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

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO.	CONTACTED LAST			SAW	
			BY RADIO	SIGHTED	CRASH	FORCED LANDING	
[1] <u>Matthew T. Arlington</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>O-744570</u>		<u>X</u>			
[2] <u>Gerald E. Welsted</u>	<u>Flt/O.</u>	<u>T-126572</u>		<u>X</u>			
[3] _____							

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] Ship was ditched, eight men were rescued.

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

3 Inclosures Lt. Arlington

Incl 1-Statement of _____ Date 4 Nov 44

Incl 2-Statement of F/O Welsted

Incl 3-Sketch of Last known position

/s/ William Reddell /s/

Signature of preparing officer

WILLIAM M. REDDELL

Lt. Col., Air Corps,

Commanding

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HURST, James C. File 9948
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 36585670
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ : Eng-Gun.

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Crew remained with ship - aircraft ditched

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Sgt. Hurst
was seated directly behind the pilots seat at the time of the impact.

Was he injured? Not before the ship hit the water.

Where was he when last seen? Behind the pilots seat

Any hearsay information? I believe the Martin upper Local Turret

Was torn loose by the impact and pinned beneath it on the
flight deck or between the pilots' seats was Sgt. Hurst.

As I was hurled through the canopy I didn't exit through
the escape hatch and never got a chance to check on its occupants.

Source: Fellow members of crew who escaped through flight deck hatch.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Sgt. Hurst
was pinned in the aircraft which broke up and sank. No one

remembers seeing him outside the ship and as the flight deck

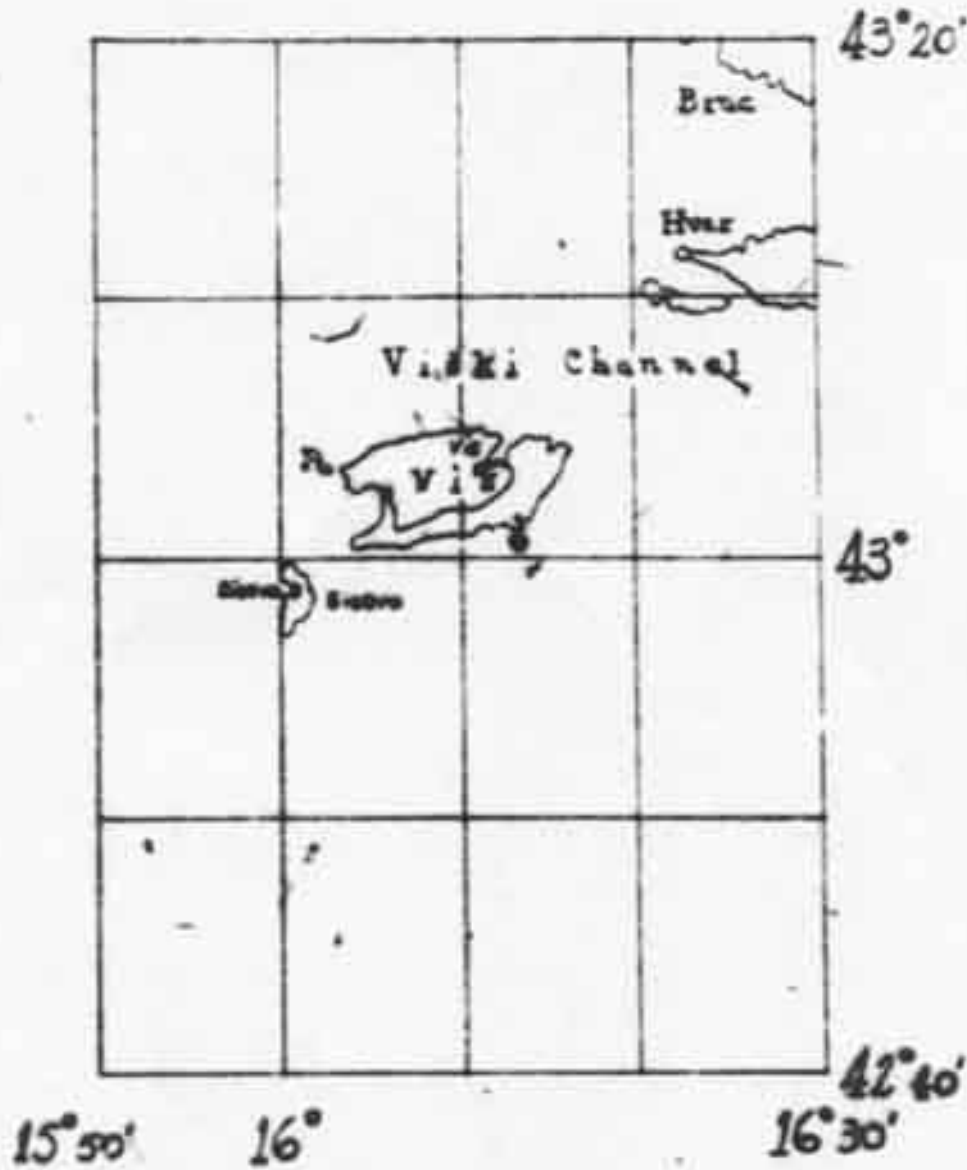
was submerged at all times it is not reasonably certain just

