

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

10639

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Torretta, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
Group 461st Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 767th Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta, Italy Course direct to target
Target Blechhammer, Germany Type of mission bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
8/10 to 10/10 coverage
4. GIVE: [a] Date 18 Dec 1944 Time 1205 Last known position near Freudenthal, Germany.
[b] Specify whether: Last sighted, Forced down, Seen to crash,
 Last contacted by radio, No information
5. AIRCRAFT [~~LOST~~] [BELIEVED LOST] AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]
 Enemy aircraft, Enemy anti-aircraft, Other. .
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-51898
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: None (Number 63 on sides)
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series P&W R-1830-65 AAF serial Number [a] BP-447701
[b] BP-447953 [c] BP-448260 [d] BP-43028
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] All Browning Cal. 50
[a] LU 1033059 [e] LB 1037720 [i] LW 980454
[b] RU 1037798 [f] RB 1037769 [j] RW 1757706
[c] LN 1037783 [g] LT 1034749
[d] RN 1037798 [h] RT 1038052
10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: Battle Casualty, Non Battle Casualty
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
[If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet]

CREW POSITION	FULL NAME [Last, First, Initial] RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
[1] Pilot	George, Edward K., 1 st Lt. 0-705929	MIA	Mr. Kelly George (Father) 51 E 16 th St., Jacksonville, Florida
[2] Co-pilot	DeMarce, Donn H., 2 nd Lt. 0-768478	MIA	Mr. Donald R. DeMarce (Father) 4630 E. Talmadge, Dan Diego, California
[3] Nav	McCulley, Neil W., 2 nd Lt. 0-719112	MIA	Mrs. Fern E. Joiner (Sister) RFD #1, Brasoria, Texas
[4] Bomb	Moses, Jesse F., 2 nd Lt. 0-716810	MIA	Mrs. Cheryl W. Moses (Wife) Rt #1, Blackfoot, Idaho
[5] LWG	Kostan, Alexay J., S/Sgt. 19187766	MIA	Mr. John Kostan (Father) 1923 Francisco St., Berkeley, Calif.
[6] BTG	Dupree, Arthur R., S/Sgt. 31226428	MIA	Mrs. Mary G. Dupree (Mother) 27 Eddy St., Mansfield, Mass.
[7] TG	Tribby, John F., S/Sgt. 33689280	MIA	Mrs. Mollie E. Tribby (Mother) 1717 Ridge Ave., Coraopolis, Pa.
[8] NTG	Leeth, George D., S/Sgt. 38038423	MIA	Mrs. HJosephine Leeth (Mother) Box 222, Hamilton, Texas
[9] RWG	Wiest, William H., T/Sgt. 16076355	MIA	Mrs. Lucille, Wiest (Wife) 1300 Stevens, Springfield, Illinois
[10] TTG	Kilgore, John C., S/Sgt. 16046543	MIA	Mr. Lester Kilgore (Father) 2009 Butler Ave., Superior, Wisc.
[11]			

[12]

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRAITE [one only] COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
[1] Webster, Herbert N.	T/Sgt.	36426634		X		
[2]						
[3]						
[4]						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Parachutes were used, Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash,

Other reasons [specify]. **Plane was completely under control when last seen.**

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.
16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE: **None.**

Date: 22 December 1944

/s/ Raymond L. Wilcovitz
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

767TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

STATEMENT

I was flying left waist gunner on 18 December 1944. When we arrived at the IP, Freudenthal, Germany, plane #63 looked to be OK. We were on the bomb run about one minute when I saw a couple of bursts of flak near #63. Number 3 engine started windmilling and a few seconds later they dropped their bombs and pulled off to the left. They didn't seem to be losing too much altitude when they peeled off. We dropped our bombs and I never saw them again. The ship was under control and I see no reason why everyone should not have gotten out safely if they were not hit by flak before the ship turned around.

