

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520 U. S. Army

15 January 1945

ESCAPE STATEMENT

1. Lang, Charles V., Jr., 1st Lt., 0-667823, 767th Sq., 461st B. Gp.

Born - 19 Oct 1920 Enlisted - 10 March 1942

Home Address - Carrollton, Ala.

Peacetime Profession - Student Duty - Pilot

MIA - 17 Dec 1944 RTD - 14 January 1945 Missions 1

1. Bosso, Guy V., Cpl., 32234212, 767th Sq., 461st B. Gp.

Born - 22 June 1916 Enlisted - Feb 1942

Home Address - 133 E. Chestnut St., East Rochester, N. Y.

Peacetime Profession - Stock Clerk Duty - Engineer

MIA - 17 Dec 1944 RTD - 14 January 1945 Missions 1

1. Maggard, Oliver, Jr., 2nd Lt., 0-826237, 767th Sq., 461st B. Gp.

Born - 5 Oct 1923 Enlisted - 25 Nov 1942

Home Address - 20 Hillside Rd., Larchmont, N. Y.

Peacetime Profession - Student Duty - Co-Pilot

MIA - 17 Dec 1944 RTD - 14 January 1945 Missions 1

1. Reed, Lon N., Jr., Cpl., 14123198, 767th Sq., 461st B. Gp.

Born - 15 July 1920 Enlisted - 7 July 1941

Home Address - Maryville, Tenn.

Peacetime Profession - Student Duty - Gunner

MIA - 17 Dec 1944 RTD - 14 January 1945 Missions 7

2. Mission was to bomb O/R at Blechhammer and was hit by fighters just before I.P. Some controls were shot out. Nos. 1 and 4 engines were out. Hydraulic system was out completely. Big gas leak so pilot headed in general direction of Russian lines. Could not maintain altitude so the pilot ordered crew to jump.

3. Never in hands of the enemy.

4. Source 1 landed South West of Budapest. Immediately upon landing he ran to some woods and was finally cornered by Russian Partisans. He convinced them that he was an American and they took him to a Hungarian peasants home. The same night he was brought to Russian Headquarters where he was taken to a hospital and fed. (In Dunedm, 4707N, 1852E) Sometime later he was joined by source 3.

Source three landed South West of Budapest, actually in the middle of the Danube. He was picked up by a speedboat and brought to shore. Source 3 passed out and awoke in a farm house. He was given some clothing and was fed. He was then taken to a hospital in Danedonx, Hungary where he met source 1.

Source 2 was shot at on his way down. He was picked up by Russian Partisans and was treated as a P.O.W. He was fed and brought to the Russian Headquarters where he convinced them that he was an American. They tried to interrogate him but source did not give any information. He stayed here overnight and the next day he was brought to the hospital in Adony. Source 4 passed out just after jumping but came to just before hitting ground. He landed in a flooded area, rid himself of his chute and walked out of the water. Managed to reach a dugout, left it a short time later and was picked up by two Russians who took all his money and personal belongings and then took him to a neighboring house where he stayed overnight. The next day he was brought to Adony by wagon. All four sources stayed here for three nights and were then taken to Dunefoldbar, Hungary, 4647N, 1854E. Stayed here overnight and then went to Plks, 4638N, 1852E. Stayed here for two days and then went to Soltica, 4606N, 1940E. Stayed here overnight and then went to Caransebes, and then went to Bucharest where they stayed for 16 days. They were then evacuated by C-47 to Bari arriving 14 January 1945.

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1st Lt., A.C.
Interrogator

4 Incls.

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APPENDIX C

1. Briefing is bad for enlisted personnel.
2. Carrying of pistols is discretionary. (In the Squadron.)
3. Found G.I. Shoes O.K. but prefer combat boots.