what did cause his death.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Five

Dates and destinations if possible: 1 unknown, 2 Graz, 3 Isarco/Albes 7 Nov 44

4 Vienna, 5 Blechhammer 20 November 44. - ditched



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● INDICATES AREA IN WHICH SGT. HURST WAS LAST SIGHTED.

~~SECRET~~

Mamaux, Harry O., Sgt., 33080081, 776th Sqdn, 464th B. Gp.

APPENDIX F

1. Sgt J. C. Hurst, Engineer, This man was not seen by source after ship was ditched. Presumed dead.
2. All other members of crew are safe.

<i>MACR.</i>	<i>9948</i>	<i>20 Nov. 44</i>
<i>Arlington, Matthew J.</i>	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	<i>O-744570</i>
<i>Erickson, Ednor A.</i>	<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>16079470</i>
<i>Hurst, James C.</i>	<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>36585670</i>
<i>Mamaux, James C.</i>	<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>33080080</i>
<i>Newton, James R.</i>	<i>S/Sgt.</i>	<i>16045519</i>
<i>Ray, Mancell L.</i>	<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>38405952</i>
<i>Schneider, Anthony C.</i>	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	<i>O-830779</i>
<i>Tower, True</i>	<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>11110193</i>
<i>Welsted, Gerald E.</i>	<i>Flt/O.</i>	<i>F-126572</i>

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Anthony C. Schneider Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. O-830779
776 BS
2. Organization 464BG Gp Commander Schroeder Rank Col. Sqn CO Reddell Rank Lt. Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 Month November Day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, my 3rd, target, Blechhammer, Germany, target
Time, approx noon, altitude, 22,00 ft route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown as briefed
5. Where were you when you left formation? Near Kosel, German Silesia
6. Did you bail out? Ditched
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No
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". On 20 November '44
Sgt. James Hurst was last seen as the aircraft struck the water. Aircraft
broke apart and sank apparently carrying St. Hurst with it.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In the adriatic among the Dalmation Islands
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should
Cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) At the time of ditching
all crew members were in the ship.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Sgt. Hurst was seated directly behind the pilots seat.
12. What was their condition? Perfectly healthy and normal
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
cribed above? 20 November '44, just before the ship hit the water I spoke to
Sgt Hurst and he was in excellent physical condition.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you
Have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

Over--

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

List of personnel aboard on 20 November 1944 (9 man crew flown)

2nd Lt.	Matthew T. Arlington	P	(Slightly injured)
"	Anthony C. Schneider	CP	(No injuries)
"	Gerald E. Welsted	B-N	(Slightly injured)
Sgt.	James E. Hurst	E	(MIA) probably KIA
"	Ednor Erickson	R	(Slightly injured)
"	Mancell L. Ray	AG	(Slightly injured)
S/Sgt.	James R. Newton	G	(Slightly injured)
Sgt.	Harry O. Mamaux Jr	G	(Sprained back)
"	True Tower	G	(Severely injured - sent stateside after return to allied control)