/s/ Herbert N. Webster
T/Sgt., 767 Bomb Sq

		U.S.A.	
	Rank	Name	ASN
DATE: 18 Dec 44 at	1st Lt.	George, Edward K.	0-705929
1800	2nd Lt.	DeMarce, Donn H.	0-768478
PLACE: Area of Kisber	2nd Lt.	McCulley, Neil W.	0-719112
(Budapest)	2nd Lt.	Moses, Jesse F.	0-716810
TYPE: Liberator	S/Sgt.	Kilgore, John Clinton	16046543
MARKINGS: 767 Sqd	T/Sgt.	Wiest, Will Henry	16076355
461 Group; 49 Wing	S/Sgt.	Dupree, Arthur Robert	31226428
TARGET:	S/Sgt.	Tribby, John Frederick	33689280
Transportation Center	S/Sgt.	Kostan, Alexey John	19187766
Raab	S/Sgt.	Leeth, George David	38038423

ME-2570

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN **18 December 1944 at 1300**, CASUALTY NO. **ME-2570**

PLACE OF CRASH **Budapest**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT **Liberator**

REPORTING OFFICE **Dysar**

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
DeMarce, Donn H. 1 March 1925 Richmond, W. Va	2nd Lt.		Captured	Dulag-Luft West
George, Edward K. 18 April 1922 Jacksonville, Fla.	1st Lt.	0-705929	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
McCulley, Neil W. 26 Sept. 1924 Tenn.	2nd Lt.	0-719112	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Moses, Jesse F. 29 Dec 1920 U.S.A.	2nd Lt.	0-716810	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Dupree, Arthur Robert 9 Dec 1922 Reedville	S/Sgt.	31226428	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Leeth, George David 22 June 1919	S/Sgt.	38038423	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Kostan, Alexey John	S/Sgt.	19187766	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Tribby, John Frederick 30 Aug 1911 Ky.	S/Sgt.	33689280	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Wiest, William Henry 24 Aug 1023 Edwardsville, Ill.	T/Sgt.	16076355	Captured	Dulag-Luft West
Kilgore, John Clinton 1917 U.S.A.	S/Sgt.	16046543	Captured	Dulag-Luft West

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 10 January 1945. Wo.

Concentration Point for PW.

Gycer

Nav.

Subject: Transferring of three more members of the crew of the B-24 which made an emergency landing in Kisber Hungary according our note of 19 Dec 1944.

The plane is from the 767th Squadron, 461st Group, 49th Wing.

C/P 2nd Lt. DeMarce, Donn H. 0-768478

B 2nd Lt. Moses, Jesse F. 0-716810

Nav. 2nd Lt. McCulley, Neil W. 0-719112

Judgment: DeMarce, decent character, ACCESSIBLE, can be bluffed, fit for interrogation.

Moses, kindly, likes to speak, very cautious with declaration, but not unfit for interrogation.

McCulley, says only what he thinks is known, he is reserved, only modest fit for interrogation.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **DeMarce, Donn H.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-768478**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes – he is back in San Diego, Calif..**

Where? **15 miles southwest of Budapest, Hungary.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **He bailed out immediately after myself. Saw him on the ground later.**

Was he injured? **No – proceeded to be captured and in Stalag Luft I.**

Where was he when last seen? **La Harve, France prior to going home.**

Any hearsay information: **Corresponded in United States.**

Source:.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Alive and in as good health as possible.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **31 or 32.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **First mission and last one on 18 Jan 44 to Blechhammer, Germany.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Neil W. McCulley Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-719112.
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Hawes Rank Col Sqn CO Rank Major.
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 18 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, bombing, target, Blechhammer, target time, 1400, altitude, 24,000 ft route scheduled, direct, route flown direct.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over target.
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All but 3 bailed. Pilot, nose gunner and turret gunner crash landed – all safe, airplane destroyed.
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". See 7 above. All crew members except Johnny Kilgore, Eng & upper turret gunner, Kostan (first name unknown) wre in Stalag Luft I, Barth, Germany. Others reported in Stalag Luft III at Sagon.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 20 southwest of Budapest, Hungary.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Pilot, E.K. George, NTG, George Leeth & Ball turret gunner, Arthur Dupree, crash landed airplane.
11. Where were they in aircraft? As pilot, co-pilot and engineer.
12. What was their condition? perfect.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? John Kilgore and Kostan as the bailed out. Kostan was later seen in a hospital in Germany on New Years by 2 friends of mine who were later in Stalag Luft I.
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. The airplane was in flyable condition except for oxygen and gasoline. All gas in #3 and #4 was lost due to direct hit by 105 mm ackack over the target. Shell exploded above the aircraft. No crew members were hurt by the explosion.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **DeMarce, Donn H.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-768478**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **?**

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? **?**

Where was he when last seen? **;**

Any hearsay information: **I was with him at his home in San Diego with his folks just prior to my discharge. He is now attending San Diego State College and is feeling well. He and I were together during Oct of 1945. He is not dead and is very much alive.**

