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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 AGO 520, U. S. Army Command or AF 15th A.F.
Group 46th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 776th Bombardment Sq (H)

SPECIFIC: Point of Departure AAF, Pantanello, Italy Course N.W.
 Target Toulon, France Type of Mission Boating

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
 Weather Clear with slight haze Visibility 15 to 20 Miles

GIVE: (a) Date 5 July 1944 Time 1245H Location 42°08' N - 05°55' E
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether: () Last Sighted () Last Contacted by Radio
 (X) 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 (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft () Other circumstances as follows: Plane exploded at 20,000 feet

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H AAF Serial No 42-52484

ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1820-43 AAF Serial No (a) CP 302549
 (b) CP 302581 (c) CP 302458 (d) CP 312339

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

(a) <u>Browning MG-M2 Cal .50</u>	<u>952219</u>	(b) <u>Browning MG-M2 Cal .50</u>	<u>951869</u>
(c) " " "	<u>951307</u>	(d) " " "	<u>951569</u>
(e) " " "	<u>951139</u>	(f) " " "	<u>951317</u>
(g) " " "	<u>951331</u>	(h) " " "	<u>951965</u>
(i) " " "	<u>951266</u>		

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 (Last Name First)	NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	NAME OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
Pilot	Grunewald, Edward A.	2d Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Jane Grunewald, Wife 2112 Carlton St, Fort Worth, Texas RTD
Co-Pilot	Newborg, William T.	2d Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Mary T. Newborg, Wife, 604 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama.
Navigator	Porter, John D.	2d Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Dennis E. Porter, Mother 20 Kingsbury St., Framingham, Mass. RTD
Bombardier	Fooding, Edmund G.	2d Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Pattie J. Fooding, wife, 5279 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, California. RTD
Radio-Or-Gunner	Allen, Kenneth F.	T/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Ruth F. Allen, Mother, Route #3, Kearney, Nebraska. RTD
Top Turret-Gunner	Creswell, Guy L.	T/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Miriam Creswell, Wife, 6709 Division Ave., Birmingham, Alabama.
Waist-Gunner	Higgins, Jr. Joseph S.	S/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Anna A. Higgins, Mother, Box 218, Potosi, Missouri. RTD
Waist-Gunner	Lubiejewski, Walter J.	S/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Antonina Lubiejewski, Mother, 1307 Jackson St., Erie, Pa. RTD

[REDACTED]

Tail-Gunner Rosenfeld, Abraham (N.I) Pvt. [REDACTED] Mrs. Gus ie Rosenfeld, Mother
 2041 Whiteman St., Pittsburg, Pa.
 Ball Turret-Gun Holcombe, Foy L. T/Sgt. [REDACTED] Mrs. Francis Holcombe, Father,
 Route #2, Hamilton, Alabama

IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-
 CRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) REASON FOR BELIEF:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERVICE NO.	REASON FOR BELIEF
Virgil F. Walker	2d Lt.	[REDACTED]	X
James E. Parker	T/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	X

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 Parachutes were used Persons were seen leaving area of crash
 Any other reason (Specify) One of the eight (8) parachutes was seen burning.
- 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 plane exploded over enemy territory.

Date of this report: 7 July 1944

Signature of Officer Harold E. Blehm
 HAROLD E. BLEHM,
 Major, Air Corps,
 Commanding.

- 3 Incls:
 Incl 1 - Sketch of approx location of aircraft exploding.
 Incl 2 - Eye Witness Report of 2d Lt. Virgil L. Walker.
 Incl 3 - Eye Witness Report of T/Sgt. James E. Parker.



[REDACTED]

Second Lieutenant John D. Porter

Mrs. Helena B. Porter, (Mother)
20 Kingsbury Street,
Framingham, Massachusetts.

Second Lieutenant William T. Newborg

Mrs. Mary R. Newborg, (Wife)
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Second Lieutenant Edward A. Grunewald

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Second Lieutenant Edmund C. Wooding

Mrs. Patti J. Wooding, (Wife)
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6708 Division Avenue,
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Staff Sergeant Walter J. Lubiejewski

Mrs. Bertha Wasiulewski (Sister)
346 East 14th Street,
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Staff Sergeant Foy L. Holcombe

Mr. Francis Holcombe (Father)
Route Number 3,
Hamilton, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Joseph S. Higgins, Jr.

Mrs. Anna M. Higgins, (Mother)
General Delivery,
Potosi, Missouri.

Private Abraham Rosenfeld

Mrs. Gussie Rosenfeld, (Mother)
Parkway Apartments,
2041 Whiteman Street,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name EDWARD A. GRUNEWALD Rank 2ND LT Serial No. [REDACTED]
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander BONNER Rank COL Sqn CO H. BLEHM Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 5 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, TOULON, FRANCE, target, HARDOK, target time, 1250, altitude, 2200 route scheduled, AT FROM COAST, route flown AS BRIEFED
5. Where were you when you left formation? JUST LEAVING TARGET
6. Did you bail out? YES, FROM REMAINS OF EXPLODED AIRCRAFT.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, BUT I WAS IN NO POSITION TO SEE OR COMMUNICATE WITH THEM.
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
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? EXPLODED MID-AIR
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) DON'T KNOW
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? THE CO PILOT WAS IN HIS SEAT PARTLY DAZED FROM THE FIRE & EXPLOSION
BECAUSE OF INTENSE FIRE I WAS UNABLE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I MET LT WILLIAM TROTTER. (WHO WAS SHOT DOWN FROM 464TH BOMB GROUP OF MAY 1944) HE WAS BEING TREATED FOR BURNS AT LARGE HOSPITAL IN LION, FRANCE WHERE I MET HIM ON ABOUT THE 28TH OF JULY, 1944. HE WAS IN SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITION BUT WE WERE MOVED TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL ABOUT 40 MILES NORTH AT DIJON, FRANCE WHERE WE WERE SEPARATED I WAS THE ONLY ONE ABLE TO BE

(over)

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

MOVED FURTHER.

LT WILLIAM TROTTER + LT MERRILL T. SPRING
WERE APPARANTLY LOST AT DIJON, FRANCE ON OR
SHORTLY AFTER AUG. 1ST 1944, WHEN I LEFT THEM AS I
HAVE HEARD NOTHING OF THEM SINCE.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN D. PORTER Rank 1st Lt Serial No. [REDACTED]
2. Organization 164 Co Commander SCHUBER Rank Col, Sqn CO 11311111 Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 5 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Toulon FRANCE, target, SUBPEN., target
time, 1300, altitude, 11,800 FT route scheduled, NORTH WEST
TO FC: 11311111 route flown 11311111
5. Where were you when you left formation? #6 - LEAD BOX
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 MEN WHO BAILED OUT LANDED IN TARGET AREA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SGT WHO LOST TRACK WHO LANDED IN THE WOODS AND ESCAPED
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) LT. NEWBORN
PLT. CRISWELL, S/SGT ITCCUMBI
11. Where were they in aircraft? CO-PILOT SEAT, TOP TURRET, BALL TURRET
12. What was their condition? KILLED (SEE INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRES)
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL MEMBERS WHO REACHED THE GROUND WERE LAST SEEN BY ME AT FRANKFORT IN MAIN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF IT WHO WAS LANDING AND REMAINED WITH ME AND LE CRUI WITH THE PILOT WHOM I DID NOT SEE UNTIL AFTER THE WAR WAS OVER.
LT. ALLEN WAS BADLY BURNED AND PVT. ROSENBERG APPEARED TO BE OUT ON HIS LEAD
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
AS ABOVE

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