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2nd Lt David B. Anderson

Mrs. Mabel B. Anderson, (Wife)
2510 East Mabel Street,
Tucson, Arizona.

2nd Lt Walter F. Lang

Mr. Walter F. Lang, (Father)
101-39 106th Street,
Osone Park,
New York, New York.

2nd Lt Julian A. Hilbink

Mrs. Jennie Hilbink, (Mother)
Lugers Road,
Holland, Michigan.

T/Sgt Joseph W. Landers

Mrs. Anne R. Landers, (Mother)
2855 Bailley Avenue,
New York, New York.

T/Sgt Donald O. Price

Mrs. Helen L. Price, (Mother)
100 Baltimore Street,
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

S/Sgt Harry D. Scott

Mr. Allen Thurman Scott, (Father)
Route Number Two,
Vinsmont, Alabama.

S/Sgt Donald M. Swingley

Mrs. Zora M. Swingley, (Mother)
735 10th Street,
Wilmette, Illinois.

S/Sgt Edward W. Murray

Mrs. Margaret Murray, (Wife)
Post Office Box 302,
North Charleston, South Carolina.

Sgt William B. Rogers

Mrs. Bernice Rogers, (Wife)
2017 16th Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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9. Hamner, Rogers, William H, SGT 137576546 Mrs. Bernice Rogers (W)
 2017 16th Ave S., Minneapolis, Minn.
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-CRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	by Radio	Contacted	Last	Saw
			Sighted	CRASH	Forced Landing	
1. Lambert, Robert F.	2nd Lt.	G-754916				x
2. Standard, Jesse C.	Sgt.	39859499				x
3. Simmons, Grant A.	S/Sgt.	39831369				x
4. Petros, Spiro (NMI)	T/Sgt.	11095866				x
5. _____						
6. _____						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 Parachutes were used () Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
 Any other reason (specify) _____
13. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. 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 Made

Date of this Report: 27 July 1944

David Sotsky
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)

- 5 Incls:
- Incl 1 - Statement of Lt. Lamoert. DAVID SOTSKY,
 - Incl 2 - Statement of Sgt. Standard. 1st Lt, Air Corps,
 - Incl 3 - Statement of Sgt. Simmons Adjutant.
 - Incl 4 - Statement of Sgt. Petros.
 - Incl 5 - Overlay showing approximate location where Lt. Hilbink was last sighted.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Spinazzola Air Field Command or AF 15th
 Group 460th Bomb (H) Squadron 762nd Bomb (H)
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Spinazzola Air Field Course 43°05'N - 16°42'E to
 Target Zwofaxing, Type of Mission combat 47°46'N - 15°40'E
Austria
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear - visibility unlimited
4. GIVE: (a) Date 26 July 1944 Time 1124 Location 48°05'N - 16°31'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 available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
 () Enemy aircraft (x) Enemy anti-aircraft () Other circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24G AF Serial No 42-78277
7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-65 AF Serial No (a) BP 431942
 (b) BP 432214 (c) BP 432039 (d) BP 431956
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
 (a) Browning M-2 cal. .50 (b) 979055
 (c) 978881 (d) 978907
 (e) 978775 (f) 978960
 (g) 393735 (h) unknown
9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (x) Battle Casualty () Non-Battle Cas.
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 Passengers 0 Total 9
 (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, RELATION SHIP, AND ADDRESS
1. Pilot	Hilbink, Julian A.	2nd Lt.	0-808422	Mr. Henry Hilbink (F) #4 Lugers Road, Holland, Mich.
2. Co-Pilot	Anderson, David H.	2nd Lt.	0-799706	Mrs. Mabel H. Anderson (W) #0 2510 E. Mabel St., Tucson, Ariz.
3. Nav - Bomb	Lang, Walter E.	2nd Lt.	0-749646	Mr. Walter F. Lang (F) RTD 101-39 106th St., Ozone Park, NY, NY
4. Engineer	Landers, Joseph W.	T/Sgt.	32738576	Mrs. Anne Landers (W) RTD 2855 Bailey Ave., Bronx, N.Y.
5. Asst Ener.	Murray, Edward W.	S/Sgt.	14157581	Mrs. Margaret S. Murray RTD PO Box 312, North Charleston, S.C.
6. Radio	Price, Donald O.	T/Sgt.	13176983	Mrs. Helen L. Price (W) #0 100 Baltimore St., Gettysburg, Pa.
7. Asst Radio	Scott, Harry D.	S/Sgt.	34706970	Mrs. Elsie Oden Scott (M) Rt. 2, Videmont, Alabama
8. Gunner	Swingley, Donald M.	S/Sgt.	1614709	Mrs. Zora Swingley ((M) 735 10th St., Wilmette, Ill.

