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

1. ORIGINATOR: Location Spinazzola, Italy Command or AF XV AF
Group 460th Bomb Gp (H) AAF Squadron 761st Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Spinazzola, Italy Source As Briefed
Target Vienna Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LOSS AND LAST REPORTED:
Clouds and visibility unlimited
4. GIVE: (a) Date 16 June 1944 Time 10:35 Location Approx. 49°10' N. 16° 30' E.
(b) Specify Weather: (X) Clear () Partly Cloudy () Overcast
(c) Specify Weather: (X) Clear () Partly Cloudy () Overcast
(d) Specify Weather: (X) Clear () Partly Cloudy () Overcast
5. AIRCRAFT: (a) Type, Model & Series B-24H Serial No 41-29508
(b) Type, Model & Series B-1830-65 Serial No (a) BP-431174
(c) BP-431043 (b) BP-430874 (d) BP-430934
6. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (a) Right nose 980226 (b) Left Ball 941130 Automatic machine guns
(c) Left nose 990281 (d) Right waist 941474
(e) Right Martin 988989 (f) Left waist 990188
(g) Left Martin 989697 (h) Right tail 989093
(i) Right Ball 941572 (j) Left tail 989753
7. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Single Casualty () Non-Fatal Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10
(Specify with "Pilot" designation the following particulars: if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

NAME IN FULL	GRADE OR RATE	BRANCH	SERVICE NO.	NAME OF NEXT OF KIN, RELATION	SHIP, AND ADDRESS
1. <u>Pilot Smith, Frederick B.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0663193</u>	<u>Mrs. Elizabeth A. Smith (wife)</u>	<u>1430 Fyfebaugh St., San Diego, California</u>	
2. <u>Co-Pilot Mansdorf, Harry (NMI)</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0663193</u>	<u>Mrs. Sadie Mansdorf (Mother)</u>	<u>1430 Fyfebaugh St., San Diego, California</u>	
3. <u>Mr. Budrinus, Bronislaus (NMI)</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0663193</u>	<u>Mrs. Paul Budrinus (Mother)</u>	<u>1430 Fyfebaugh St., San Diego, California</u>	
4. <u>Bochr. Schwartz, John (NMI)</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0663193</u>	<u>Mr. August Schwartz (Father)</u>	<u>1430 Fyfebaugh St., San Diego, California</u>	
5. <u>Engineer Wilson, Herbert A.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0663193</u>	<u>Mrs. Herbert A. Wilson (Father)</u>	<u>1430 Fyfebaugh St., San Diego, California</u>	
6. <u>Asst Eng. Summers, John W.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0663193</u>	<u>Mrs. Madeline D. Summers (Wife)</u>	<u>1430 Fyfebaugh St., San Diego, California</u>	
7. <u>Radio Op. Redford, Edward W.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0663193</u>	<u>Mrs. Marjorie Redford (wife)</u>	<u>1430 Fyfebaugh St., San Diego, California</u>	
8. <u>Asst Radio Op. Carter, Weldon B.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0663193</u>	<u>Mrs. Eda L. Carter (wife)</u>	<u>1430 Fyfebaugh St., San Diego, California</u>	

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(See Reverse Side)

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFTWAS SHOT DOWN: 16 June 1944 at 11:10 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: 2 kms South Goetsendorf, District Bruck on the Leitha.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator G-24-H

REPORTING OFFICE: Fliege's Air Base Headquarters A (O) 3/XVII - Parndorf - Goetsendorf
16 June 1944 at 17:00 o'clock..

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SURNAME, AND Schwartz,
FIRST NAME: John

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: O-685 032 - T-43-43-AC

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: Burned - 1st and 2nd

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: 2nd degree burns
TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured at Goetsendorf, District Bruck on the Leitha.
Prisoner of War Hospital Kaisersteinbrunn, on the Leitha, will when
able to be transported, be delivered to Air Force Personnel Hospital,
Vienna.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 6095

Name of crew member:

MANSDORF, Harry (M1)

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

T 122537

Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~SS-100~~:

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? The ship was hit as it turned away from the target. I saw fire and tank

Where? an extinguisher and open the flight deck door. The flames forced me back and with difficulty, I shut the door-burned hands-I report to Pilot and CO-pilot. Put on chute and If not, why not? prepared to leave ship by upper hatch, closely followed by Mansdorff, co-pilot. Was out to hips when I lost consciousness. Do not know how Mansdorff finally left. Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:

Have had long letters from Lt. Schwartz but have written to Mansdorff but never received a direct answer. Was ordered to leave ship by pilot and co-pilot-last words. Both were O.K.

Was he injured? at that time. No evidence of any injury whatsoever.

Where was he when last seen? On the flight deck with me ready to leave ship.

Any hearsay information: Apparently, Mansdorff fell out of the ship when it broke up,

as the boys in other ships told me in POW the ship blew up.

Source: _____

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

