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by E. A. BRADONIA, Lt. Col., AO
by F. M. KUNICH, Capt., AO
Date 25 AUG 1946

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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

ORGANIZATION: Location PANTANELLA AIR BASE Command or AF 15TH AF
Group 464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) Squadron 779TH BOMB SQ (H)

SPECIFY: Point of Departure PANTANELLA AIR BASE Course PROSTEJUV, CZECHOSLAV
Target PROSTEJUV Type of Mission BOMBING AKIA
CZECHOSLAVAKIA

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
1/10 CIRRUS AND A FEW SCATTERED CUMULUS. VIS 25 MILES

GIVE: (a) Date 25 AUG 1944 Time 1219 Location AUSTRIA
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: AIRCRAFT RAN LOW ON GAS AND CREW BAILED OUT.

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H AAF Serial No 41-29351

ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R 1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) BP-428060
(b) BP-428454 (c) BP-446024 (d) CP-226666

INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)

(a) BROWNING 50 CAL M2 973977 (b) 631886 631754
(c) 974185 (d) 631408 973831
(e) 631865 (f) 973217
(g) 974091 (h) 369110

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)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATION- SHIP, AND ADDRESS
Pilot	KALGREEN, LAWRENCE N.	2D LT	0820761	MOTHER MRS <u>RTD</u> B. L. KALGREEN, 413 MORNINGVIEW AVE, AKRON, OHIO.
CO-PILOT	HOWARD, ROBERT S.	2D LT	0823864	MOTHER MRS <u>RTD</u> NORA B. HOWARD, 5726 LOWE AVE, CHICAGO, ILL.
BOMBARDIER	DEWICKI, ZDZISLAW B.	2D LT	0717981	MOTHER MRS <u>RTD</u> BBONISLAWA M. DEWICKI, 412 N. WAYNE ROAD, WAYNE, MICH.
NAVIGATOR	CBETSINGER, JAMES H.	2D LT	0717393	MOTHER MRS <u>RTD</u> JAMES O. CBETSINGER, 1601 SO. GREEN, LONGVIEW, TEXAS.
ENGINEER	NIERNIGAN, FLETCHER P.	SGT	34671610	WIFE MRS <u>RTD</u> P. JERNIGAN, GENERAL DELIVERY, E. LUMBERTON, N. C.
RO GNR	DALEY, JAMES H. JR	SGT	11073624	MOTHER MRS <u>RTD</u> LUCILLE W. DALEY, 28 1/2 HANCOCK ST, NEWBURYPORT, MASS.
RO GNR	KOLENIC, ANDREW M.	T/SGT	35530233	WIFE MRS <u>RTD</u> KOLENIC, 12408 SOJKA AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO
AERIAL GNR	FREEMAN, GEORGE L. JR	SGT	34365099	WIFE MRS <u>RTD</u> A. FREEMAN, 238 KING ST, CHARLESTON, S. C.

incl #1

(See Reverse Side)

No. 557

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SUPER GNR DUCATT, CHARLES J. SGT 39207051 FATHER MR JULLUS
 J. DUCATT, BOX 21, ALGONA, WASH.
 AERIAL GNR HALL, JOHN L. CPL 36660494 MOTHER MRS
 ANNABELLE HALL, 1208 3RD AVE, STERLING, ILL.

IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	W/NO	SERIAL NO	by Radio	Sighted	Last	Saw	Crash	Forced Landing
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ANGELO (NMI) KYRMAS	T/SGT	13031254						X
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- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 Parachutes were used
 Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
 Any other reason (specify) 10 PARACHUTES WERE SEEN TO OPEN FROM THE AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE 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 WAS MADE AS CREW BAILED OUT OF AIRCRAFT OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.

Date of this Report: 28 AUGUST 1944

Signature of Officer Arthur E. Chambers
 ARTHUR E. CHAMBERS
 MAJOR, AIR CORPS,
 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- 2 Incls:
- INCL 1 - STATEMENT OF T/SGT ANGELO (NMI) KYRMAS. (SEPTUP)
 - INCL 2 - MAP OF AREA WHERE CREW WAS LAST SEEN (SEPTUP)

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 OCT 2 1944

779TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

UPON RETURNING FROM A BOMBING MISSION ON PROSTEJOV, CZECHOSLAVAKIA, ON 25 AUGUST 1944 LT. KALGREEN, FLYING "BLACK JIG", AND HIS CREW BAILED OUT OF THEIR AIRCRAFT. ABOUT 15 MINUTES AFTER BOMBS AWAY THE CREW BEGAN TO THROW OUT AMUNITION, DITCHING EQUIPMENT, CAMERA, ETC. THEY KEPT FLYING FOR ABOUT AN ADDITIONAL 30 MINUTES. THEN I NOTICED NUMBER ONE PROPELLOR WINDMILLING. ABOUT THE SAME TIME THE CREW BEGAN TO BAIL OUT. I COUNTED TEN (10) CHUTES. ALL OF THEM BAILED OUT SAFELY.

