

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520 U. S. Army

25 Sept. 44

ESCAPE STATEMENT

1. Piercy, Blake F., Cpl., 19129953, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.
Born - --- Enlisted - 12 Aug 1942
Home Address - Morristown, Tenn.
Peacetime Profession - Waiter
MIA - 26 Aug 1944 RTD - 21 Sept. 1944 Missions - 1
1. Knoke, Norman Ernest, 2nd Lt., 0-723376, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.
Born - 27 Sept 1924 Enlisted - 9 April 43
Home Address - Chicago, Ill.
Peacetime Profession - Waiter
MIA - 26 Aug 1944 RTD - 21 Sept. 1944 Missions - 1
1. Wilson, Howard Oshora, 2nd Lt., 0-768782, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.
Born - 15 March 1917 Enlisted - 3 Nov 1942
Home Address - Riverside, Calif.
Peacetime Profession - Accountant
MIA - 26 Aug 1944 RTD - 21 Sept. 1944 Missions - 3
1. Roylance, Earl T., Jr., 0-773453, 2nd Lt., 766 Sq., 461 Gp.
Born - 29 July 1922 Enlisted - 24 Nov 1942
Home Address - San Francisco, Calif.
Peacetime Profession - Truck Driver
MIA - 26 Aug 1944 RTD - 21 Sept. 1944 Missions - 1
1. Riddle, Earl, Cpl., 35658256, 461 Gp., 766 Sq.
Born - 30 May 1910 Enlisted - 17 April 1943
MIA - 26 Aug 1944 RTD - 21 Sept. 1944 Missions - 1
1. Dominick, Harvey J., Cpl. 36458136, 766 Sq., 461 Gp.
Born - 11 Oct 24 Enlisted - 17 March 43

Home Address - Grand Rapids, Mich.

Peacetime Profession - Metalsmith

MIA - 16 Aug 1944

RTD - 21 Sept. 1944 Missions - 1

2. On 26 August while flying a mission to Bucharest, source burned out an engine over the target presumably because of the high power settings used. On the way back the plane ran low on gasoline and eventually ran out, at this time the crew bailed out. The position of bailing out was just north of Oetiage.

3. Never in enemy hands.

4. Sources were picked up by Partisans upon landing and taken to a nearby house where they spent three days. The following three days were spent in a house about a mile away. From here they were taken to a local Partisan Headquarters at Lovein. Six days were spent at this place. Sources participated in an attack on a German held villa, ten miles from Partisan headquarters. Inactivity later on made the men ask for permission from the partisan Commander for a guide to move on.

Sources were moved on to Partisan headquarters, which was near an English mission. They went on to this mission which was located near the Stogne mountain, a Captain Ramcey was the British officer in charge.

The following day source was sent to Oseko airfield, where they waited until September 20th for a plane to evacuate them.

J. A. Reid,
1st Lt, A.C.
Interrogator

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