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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 AFPO 520, U. S. Army Command or AF 15th Air Force
Group 464th Bombardment Group (B) Squadron 776th Bombardment Sq (H)

SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAB, Pantanella, Italy Course N.E.
Target Ploesti, Rumania. Type of Mission Bombing

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Weather - Fair; Visibility limited due to smoke rising from numerous smoke pots.

GIVE: (a) Date 28 July 1944 Time 1120 Location 44° 10' N - 22° 21' E.
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft:
(b) Specify whether: 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 () Other circumstances as follows:

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 J AAF Serial No 44-40497

ENGINES: Type, Model & Series B-1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) EP-439828
(b) EP-428648 (c) EP-440032 (d) EP-439864

INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) Browning M1-M2-Cal .50 1197208 (b) Browning M3-M2-Cal .50 1197199
(c) " " " 1196919 (d) " " " 1105710
(e) " " " 1198026 (f) " " " 1105455
(g) " " " 1198837 (h) " " " 1200368
(i) " " " 1197178 (j) " " " 1197167

PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: 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, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
Pilot	Perkins, Lewis M.	2d Lt	0-696878	Mrs. Annie M. Perkins (Mother) Box #65, Utica, Kentucky
Co-Pilot	Aclin, Lloyd B.	2d Lt	0-763886	Mrs. Dorothy M. Aclin (Wife), 410 E. 6th St., Little Rock, Arkansas.
Navigator	Inks, James M.	2d Lt	0-698717	Mrs. Roy B. Inks (Mother), 2609 San Pedro St., Austin, Texas.
Bombardier	Marley, Francis W.	2d Lt	0-692499	Mrs. Barbara Marley (Wife), Box #487, Meridian, Idaho.
Rad-Oper-Gunner	Schuffert, John H.	T/Sgt.	15071415	Miss Katherine Schuffert (Sister) 903 Garfield Ave., New Castle, Pa.
Ball Gun.	Griffin, Willard E.	S/Sgt.	33540868	Mrs. Kate Griffin (Mother) 704 Jackson St., Fredericksburg, Va.
Nose Gun.	McCormick, Robert J.	S/Sgt.	19143688	Mrs. Arthur H. McCormick (Wife) 11 E. Augusta St., Spokane, Washington.
Top Turret Gun	Spain, Neil M.	T/Sgt.	39452624	Mr. Jacob C. Spain (Father) Canyon City, Oregon.

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C. J. [Signature]

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Tail Gunner - Umfleet, Floyd E.

S/Sgt. 38357934 Mrs. Beulah M. Umfleet (Wife)
Route #1, Harrisburg, Arkansas.

Waist Gunner - Pison, Bronislav J.

S/Sgt. 36159381 Mrs. Pauline Pison (Mother)
924 South Graham St., Jackson, Michigan.

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	RANK	SERIAL NO	Contacted Last Saw		
			by Radio	Sighted	Crash Forced Landing
CLYDE A. HUFF	2d Lt.	0-698434		X	

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

1. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

2. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

3. 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 could be made due to group formation being over enemy territory.

Date of this Report: 30 July 1944.

Signature of Officer

William H. Ferrell
WILLIAM H. FERRELL,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

2 Incls:

Incl 1 - Sketch of approx position ship was last sighted

Incl 2 - Eye Witness report of 2d Lt. HUFF.

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✓ 2nd Lt. Lewis M. Perkins ✓

Mrs. Annie S. Perkins (mother)
Box 65,
Utica, Kentucky.

✓ 2nd Lt. Lloyd B. Aclin ✓

Mrs. Dorothy M. Aclin (wife)
410 East 6th Street,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

✓ 2nd Lt. James M. Inks ✓

Mrs. Myrtle M. Inks (mother)
2609 San Pedro Street,
Austin, Texas.

✓ 2nd Lt. Francis W. Marley ✓

Mrs. Barbara Marley (wife)
Box 457,
Meridian, Idaho.

✓ 1/Sgt. Neil M. Spain ✓

Mr. Jacob C. Spain (father)
Box Three,
Canyon City, Oregon.

✓ 1/Sgt. John H. Schaffert ✓

Miss Katherine Schuffert (sister)
720 North Mercer Street,
New Castle, Pennsylvania.