Angelo Kyrmas
ANGELO KYRMAS, T/SGT
13031254
779TH BOMB SQ (H)
464TH BOMB GP (H)

Angelo Kyrmas



63/12/11/44

Sgt. Ed. Nicholas E. Dunick

Mrs. Donaldson E. Dunick, (mother)
412 North Wayne Road,
Wayne, Michigan.

Sgt. Lt. James H. Gresham

Mrs. Alice H. Gresham, (mother)
1411 South Green Street,
Lombard, Texas.

Sgt. Lt. Robert J. Howard

Mrs. Sara H. Howard, (mother)
3736 Lake Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sgt. Lt. Lawrence H. Kallgren

Mrs. Marie A. Kallgren, (mother)
413 Huntington,
Akron, Ohio.

Sgt. Arthur H. Kelenik

Mrs. Fern Kelenik, (wife)
1212 South Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sgt. Fletcher F. Jernigan

Mr. Henry F. Jernigan, (father)
General Ballou,
Newark, North Carolina.

Sgt. Charles J. Keith

Mr. Julius J. Keith, (father)
Box 21, 4th Street,
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Sgt. George L. Freeman, Jr.

Mr. G. L. Freeman, Sr., (father)
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Sgt. James H. Riley, Jr.

Mr. James H. Riley, Sr., (father)
241 Hancock Street,
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Sgt. John L. Hill

Mrs. Isabelle Hill, (mother)
1248 3rd Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Model B

Enclosure 1)

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Admin. Office 10/XVII
Air Base Zeltweg/Bischof (Styria)

Zeltweg, 28 Aug 44

Statement of Capture of (an) Enemy Aircraft

1. Time of downing: 25 Aug 44 1230 Hours
2. Place of crash: at altitude of 2100 Meters, Streamer hall (street car stop?)
8 KM south (of) Predlitz, in the Mur Valley.
3. Manner of capture: Pursuit (fighter)
4. Crew, number: (not discovered, presumably elished out before)
5. Aircraft model: Liberator
6. Assigned number: 129351
7. Condition of wreck: 90% wrecked, crashed and burned
8. Photo. equipments: could not be found
9. Engine model: Pratt & Whitney Twin Wasp
& No:
10. Radio equipment: damaged
Radio Receiver BC 348 L
Radio Compass Unit BC 433-G
11. Propeller model: 3-bladed, metal, variable pitch - destroyed
12. Armament: partly damaged
11(Pieces) Machine guns, cal. 12.7 mm (50 cal)
13. Other equipments:
14. What other flight operations material is there: none
15. Markings and location of recovered loose parts: for forwarding action, sent
to Air Base Zeltweg.
16. Description of terrain: slope, partly wooded Alpine meadow
17. How wreck is guarded: 1 Night (State Guard)
18. Who is in charge (Admin. Office 10/XVII Zeltweg)
19. If salvaged by comm. (Ship), name of master..... Phone.....

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10 man crew
AAF # 41-29351

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21. Loading station: Ladin Bichl
22. Start of salvage: 27 Aug 44
23. End of salvage: 29 Aug 44
24. Difficulties and restraints: Because of difficulty in approaching location of crash, only armament and smaller parts could be recovered. Partly impassable terrain so that can only be reached by 2-wheeled mountain carts.

On 29 Aug 44 transmitted by phone to Command Air Base Zoon. Received by
Col Arnold.

(signed) LASKA
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Signatory of Commander

ix Evaluation Station West-Cheeruel

Air Base Command A (o) 10/XVII
Air Field Command Alger, ~~Alg.~~
Concerning Transmittal of recovered papers

Alger 1.3. 27 August

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To
Dulag (Transient Camp)
Observed

Air Field Command Alger 1.E. (herewith) hands over in the enclosure 8 papers which on 25 Aug 44 had been buried in the spot where the American PW Lt James H Grebinger had bailed out, in the vicinity of Admont. These papers had been found by thorough search of (Sova) spot.

Enclosures - 3 -

Signed (illegible)
Major and Commander

Air Base Command A (o) 10/XVII
Air Field Command Alger 1.E.

27 Aug 44

List of confiscated articles of PW Lt BENICKY Zdzislaw B
No. Of Identl Tag: O 717881 T 34 44 O
Bailed out of 4-motored bomber at Admont on 25 Aug(44) at 1215 Hours with 8 other men. Crash of aircraft not observed.

