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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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.

ORGANIZATION: Location Lucera, Italy; Command or Air Force XV
Group 301st; Squadron 353rd; Detachment Main.
SPECIFY: Point of Departure Foggia Main; Course Regensburg, Germany to Foggia
Intended Destination Foggia Main; Type of Mission Bombing
WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
2/10 alto-stratus at 15,000. Visibility unlimited.
Give: (a) Date 25 Feb/44; Time 1115Z; and Location 46°35'N 14°20'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
AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (one
only one) (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows:

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 42-97526
GINES: Type, Model and Series B-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-004170
(b) SW-004132; (c) SW-004133; (d) SW-004149
STALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number) M/Gun M2 Flex. .50 Cal.
() No Records Available.; (c) ; (d)
() ; (f) ; (g) ; (h)
PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes
or (b) Non-battle Casualty
NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 1 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	
1. Pilot	7 Kisselburgh, Alexander J. Jr.	Pow Capt	0-429956	RTD
2. Co-Pilot	2 Bromley, John (NMI) Jr.	Pow Capt	0-415382	RTD
3. Navigator	8 Molloy, Robert J.	2nd Lt	0-797044	
4. Bombardier	9 Sorenson, Glenn A.	Pow 2nd Lt	0-673287	RTD
5. Eng Gnr	4 Dunn, Paul O.	Pow T/Sgt	14098726	RTD
6. Rad Opr Gnr	5 Facilla, Joseph F.	2nd Lt T/Sgt	32429506	
7. Lower Turret Gnr	3 Dravecky, Joseph (NMI)	2nd Lt Sgt	13003267	
8. Waist Gnr	1 Bertone, Anthony J.	Pow S/Sgt	36321394	RTD
9. Tail Gnr	6 Jessup, Delma L.	Pow S/Sgt	14349193	RTD
10. Photo	10 Watts, Harold J.	2nd Lt Sgt	16038750	

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

Check only one column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Force
See Witnesses' Statements.						

PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Some parachutes were seen but the number was unobserved.
ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE No Search

*Approximate Time and Location. Date of Report 28 February 1944

P. J. O'CARROLL, Maj., AG, Opns Officer.
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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353RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 520

HNL/ejk

28 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Witnesses' Statements--Loss of B-17G A/C #42-97526 and crew.

TO: Operations Officer, 301st Bombardment Group (H), AAF.

1. In compliance with verbal instructions, your Headquarters, 25 February 1944, subject information is presented:--Statements of witnesses, this Organization, who saw B-17G A/C #42-97526 and crew, this Organization, go down over the target on the mission of 25 February 1944 to Regensburg, Germany.

a. B-17G A/C #42-97526 and crew:

Flying Position No. 11

Pilot	Capt. Alexander J. Kisselburgh Jr.	0-429956
Co-pilot	Capt. John (NMI) Bromley Jr.	0-415382
Navigator	1st Lt. Robert J. Molloy	0-797044
Bombardier	2nd Lt. Glenn A. Sorenson	0-673287
Engineer Gunner	T/Sgt. Paul O. Dunn	14098026
Radio Operator	T/Sgt. Joseph T. Facilla	32429506
Lower Turret Gunner	Sgt. Joseph (NMI) Dravecky	13003267
Waist Gunner	S/Sgt. Anthony J. Bertone	36321394
Tail Gunner	S/Sgt. Palma L. Jessup	14149193
Photographer	Sgt. Harold J. Watts	16038790

b. Witnesses' Statements:

(1) Fighters attacked two A/C out at our left (42-31628 and 42-31703). Both of them went down burning. Three chutes appeared out of the last A/C knocked down. Fighters then came in on our formation. The A/C flying 23 position (42-31628) went down first. Some chutes appeared. I don't know how many. An A/C in the high right squadron in front of us went down next. I didn't see any men jump out. They might have bailed out after the A/C went below us. The fighters were attacking us from all sides by this time. No. 3 engine was hit and smoking quite a bit. Oxygen then went out on our left side, the propeller ran away on No. 3 engine, and we couldn't feather it. When the oxygen went out the pilot started down to a lower altitude and turned back toward Italy. When we started down from altitude No. 3 engine was on fire a little. The fire went out in the dive. At the time when we started down from altitude the other

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Witnesses' Statements, 353rd Bomb Sq (H), AAF, 28 February 1944 (continued).

six men from our crew started bailing out. The pilot's inter-phone system was shot out. One fighter followed us down to about six thousand feet, flew on our left wing a while, looked us over, then went back up to the formation. We were now over the Alps. We didn't have any more trouble with fighters or flak all the way back.

Raymond H. Jaggerst
S/Sgt. Raymond H. Jaggerst (17159302),
Engineer Gunner on A/C #42-30095,
Piloted by 2nd Lt. Robert A. Snyder,
Flying Position No. 22.

(2) About 1130 hours our tail and waist gunners reported a large formation of fighters approaching at high 7 o'clock. There were two stragglers flying low left which the fighters made their first attack on. I could not see this attack from my position but it was reported that the two B-17's were shot down, one going down in flames. A few minutes later the fighters started attacking our A/C from all directions--in two's, three's and four's--following up the lead ship's attacks. I saw one B-17 at high three o'clock in flames from the trailing edge of the left wing to the tail. I saw three chutes open from this A/C. The A/C went into a descending circle to the right and out of sight. Then the fighters started attacking our A/C from high three o'clock. I saw four A/C coming in, one behind the other. The pilot called my attention to the lead ship in our element and I noticed his No. 3 engine on fire. I saw one crew member bail out of this A/C. A few seconds later there was an explosion in our cockpit and later I noticed oil blowing out around No. 3 engine. Then the propeller started running away. At this time we were unable to stay in formation. The engineer reported that the waist gunner's oxygen supply was out and we went into a dive to lose altitude. It is my belief the crew members thought the A/C out of control and bailed out. The fighters were making attacks on our descent. One fighter remained with until about 13,000 ft. but did not attack. He left us and started back for the formation.

Paul L. Vaughan
2nd Lt. Paul L. Vaughan (0-753951),
Co-pilot on A/C #42-30095,
Piloted by 2nd Lt. Robert A. Snyder,
Flying Position No. 22.

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Witnesses' Statements, 353rd Bomb Sq (H), AAF, 28 February 1944 (continued).

(3) At approximately 1130 hours the tail and waist gunners called out a large formation of fighters approaching from 7 o'clock high. There were two stragglers flying between 7 and 9 o'clock low and some distance left of our formation which were attacked and knocked down, one of the burning. By this time the fighters were attacking our formation and the gunners were too busy to watch for parachutes from the other A/C. Another straggler from the lead group was flying out at 9 o'clock on the beam. One of the crew called out an A/C going down at 9 o'clock. The A/C appeared to be under control but the entire left side of the A/C was in flames. Our no. 3 engine ran away and we could not feather the propeller. At the same time 42-31628 in the 23 position seemed to be having trouble to stay in formation. Our oxygen system was knocked out and we had to leave the formation. A/C 42-31703's No. 3 engine was on fire but it was still in formation. One ME 109 followed us down to 13,000 ft. and made one pass at us without firing, and then climbed back up towards the formation. All of this happened between the time we passed west of Klagenfurt on course, and the Alps. There were nearly 50 fighters in the group that jumped us and they made all their attacks between 9 o'clock and 3 o'clock. The fighters when first sighted were approaching from the area east of Villa Orba. They were equipped with external fuel tanks. The formation was still climbing to approach altitude and we left formation at 22,000 ft. When our No. 3 engine ran away we stayed in formation for five minutes. Then our oxygen system was knocked out. There seemed to be an explosion in the A/C. It must have been a 20 ma. At the same time No. 3 engine caught on fire. I could not contact anyone on the interphone or 3 or 4 position of command. I believe the navigator left the A/C first, probably thinking it was out of control. The engineer said he saw the rest of the crew bailing out of the waist and tail on the way down. Before and during the descent, I tried to get rid of the bombs with the emergency release. At around 15,000 ft. the bombardier bailed out. I tried to motion to him for he was looking up through the opening behind the rudder but he left before I could make him understand the A/C was still okay.