✓ 1/Sgt. Willard E. Griffin ✓

Mr. Joseph E. Griffin, Jr., (father)
704 Jackson Street,
Fredericksburg, Virginia.

✓ 1/Sgt. Robert J. McGernick ✓

Mrs. Julia C. McGernick (mother)
Eleven East Augusta,
Spokane, Washington.

✓ 1/Sgt. Floyd E. Umfleet ✓

Mrs. Beulah M. Umfleet (wife)
Route Number One,
Harrisburg, Arkansas.

✓ 1/Sgt. Bronislaus J. Pizien ✓

Mrs. Paulina E. Pizien (mother)
324 South Corkum Street,
Jackson, Michigan.

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AFTER BAWING OUT, WE WERE IMMEDIATELY PICKED UP BY THE CHEYNIKS. AT FIRST, THEY WERE QUITE HOSTILE, BUT LATER TREATED US FAIRLY WELL. THEY MADE NO ATTEMPT TO GET US OUT, SO AFTER 50 DAYS WITH THEM LT. PERKINS USQF NEIL SPAIN AND MYSELF ESCAPED AND GOT WITH THE PARTISANS. THIS IS THE LAST I SAW OF THE REST OF THE CREW MEMBERS. THE PARTISANS TURNED US OVER TO THE BRITISH AND THEY GOT US BACK TO OUR BASE IN ITALY.

J. H. Schuffert
USAF 15071415

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 7357

Name of crew member: A C L I N , Lloyd B.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-763886
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Bomber)~~ Co-Pilot.

Did he bail out? YES

Where? 15 MILES SOUTH OF PODGORICA, YUGOSLAVIA

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE -

WE WERE NOTIFIED TO BAIL-OUT BY BUZZER -

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? WITH CHETNIKS - OUTSIDE PODGORICA, YUGO.

Any hearsay information: NONE. HE WAS WITH US AFTER THE

YUGOSLAV CHETNIKS PICKED US UP. HE WAS IN GOOD

HEALTH AND SPIRITS. AFTER 50 DAYS WITH THE CHETNIKS,

THE PILOT, LT PERKINS, ENGINEER, TSgt NEIL SPAIN, AND

MYSELF ESCAPED AND GOT WITH THE PARTISANS. WE LAST

Source: SAW HIM WITH CHETNIKS.

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

A LETTER FROM HIS WIFE ABOUT MIDDLE OF MAY "45"

SAYING SHE RECEIVED A WIRE FROM HIM SAYING HE

WAS RELEASED AND ON HIS WAY HOME.

Total number of missions of above crew member: NOT KNOWN - APPROX. 30 -

Dates and destinations if possible: NOT KNOWN -

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 7387

Name of crew member: MARLEY, Francis W.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-692499
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~OFFICER (Pilot)~~ Bombardier,

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OVER PLOESTI, RUMANIA

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NO CONTACT

PRIOR TO BAIL OUT NONE - OUT BEEZER NOTIFIED US.

Was he injured? NOT KNOWN

Where was he when last seen? BAILING OUT OF AIRCRAFT.

Any hearsay information: NONE. WHEN OUR PLANE WAS HIT, HE WAS THE FIRST ONE OUT. THIS WAS RIGHT OVER PLOESTI, RUM. HE WAS TAKEN P.W. AND WAS IN BUCHAREST, RUM. WHEN RELEASED, HE WAS SENT BACK TO THE STATES.

Source: AT OUR BASE, WHEN WE RETURNED.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE, ONLY WHAT IS MENTIONED ABOVE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: NOT KNOWN - APPROX 25

Dates and destinations if possible: NOT KNOWN

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WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO PROESTI, ROM.
OVER THE TARGET, A BOMB WAS DROPPED ON
THE PLANE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF US. THE
PLANE BLEW UP AND WE FLEW RIGHT
THROUGH THE FIRE AND DEBRIS. THE FIRE
BURNT OUR AILERON AND TAIL CONTROLS.
IMMEDIATELY, LT MORLEY BAILED OUT AND
THAT WAS THE LAST WE HEARD FROM HIM
UNTIL WE RETURNED TO ITALY

John H. Schuffert
TSgt 15071415 A.C.