1 Ident. tag card
1 Photo
3 Keys
3 Ident. tags
1 pocket knife
50 canteens
2 Flight Cards

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

25 August 1944 - 1830

CASUALTY NO. 428 2021

PLACE OF CRASH

Belgium

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Division XVII

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPTURED WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
KALASHNIKOV 1924	Ladyslav Kozlov USSR	2nd Lt	0-530702 captured	Belag-Luft
HOWARD --	Robert Samuel Chicago, Ill	2nd Lt	0-823084 captured	Belag-Luft
CHRISTENSEN 25 Jan 24	James Robert	2nd Lt	0-717028 captured	Belag-Luft
BRICKI	Stanislaw Bronislaw	2nd Lt	0-717081 captured	Belag-Luft
JURKICAN --	Fletcher Patterson USA	S/SGT	24071019 captured	Belag-Luft
ELBY	James Henry Jr	S/SGT	11070284 captured	Belag-Luft
KORNYC	Andrew Michael	S/SGT	32509088 captured	Belag-Luft
HALL 18 Sept 40	John Lewis Sterling, Ill.	S/SGT	30820404 captured	Belag-Luft
FREEMAN Jr 11 Dec 40	George Lee Hersch, Tenn.	S/SGT	34860130 captured	Belag-Luft
SWARTY 1 Dec 24	Charles Joseph Belgium, N. Ind.	S/SGT	30807021 captured	Belag-Luft

REMARKS:

Belag-Luft 11 September 1944 No.

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DATE: 8/23/44 - 12.30 hrs.
PLACE: Bettebaum.
TYPE: Liberator

779 (H.B.) Sqd.
444 Group - 55 Wing.
THEATRE: Air District XVII,
Maintenance Group 10/
XVII.

Rank	Name	H.S.A.	Unit No
2nd/Lt.	Kalgreen, Lawrence, Norman		0-830761 . #
2nd/Lt.	HEWITT, ROBERT, PETER		0-823864 .
2nd/Lt.	Carstinger, James, Robert		0-717393 .
2nd/Lt.	Devicki, Bronislaw, Bronislaw		0-717861 .
S/Sgt.	Jaculga, Fletcher, Patterson		34671610 .
S/Sgt.	Baley, James, Henry Jr.		11073624 .
T/Sgt.	Kalanis, Andrew, Michael		39530233 .
S/Sgt.	Hall, John, Louis		36660494 .
S/Sgt.	Froeman, George, Lee		34365099 .
S/Sgt.	Deantt, Charles, Joseph		39207061 .

Meldung über den Abschub eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschub-Nr. ME 2021

Abschubtag und Zeit: 25.8.44 - 12.30
 Abschubort: Rottenmann
 Flugzeugtyp: Liberator
 Meldende Dienststelle: LG XVII

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwendung Grablage
KATORKEN 1924	Lawrence Norman USA	2.Lt.	0-620761	gef. Dulag-Luft
HOWARD —	Robert Samuel Chicago, Ill.	2. Lt.	0-623964	gef. Dulag-Luft
ORSTENINGER 23.1.24	James Hubert Tex. USA	2. Lt.	0-717333	gef. Dulag-Luft
NEWICKI	Zdzislaw Bronislaw	2.Lt.	0-717881	gef. Dulag-Luft
JERRIGAN —	Fletcher Patterson USA		3/3gt. 34671610	gef. Dulag-Luft
DALEY	James Henry Jr.	3/3gt.	11073624	gef. Dulag-Luft
KOLBYNO	Andrew Michael	2/3gt.	35530233	gef. Dulag-Luft
HALL 13.9.23	John Laman Sterling, Ill.	3/3gt.	36660494	gef. Dulag-Luft
FREEMAN 11.12.20	George Lee Stansh, Tenn.	3/3gt.	34365099	gef. Dulag-Luft
WATT 1.1.24	Charles Joseph Pottineau, N. Dak.	3/3gt.	39207061	ge. Dulag-Luft

Bemerkungen:

Major 8391

DULAG-LUFT, den 11.9.44 No.

Fragebogen

über Angehörige der US amerikanischen Luftwaffe

1. Name:

Vorname:

Dienstgrad:

Geboren am:

Geboren in:

Erkennungsmarke Nr.:

2. Tag, Zeit und Ort der Gefangennahme (Todes-Hergang) kurz gefaßt:

3. Weitere Besatzungsmitglieder:

4. Meldende Dienststelle bzw. Meldung von:

5. Tag der Einlieferung in DULAG-LUFT:

6. a) Verwundet:

Art der Verwundung:

seit: im Lazarett (Krankenhaus):

Befinden:

Voraussichtliche Krankheitsdauer:

b) Unverwundet-Verbleib:

c) Tot:

Todesursache:

Beigesetzt am:

Grablage:

7. Bemerkungen:

den