Robert A. Snyder
2nd Lt. Robert A. Snyder (O-80297),
Pilot on A/C #42-30095,
Flying Position No. 22.

Raymond W. Long
RAYMOND W. LONG,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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✓ Capt. Alexander J. Kisselburgh, Jr.

Mrs. Grace H. Kisselburgh, (Wife)
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✓ Capt. John Bromley, Jr.

Mr. John Bromley, (Father)
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✓ 1st Lt. Robert J. Holley

Mrs. Gertrude D. Holley, (Mother)
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✓ 2nd Lt. Glenn A. Sorenson

Mrs. Dorothy B. Sorenson, (Wife)
Gillette, Wyoming.

✓ T/Sgt. Paul G. Dunn

Mr. James B. Dunn, (Father)
c/o Meks Dunn,
Rural Free Delivery Number One,
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✓ T/Sgt. Joseph T. Facilla

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1. Your name DALMA L. JESSUP Rank S/SGT Serial No. 14149193
2. Organization 301st Gp Commander Rank LT COL Sqdn CO Kisselburg MAJ
353rd (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEBRUARY day 25 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 40, target, RENEBURG GER., target time, app 1:45 P.M., altitude, 23,000 ft. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? JUST BEYOND ALPS ON Bomb Run
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". THE WAIST GUNNER AND I WENT OUT TAIL HATCH LANDED IN VILLAGE APPROXIMATELY 35 MILES FROM TARGET CO-PILOT LANDED CLOSE BY IN 30 MINUTES, REMAINDER OF MY CREW WERE TOGETHER.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? IN SMALL VILLAGE APPROXIMATELY 35 MILES FROM TARGET.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) RADIO OPERATOR, BALL TORRET GUNNER, PHOTO MAN.
11. Where were they in aircraft? NO KNOWLEDGE
12. What was their condition? DEAD
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? SAW WAIST GUNNER IN PRISON CAMP AT HYDEKAVG GERMANY AROUND NOV. 15 1944 - ENGINEER ON MARCH IN GERMANY MARCH 1945 - OFFICERS IN TRANSIENT CAMP MARCH 2, 1944 -
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

NO KNOWLEDGE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~OF THE AIR FORCE~~

MULLOY Robert J.

1st Lt

O-797044

Navigator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? IN ROUTE TO REGENSBURG GERMANY - JUST BEFORE BEING KILLED

If not, why not?

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

NO KNOWLEDGE.

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE.

Where was he when last seen? NO KNOWLEDGE.

any hearsay information: BOMBARDIER SAYS HE BAILED OUT SEVERAL MINUTES BEFORE PLANE WENT DOWN.

Sources: BOMBARDIER

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

NO KNOWLEDGE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROXIMATELY 48.

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber)

DEAVENY Joseph (MIA)

Sgt

13003267

Lower Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not?

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

OVER INNER PHONE "I'M OUTTA AMMUNITION"

Was he injured? No KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? IN WAIST JUST AFTER TAKE OFF

Any hearsay information: No

Sources:

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

No

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROXIMATELY 45

Dates and destinations if possible: No KNOWLEDGE

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 2729

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

WITS Harold J.

Sgt

16038790

Photo

Did he bail out? No

Where?

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? IN RADIO ROOM -

Any hearsay information: LYING ON FLOOR IN RADIO ROOM
JUST BEFORE PLANE WENT DOWN

Source: WIAIST GUNNER

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

No

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROXIMATELY 30

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 2723

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber)

MOLLOY Robert J.

1st Lt

O-797044

Navigator

Did he bail out? Attempted Bailout when ship abandoned

Where? Near Furth, Germany

If not, why not? Parachute entangled with Bomb Bay Doors.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: A few minutes Before. I questioned Target Time

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? Leaving nose escape hatch by Bombardier

Any hearsay information: Approximately a year later I was
Told by other ^{members of} crews in formation who ~~were~~ witnessed
my aircraft go down, that the first man to
Bail out chute entangled with Bomb Bay doors
and went down with the aircraft.

