? Hungary.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: While plane was going down and after we landed.

Was he injured? Yes.

Where was he when last seen? In prison in Germany.

Any hearsay information: No.

Source:.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Five.

Dates and destinations if possible: Last mission, Budapest, Hungary, 13 April 1944.

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Rank: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.  
Serial number: 0-683159  
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? Somewhere over southern Hungary.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I was in the nose with him prior to going to the waist to help those men out of the ship.

Was he injured? Not at that time apparently.

Where was he when last seen? He was at my house last Sunday.

Any hearsay information: This man is now discharged from the service and living in Highland Park, Calif.

Source:.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5.

Dates and destinations if possible: Bihac Jugoslavia, 2 Apr 44; Zagreb, Jugo, 7 Apr 44; Ferrara, Italy, 9 Apr 44; Budapest, Hungary, 13 Apr 44.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name **Severns, Jack** Rank **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.** Serial No. **0-752944**
2. Organization **461** Gp Commander **Glantzberg** Rank **Col** Sqn CO **Goree** Rank **Capt**
3. What year **1944** month **April** day **13** did you go down?
4. What was the mission, **Budapest**, target, **Messerschmidt Factory**, target time, **1245**, altitude, **19,500 ft** route scheduled, **split**, route flown **same**
5. Where were you when you left formation? **2 or 3 miles SE of Budapest.**
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". **M. Troup – 1300 – S. Hungary – nose wheel door; S. Kosierowski – 1302 – S. Hun. – Cam. Hatch; Evan Medelin – 1303 – S. Hun. – Cam Hatch; Dick Lyke – 1304 – S. Hun. – Cam Hatch; Chas Humphress – 1305 – S. Hun. – Cam Hatch; J. Severns – 1306 – S. Hun. – Cam Hatch; John Reynolds – 1308 – S. Hun. – Cam Hatch; Ralph McKinney – 1310 – S. Hun. – NWD; Kay Steele – 1318 – S. Hun. – Bomb Bay.**
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? **Somewhere in South Hungary.**
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? **All described.**
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. **None.**

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name **Kosierowsky, Stanley Anthony** Rank **S/Sgt.** Serial No. **32810179**
2. Organization **461** Gp Commander **Glantzberg** Rank **Col.** Sqn CO **-----** Rank **Captain**
3. What year **1944** month **April** day **13** did you go down?
4. What was the mission, **Aircraft Factory**, target, **Budapest, Hungary**, target time, **1200**, altitude, **23,000 ft** route scheduled, **over Adriatic**, route flown **as scheduled**
5. Where were you when you left formation? **2 minutes after target.**
6. Did you bail out? **Yes.**
7. Did other members of crew bail out? **Everyone aboard bailed out.**
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". **Everyone aboard bailed out, over Hungary, at 1300, April 13, 1944 about 100 miles southwest of Budapest, after aircraft could no longer stay aloft. 6 men out of the camera hatch, 2 from nose wheel and 2 from bomb bay.**
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? **Didn't see it but it was in Hungary.**
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? **Everyone of the crew was in good condition at Stalag Luft 7A Germany. Although at bailing out this was the condition of the crew: myself – machine gunned in left hand; Smith – navigator had broken legs; Lyke – waist gunner – grazed wound over eye; Humphress – radio operator – shot through thigh; Medelin – ball gunner – small pieces of flak in arm and eyes; Everyone should be home now!**
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. **None except a few met at prison camp, whose names I don't remember.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **SMITH, Jr., Charles Maurice.**  
Rank: **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.**  
Serial number: **0-683159**  
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Navigator**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **About 100 miles southwest of Budapest, 1300, 13 April 1944.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Didn't see him as I was in the tail turret and throat mike was out of order.**

Was he injured? **Yes, legs broken (ankles).**

Where was he when last seen? **At Stalag 7A, Germany.**

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **He spent about 4 months in the Budapest Hospital, then came to Stalag Luft III in Germany; then was moved to Stalag 7A. On April 29, 1945 was liberated by third army and was supposed to have gone to camp Lucky Strike in France to be sent home. He should be home now!**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **5 (Five).**

Dates and destinations if possible: **1 - April - Zagreb, Yugoslavia; 2 - April - Ferraro, Italy, 3 - April - Yugoslavia; 4 - April 13, 1944 - Budapest, Hungary.**



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