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WAR DEPARTMENT  
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
 WASHINGTON

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DEPARTMENT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

ORGANIZATION: Location APO 520, U.S. Army Command or AF 15th Air Force  
Group 64th Bombardment Group(H) Squadron 77th Bombardment Sq(H)

SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAB, Pantanella, Italy Direction NE  
 Target Moravaka Type of Mission Bombing  
Ostrava, Czechoslovakia.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Widely scattered middle and high clouds. Visibility 20 miles.

GIVE: (a) Date 29 August 1944 Time 1230 Location 6°35'N-18°45'E  
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
 (b) Specify whether: (X) Last Sighted ( ) Last Contacted by Radio  
 ( ) Forced Down ( ) Seen to Crash; or  
 ( ) Information not available.

AIRCRAFT AS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)  
 ( ) Enemy Aircraft ( ) Enemy Anti-aircraft (X) Other circumstances as follows: Mechanical Failure.

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-G AAF Serial No 42-78248

ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) RP-428857  
 (b) BP-425574 (c) RP-428339 (d) RP-428494

INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)  
 (a) Browning MG-M2 Cal. 50 977764 (b) Browning MG-M2 Cal. 50 977665  
 (c) " " " " 977919 (d) " " " " 977642  
 (e) " " " " 977985 (f) " " " " 978974  
 (g) " " " " 977945 (h) " " " " 977981  
 " " " " 391656 " " " " 977746

PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty ( ) Non-Battle Cas.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10  
 (Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	WAR SERIAL NO.	NEXT OF KIN, RELATION- SHIP, AND ADDRESS
Pilot <u>Kollias, John F.</u> <i>RTD</i>	1st Lt 0667041	Mrs. Wilma Ross Kollias (Wife) 2115 Park Ave. St. Louis, Missouri
Co-Pilot <u>O'Keefe, Robert G.</u> <i>RTD</i>	Y/O. T-62256	Mr. James J. O'Keefe (Father) 1 Main St., North Hanover, Mass.
Navigator <u>Price, Lewis F.</u> <i>RTD</i>	1st Lt 0665448	Mrs. Erna P. Price (Wife) 1903 8th St., Lubbock, Texas.
Bombardier <u>Jacobson, Albert E.</u> <i>RTD</i>	1st Lt 0694775	Mrs. L. Jacobson (Mother) 5918 Cedar Ave., Philadelphia, Penn.
Engr-Gun <u>Ollikainen, Toivo J.</u> <i>RTD</i>	S/Sgt. 31267216	Mrs. Helmi Ollikainen (Mother) RFD#2, Milford, New Hampshire.
Rad-Opr-Gun <u>Cook, William B.</u> <i>RTD</i>	Y/Sgt. 36445542	Mrs. Matilda Cook (Mother) Chandlerville, Ill.
Ball Gun <u>Probst, Fred L.</u> <i>RTD</i>	S/Sgt. 37615201	Mrs. Frances B. Probst (Mother) RFD#3, West Plains, Mo.
Tail Gun <u>Rochette, Francis C.</u> <i>RTD</i>	S/Sgt. 31118372	Mrs. Margaret Lynch (Mother) RFD, Hazardville, Enfield, Conn.

~~Waist Gun~~ Quелlette, Dewey H. ~~Sgt.~~ 31318365, Mr. Demase Quелlette, (Father) St. Francis, ~~Providence, R.I.~~  
~~Nose Gun~~ Richard, Emile J. ~~Sgt.~~ 31386227, Mrs. Mary A. Richard, (Mother) 12 Halton St. Providence, R.I.

IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) (Circle by INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:  
Collective Last Ser  
NAME IN FULL NAME SERIAL NO Is Person? Sighted Crash Forced Landing

Gorder, Robert A. 1st Lt. 0668441 X  
Doverspike, George C. 2d Lt. 0824610 X

IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 Parachutes were seen  Persons seen walking away from scene of crash  
 Any other reason (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

- ATTACH AS AN ENCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH, AS ENCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH, AS AN ENCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) No search could be made due to group formation being directly over target.