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German Reports on Crashed American Aircraft

Date	Time	Place	Height
26 July 44	1131	Brunn am Gebirge (mountains)	6500 m.
Aircraft type		Identification markings	Serial No.
Liberator		USA	None Aldad 24-S-T
How Aircraft Landed		Airframe % Destroyed	
Crashed in the air			

Fate of the crewmembers

Crashed with the a/c and dead. Also shown 6 men dead, the rest unknown

Cause of loss

The a/c was one of a unit of 26 type Liberator. The a/c was hit and the right inside engine went on fire. The a/c exploded in the air and single parts fell off.

Weather conditions: 7/10 cloud, foggy.

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762ND BOMBARDMENT SQ. WADRON (H) AAF
APO 520 US ARMY

26 July 1944

S T A T E M E N T

On 26 July 1944, I was Bombardier on the plane flying #3 position, in the high box. "A" was in #5 position, in the same box. Just after we had dropped our bombs, "A" received a direct hit by flak in the bomb bay. The plane immediately blew up and fell in several pieces. I saw no chutes. "A" was plane #42-78277.

Robert F. Lambert
ROBERT F. LAMBERT,
2d Lt, Air Corps,
O-754916.

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26 July 1944

S T A T E M E N T

On 26 July 1944, I was Ball Turret Gunner on the plane flying in #3 position in the high box. "A" was in #5 position, in the high box. Directly over the target, flak hit "A" in the bomb bay and the plane broke in half and fell in flames. I saw three chutes open. "A" was plane #42-78277.

Grant A. Simmons
Grant A. Simmons,
S Sgt, 39831369,
762nd Bomb Sq (H).

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26 July 1944

S T A T E M E N T

On 26 July 1944, I was Engineer Gunner on the lead ship, in the high box. "A" was flying #5 position in the same box. Just after the bomb run "A" received a direct hit, broke in pieces and fell in flames. I saw no chutes. "A" was plane #42-78277.

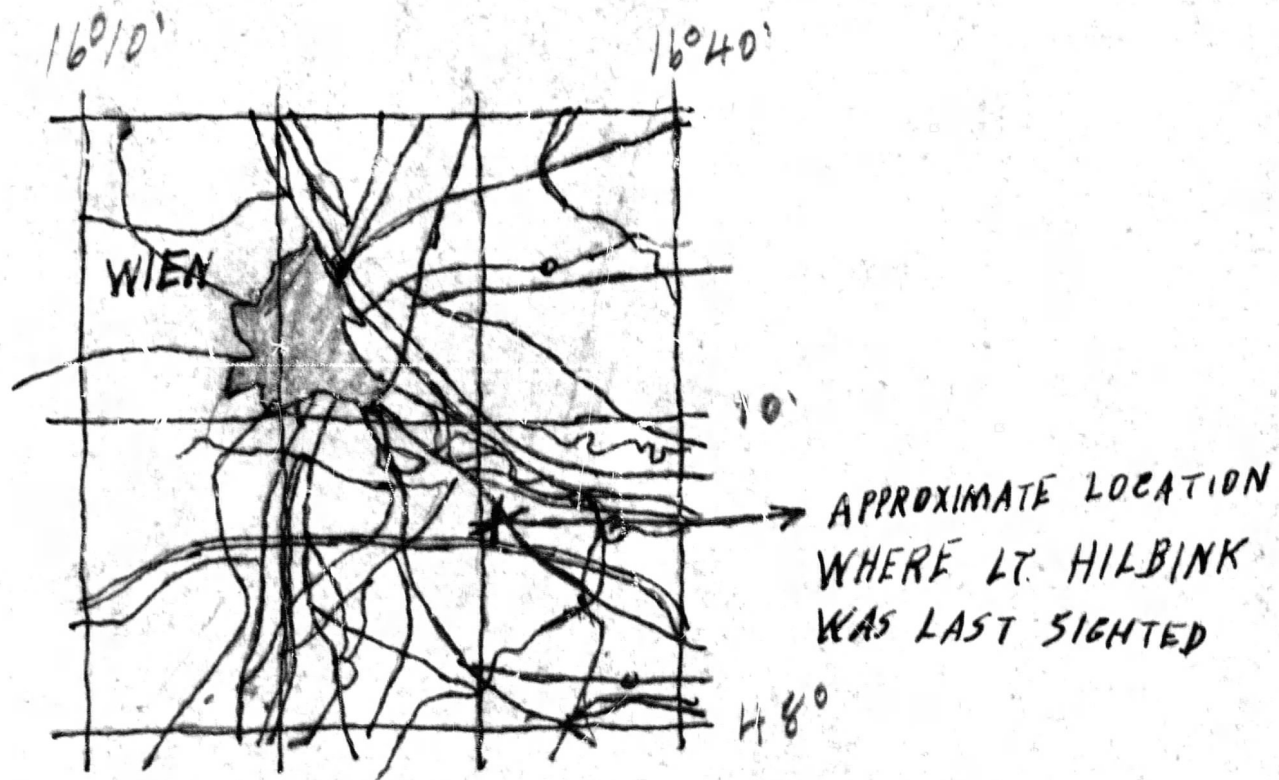
Spiro Petros
Spiro Petros,
T Sgt, 11095866,
762nd Bomb Sq (H).

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