Source: explained above

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Germans
who examined wreckage claimed there were four
bodies in aircraft accounting for the four missing
men. I also located their grave in Furth Ger.
and the priest of the church claimed ^{of Americans, British} there were

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 45

Dates and destinations if possible;

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

PACILLA Joseph T.

Rank:

T/Sgt

Serial number:

32429506

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~WAWWY/WAWWY~~

Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? —

If not, why not? Was Killed in Position

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

Was he injured? — unknown

Where was he when last seen? By Waist Gunner on floor of Radio Room

Any hearsay information: —

Sources: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on surmises: Same as in case of Navigator # File 2723

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 40

Dates and destinations if possible: —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber)

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BRAVECKY Joseph (WMI)

Sgt.

13003267

Lower Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? Killed in Position

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Contacted me to say he was out of ammunition and volunteered to keep the guns swinging.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? By waist gunner who tried to get him out at Bail out time.

Any hearsay information:

Sources:

any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suppositions:

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 48

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 2723

Name of crew member:

WATTS Harold J.

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

16038750

Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~YANBY/ANBY/ANBY~~: Photo

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Killed in Position

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

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? in Radio room floor by waist gunner

Any hearsay information: _____

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 40

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Alexander J. Kisselburgh Jr Rank Capt. Serial No. 0-429956
2. Organization 301st B.GCH ^{Karl} Gp Commander Barthlemess Rank Lt. Col Sqn CO Myself Rank Capt
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb. day 25 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bomb, target, Pegansberg, Ger., target time, 1300, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, by way of Klagfurt, Aust., route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? On I.P. 3 minutes from Target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes 5 others besides myself
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". Those who left aircraft left approximately at the same time.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Furth Germany
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Navigator, Radio Operator, Gunner, Lower Turret Gunner, Photo.
11. Where were they in aircraft? In Position except Navigator who hung on Bomb Bay Door
12. What was their condition? Dead (Thru information given me by waist gunner)
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? In the Dulag hut, Frankfurt where enlisted personnel were separated from us. Was with the other two officers at Stalag hut 1 until April 18, 1944. All were in fair condition except for minor wounds.
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)

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La Grande, Ore.



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War Department
Washington, D.C.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

MOLLOY Robert J.

Rank:

1st Lt

Serial number:

O-797044

Position: Crew (Bomber)

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Navigator

Did he bail out? BOMBARDIER CLAIMED HE SAW THE NAVIGATORWhere? BAIL OUT - BUT WE NEVER SAW HIM
AGAIN

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HIS PARACHUTE
MAY NOT HAVE OPENED OR THE CIVILIANS MAY HAVE KILLED HIMWE FIGURED HE BAILED OUT, BUT THE GERMANS CLAIMED THEY
FOUND FOUR BODIES IN THE PLANE AND THERE SHOULD ONLY
HAVE BEEN THREE IF LT. MOLLOY HAD BAILED OUTTotal number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 44

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 2723

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~tail gunner~~

FACILLA Joseph T.

T/Egt

3242 9506

Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out?

No

Where?

If not, why not?

either badly wounded or dead

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

he told me his ammunition feedway was jammed

Was he injured?

yes

Where was he when last seen?

on the waist floor

Any hearsay information:

Sources:

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

Saw Facilla before I bailed out. We were both shot about the same instant. The plane started to go down at the same time. He seemed dead to me. I could not open the waist door & had to crawl to the tail hatch to get out.

Total number of missions of above crew member:

about 40

Dates and destinations if possible:

same as above I bailed out. We were both shot about the same instant. The plane started to go down at the same time. He seemed dead to me. I could not open the waist door & had to crawl to the tail hatch to get out.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~As Bombardier~~

DRAVECKY Joseph (DMI)

Sgt

13003267

Lower Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? He never got out of the ball turretLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Hetold of being out of ammunitionWas he injured? No knowledgeWhere was he when last seen? Before he entered ball turret

Any hearsay information: _____

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He may
have been killed instantly or may have been
too badly wounded to get out of turret.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 38

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name BERTONE, ANTHONY J. Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 36321394
2. Organization 301 Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO KISSELBOURGH ^{Rank} CAPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB. day 25 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMB, target, REGENSBURG AIRPLANE WORKS
time, ABOUT 12 NOON, altitude, ABOUT 22,000 # route scheduled, _____
_____ route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? ON BOMB RUN TO REGENSBURG
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? 5 OTHERS
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". SGT. LEE JESSUP AND I WENT OUT THRU TAIL HATCH - T/SGT. DUNN & LT. SORENSON (CAPT. BROMLEY, CAPT. KISSELBOURGH WENT THRU NOSE HATCH. ALL ABOUT THE SAME TIME NEAR REGENSBURG. ALSO LT. MOLLOY
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? SMALL TOWN NEAR REGENSBURG
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) T/SGT. FACILLA, SGT. DRAVECKY, SGT. WATTS.
11. Where were they in aircraft? DRAVECKY IN TURRET - FACILLA IN WAIST
WATTS IN RADIO ROOM
12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE
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. _____

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CASUALTY INTERROGATION FORM THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

THE FAMILIES OF MANY OF YOUR COMRADES HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTUNATE AS YOURS. THEIR SONS AND HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION AND THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN THEIR FATE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP TO TERMINATE THE SUSPENSE AND ANXIETY THEY ARE SUFFERING.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH IN ACTION OR DURING IMPRISONMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED:

FULL NAME OF DECEASED **JOSEPH T. FACILLA**

HOME TOWN OR STATE **Brooklyn, New York (10 West Green Place)**

RANK OR RANK **T/Sgt**

ORGANIZATION **353rd Bomb Sq, 301st Bomb Gp, APO 520, NY NY**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **Feb 25, 1944 In or around Regensburg**

CAUSE OF DEATH **20MM shell through the stomach. Subject went down with the ship when it crashed. Aircraft blew up when it crashed. Three unidentified bodies found under wreckage aircraft. One of the unidentified bodies believed to be T/Sgt Joseph T. Facilla.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Unknown**

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **No.**

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH

S/Sgt Anthony Bartens

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY
GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT

**S/Sgt Anthony Bartens
353rd Bomb Sq, 301st Bomb Gp, APO 520, NY NY
(Home Address unknown)**

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Air Base Command
Straubing

REF 607

1 March 44

Commas Dead personnel of enemy Air Corps

A) 1) On Feb 25/44, toward 1130 hrs
Downing of a four motor enemy plane, 500 m
west of Furth, northwest of Landsbut. Plane
totally destroyed, wreckage scattered around.

2) Boeing Fortress B-29 serial no. 37732
USA nationality, destroyed

3) 4 dead Am. flyers
following dead could be identified.

1) Farilla, Joseph E. 30429506 T&E D.

2) Molloy, Robert J. 0-79044 T&E D.

3) Kotte, Harold J. 1603740 D.

4) unknown American soldier

4) the rest of the members of the crew
parachuted probably and are found under
the in Berlin, near at Brandenburg through
in 1945. They were brought in from
Stalag Neuhagen.

B) Burial on March 1/44 in cemetery in Furth
N.W. of Landsbut, Niederbayern.

Capt & Command Leader

MACR 2723

CASUALTY NO.
MSU 807

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH:

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing 17

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command Erding/Obb.(Upper Bavaria)

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME: Dunn
Paul

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: T/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: 14098026

CAPTURED:

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

M2807 Feb. 25, 1944 Fortress

Bromley, John Jr., Cpt. Ident. Tag -
415 382, Taken prisoner

Kisselburgh, Alexander - Cpt. Ident. Tag - 0-429952
Taken prisoner

Lorenson, Glenn Alfred 2. Lt. Ident. Tag -
0-673 287 - Taken prisoner

Bertone, Anthony J., S/Sgt. Ident. Tag -
36321 394 - Taken prisoner

Dunn, Paul D., T/Sgt., born June 16, 1921
Ident. Tag - 14 098 026 - Taken
prisoner

Bulin - 3 April 1944

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