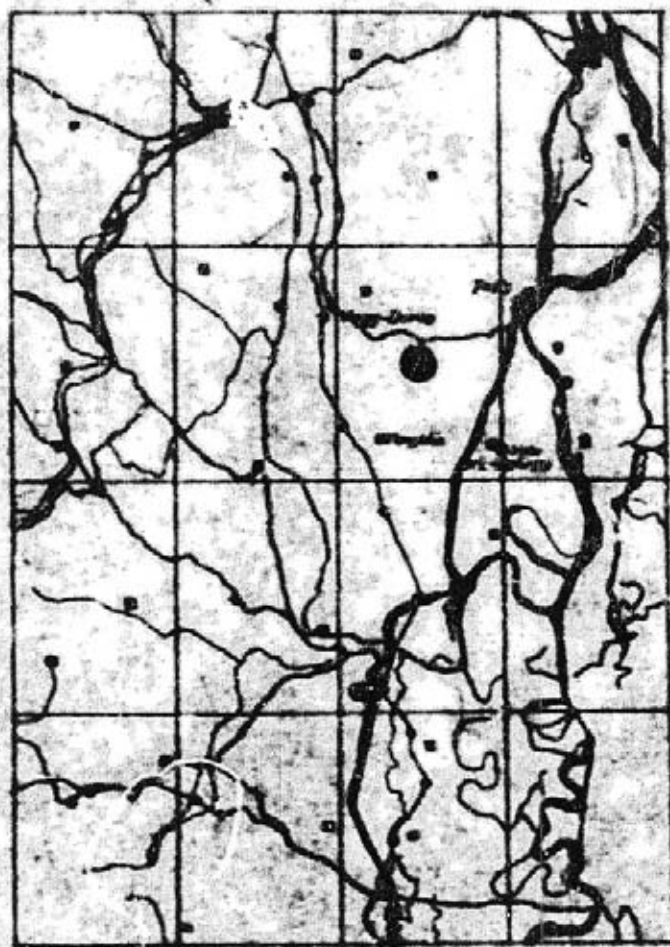
Date of this Report: 31 August 1944

Signature of Officer William H. Reddell  
WILLIAM H. REDDELL,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Commanding.

3 Incls:

- Incl 1-Sketch of approx position ship was last sighted.
- Incl 2-Eye Witness report of 1st Lt. Gorder.
- Incl 3-Eye Witness report of 2d Lt. Doverspike.





10' 20' 30' 40' 50' 46' 10'

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● INDICATES AREA IN WHICH LT. KOLLIAS' CREW LAST SIGHTED.

BEARING - 46°35'N. 18°45'E.

map #1

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S T A T E M E N T

I was flying as Pilot on Ship #500 which was flying in Charlie Box 31 position on the raid over Czechoslovakia.

I noticed the ship in Charlie Box 21 position the #4 engine was smoking and shortly afterwards he feathered his #4 prop and informed the Box Leader that he could not stay with the formation at that speed. He was then seen to drop back in the formation and I filled in in his position. Somewhere between 1300 and 1315 a voice which sounded like Lt. Kollies was heard to say to an escort pursuit, words to this effect: "I only have fifteen minutes of gas left and believe I'll have to bail the crew out". The escort ship answered back that he would have to leave as he was running short of gas himself. This conversation was heard over VHF Chanel "A". I then switched back to Command. The last I saw of this ship it was dropping back out of formation.

*Robert A. Gorder*

ROBERT A. GORDER,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Serial No. O-668441,  
1st Pilot, Ship #500  
776th Bomb Sq (H)  
464th Bomb Gp (H).

*Incl #1*

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S T A T E M E N T

I was flying as Co-Pilot on Ship #500 which was flying in Charlie Box 31 position on the raid over Czechoslovakia.