Source: **Myself.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **He is now discharged from the service and I do not mean posthumously!! His fate may be based on the fact that we didn't fill in enough forms after we were liberated!!!!.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Around 31.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **;**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name **Kostan, Alexey J.** Rank **S/Sgt.** Serial No. **19187766.**
2. Organization **461st Gp Commander ?** Rank **Sqn CO** Rank.
3. What year **1944** month **Dec** day **18** did you go down?
4. What was the mission, **31st**, target, **Blechhammer**, target time, **?**, altitude, **26,000 ft** route scheduled, , route flown.
5. Where were you when you left formation? **At target.**
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". **No knowledge.**
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) **Pilot, nose gunner, ball gunner.**
11. Where were they in aircraft? **In and near cockpit.**
12. What was their condition? **OK.**
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? **DeMarce – safe at home with folks; Kilgore – camp Patrick prior to discharge; Leeth, George, Dupree – in Germany.**
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **DeMarce, Donn H.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-768478**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **No knowledge.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Number 3 engine hit (My head set shot off).**

Was he injured? **Minor lacerations (brises), dim vision through bomb bays – looking at gasoline from hit.**

Where was he when last seen? **Saw him when fuel tank was hit.**

Any hearsay information: **Yes – Navigator Moses – Bombardier, NcCulley and he bailed out at same time from cat walk.**

Source: **Yes, upon seeing him in Dulag Luft I.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **He returned to the U.S.A. after liberation.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **31 sorties.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Will be found in Service Records.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William Henry Wiest Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 16076355.
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Hawes Rank Col. Sqn CO Bennett Rank Major.
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 18 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, oil refinery, target, Blechhammer, target time, 1345, altitude, 24,000 ft route scheduled, , route flown.
5. Where were you when you left formation? No 3 position over target.
6. Did you bail out? Yes (close to Budapest).
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". Wm H Wiest – camera well; Alexey Kostan – same; John E. Tribby - same.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) E.K. George, Arthur Dupree, George Leeth.
11. Where were they in aircraft? They were in the cockpit (as told to me).
12. What was their condition? Bruises.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? DeMarce, Moses and McCulley at Dulag Luft I on the 26th of Dec.
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No knowledge.

The only conversation I heard after flak hit was in my ear repeated by crew member. My head set and helmet were knocked off but kept throwing out chaff for 15 minutes after we pulled away from formation so as to divert flak from rest of formation. Would have sent message after an hour away from target but a spark from the transmitter would have ignited gas as the ship was full with it and everyone was wet through.

I personally think a medal for bravery should go to John F. Kilgore, E.K. George & Moses. They help the ship under control until second flak barrage we encountered. John F. Kilgore and Moses stood on cat walk with gasoline pouring over them and curbed the flow.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **DeMarce, Donn H.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-768478**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **About five (5) miles from Budapest, Hungary.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Above gave command to "Jump".**

Was he injured? **Do not know.**

Where was he when last seen? **While parachuting down.**

Any hearsay information: **The whole crew was supposed to have been intact and together except John C. Kilgore.**

Source: **wife of S/Sgt. John F. Tribby.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **It was supposed that he landed alright.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **31.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Vienna – date ?; Blechhammer – date ?; Best information I can give is bombing of cities, bridges, in Yugoslavia, Hungary, Germany, Italy, Greece and France. Names and dates cannot be remembered.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John C. Kilgore Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 16046543.
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander ? Rank ? Sqn CO Donovan Rank Major.
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 18 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, bombing, target, Blechhammer, Germany, target time, 1330, altitude, 23,000 ft route scheduled, , route flown.
5. Where were you when you left formation? No 5.
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". Order they bailed out as far as I know: Moses – bombardier; McCulley, navigator; Kilgore, engineer; DeMarce, co-pilot. The rest I do not know about.
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) ?
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? I was in the waist when the plane was hit then I went up to the flight deck and the gunners all went back to the waist. No one was injured.
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **DeMarce, Donn H.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-768478**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Approximately 10 miles NW of Budapest, Hungary.**

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **Camp Lucky Strike, France.**