I was flying with VHF on Chanel "A" when I heard Red Baker calling the lead ship of the formation, telling the lead ship he was going to bail out his crew as he was running out of gas. I don't recall hearing any answer from the lead ship.

*George C. Doverspike*

GEORGE C. DOVERSPIKE,  
2nd Lt., Air Corps,  
Serial No. O-82,610,  
Co-Pilot, Ship #500  
776th Bomb Sq (H)  
464th Bomb Gp (H).

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1st. Lt. John F. Mallon

Mrs. Vilma E. Mallon, (wife)  
2114 Oak Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

1st. Lt. Louis F. Price

Mrs. Emma H. Price, (wife)  
1009 6th Street,  
Lubbock, Texas.

1st. Lt. Albert E. Jackson

Mrs. Leah L. Jackson, (Mother)  
2928 Center Avenue,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1/2 Lt. Robert C. O'Rourke

Mr. James J. O'Rourke, (Father)  
220 Main Street,  
North Haven, Connecticut.

2/Lt. Vernon J. Gilliland

Mrs. Helen Gilliland, (Mother)  
Royal Park Highway Number Ten,  
Milford, New Hampshire.

1/Lt. William E. Cook

Mrs. Pauline A. Cook, (Mother)  
Glenhurstville, Illinois.

2/Lt. Fred L. Fuchs

Mr. Robert L. Fuchs, (Father)  
Royal Park Highway Three,  
West Plains, Missouri.

2/Lt. Francis C. Kuchta

Mrs. Margaret Lynch, (Mother)  
Royal Park Highway, Mansfield,  
Hilling, Connecticut.

1/Lt. Henry E. Gullotta

Mr. Eugene Gullotta, (Father)  
24. Fortale, Indiana.

1/Lt. Ralph J. Kahan

Mrs. Geraldine C. Kahan, (wife)  
714 Market Street,  
Providence, Rhode Island.

*Handwritten signature*

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Fred H. Probst Rank 3/Sgt Serial No. 32415201
2. Organization 464 Op Commander Rank Col Sqn CO 1st Lt Col  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month 8 day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Abasco-Ostera target, Oil target  
time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, \_\_\_\_\_ route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Same where in 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". We all bailed out but in scattered line. All were safe in partisan hands except nose gunner (Dexy H. Ouellette)
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown
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 a \_\_\_\_\_
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)

APPX-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **FRICH, Louis F.**  
Rank: **1st Lt.**  
Serial number: **0-435 440**  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ **Navigator**

File # **6105**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Yugo-Slavia

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **COOK, William B.**  
Rank: **E/SGT.**  
Serial number: **2B 628 642**  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Radio Operator~~: **Radio Operator Gunner**

File # **8108**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Bomb-bay Yugo-slavia

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Friendly glances before leaving ship

Was he injured? Yes

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: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RICHARD, Earl J.

File # 0100

Rank: Sgt.

Serial number: 2L 200 207

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Bombardier)~~: Radio Operator Wrist

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Bomb-bay Yugo-slavia

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Friendly Glances before leaving ship.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

He was killed on later mission which I did not take part in.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: Un known

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Quisalla Dewey H Rank Sgt Serial No. 31214365  
776 Bomb Sq
2. Organization 776 Bomb Sq Sq Commander L Rank L Sq CO L Rank L
3. What year August (full name) 31 (full name) 1945 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, \_\_\_\_\_, target, \_\_\_\_\_, target  
 time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, \_\_\_\_\_, 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 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". every one  
Bailed out and all got back to the  
base after 42 days in F from other Bay that  
new than well
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) 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? Good Condition
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)

Dear Sir :

The best of my knowledge I have  
one all? could but I talk to my crew  
member when I got back they said  
every body but <sup>the</sup> Michael Emile J<sup>d</sup> Sgt.  
A.S.N. 31386227 was home safe but Michael  
was the only one killed in action. for  
better information contact all other  
crew member

My name <sup>rank</sup> Sgt

Jammy H. Oullette  
A.S.N. 31318365