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source: **Personal contact.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **No.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **31 sorties.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **8-2-44, France; 8-12-44, Italy; 8-14-44, France; 8-15-44, France; 8-18-44, Yugoslavia; 8-20-44, Hungary; 8-22-44, Austria; 8-24-44, Italy; 8-26-44, Rumania; 8-27-44, Italy; 8-28-44, Hungary; 9-1-44, Italy; 9-3-44, Yugoslavia; 9-5-44, Yugoslavia; 9-15-44, France; 9-22-44, France; 9-25-44, Greece; 10-4-44, Italy; 10-11-44, Yugoslavia; 10-12-44, Italy; 10-13-44, Austria; 10-20-44, Italy; 10-23-44, Germany; 11-7-44, Yugoslavia; 11-17-44, Germany; 11-18-44, Italy; 11-22-44, Germany; 12-6-44, Yugoslavia; 12-15-44, Austria; 12-16-44, Czechoslovakia; 12-18-44, Germany.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Edward K. George Rank Capt. Serial No. 0-705929.
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Hawes Rank Col. Sqn CO Donovan Rank Major.
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 18 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 31st, target, Blechhammer, Germany, target time, 1215, altitude, 25,000 ft route scheduled, unknown, route flown unknown.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Blechhammer.
6. Did you bail out? No.
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". Neil W. McCulley, Jesse F. Moses, Alexey J. Kostan, William H. Wiest, John F. Tribby, John C. Kilgore – all bailed out approx. 1300, 10 miles NW of Budapest, Hungary.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Approx. 10 miles NW of Budapest, Hungary near Kisber, Hungary.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Edward K. George, George D. Leeth and Arthur R. Dupree.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Pilot seat, co-pilot seat & behind pilot.
12. What was their condition? Normal – no injuries.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Saw Alexey J. Kostan Jan 22, 1944 in Frankfurt on Maine with broken ankle. William H. Wiest and John F. Tribby had head injuries from flak and bullets as they were coming down in chutes but both alright when I last saw them, Mar 1, 1945 in Barth, Germany.
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **DeMarce, Donn H.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-768478**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Not far fro Gyor, Hungary.**

Where?;

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Pilot asked if he was bailing out. He said yes.**

Was he injured? **I do not know.**

Where was he when last seen? **Stalag Luft I.**

Any hearsay information: **Sept. 30, 1945 I saw DeMarce at the R.S. in Santa Monica, Calif.**

Source:;

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: **31.**

Dates and destinations if possible:;

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Leeth, George D. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 38038423.
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Hawes Rank Col. Sqn CO Miller Rank Major.
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 18 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Blechhammer, target, South Ref., target time, 1230, altitude, 26,000 ft route scheduled, unknown, route flown unknown.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over the target.
6. Did you bail out? No.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Seven (7) bailed out. Pilot, ball gunner and myself crash landed.
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". Kostan, UG, Tribby, TG, Wiest, RO, Moses, B, McCulley, N, DeMarce, CP. All bailed out between Budapest and Gyor, Hungary.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Kisber, Hungary.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) EK George, Pilot, A.R. Dupree, ball gunner, George D. Leeth, nose gunner. All of us got out of the burning ship.
11. Where were they in aircraft? George, Pilot seat, Leeth, co-pilot seat & Dupree at radio seat.
12. What was their condition? All badly shaken & slightly injured.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Saw Tribby and Wiest in Gyor, Hungary. Saw Kostan in Frankfurt, Germany and he was beaten about face and had a busted ankle. Saw Moses, DeMarce, McCulley at Wessler and they were in fair shape.
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. McCulley, George, Wiest, Moses, DeMarce, Tribby, Dupree and myself were sent to Stalag Luft I.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **DeMarce, Donn H.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-768478**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Near Kisber, Hungary or Gyor, Hungary.**

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? **Unknown.**

Where was he when last seen? **Stalag Luft I.**

Any hearsay information:.

Source:.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: **39 to my knowledge.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Dates unknown.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Dupree, Arthur R. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 31226428.
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Hawes Rank Col. Sqn CO Poole Rank Capt.
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 18 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Oil refinery, target, Blechhammer, Germany, target time, unknown, altitude, no knowledge route scheduled, no knowledge, route flown no knowledge.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over target area.
6. Did you bail out? No.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? 7 of the crew.
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 on most of the crew except seen them bail out near Gyor, Hungary.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Kisber, Hungary.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Pilot, nose gunner, ball gunner.
11. Where were they in aircraft? One in pilot and co-pilot seats, one on flight deck.
12. What was their condition? Badly shaken up & cut and dazed from crash from enemy anti-aircraft.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? S/Sgt. Alexey Kostan, top turret, at interrogation camp for German prisoners near Frankfurt with a broken ankle. S/Sgt. John Kilgore, engineer, in his parachute just after he bailed out. Never saw or heard about him after.
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.: