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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 SAN SEVERO A/D. ITALY Command or AF 15TH A.F.  
Group 31ST FIR. Squadron 308TH FIR.

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure SAN SEVERO A/D. ITALY  
Course BASE, R/V (47°26' N.-16°21' E.) TO BASE.  
Target MOEBLERBAUM OIL REFINERY. AUSTRIA

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
CAVU

4. GIVE: (a) Date 28 AUGUST 1944 Time 1120 Location (48°36' N-16°04' E.) (20 MILES NORTH OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA)

of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether: ☒ 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 ☐ Enemy Anti-Aircraft ☒ Other circumstances as follows: UNKNOWN

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series P-51-B-7-NA AAF Serial No 43-6851

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series V-1650-3 AAF Serial No V-301873  
(a) (b)

NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: "BIRMINGHAM BOOMERANG"

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below - Make, Type, and Serial Number)

Make BROWNING

Type .50 CAL.

(a) LEFT INBOARD 985125

(b) RIGHT INBOARD 649453

(c) LEFT OUTBOARD 984240

(d) RIGHT OUTBOARD 1149601

9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: ☒ Battle Casualty ☐ Non-Battle Cas.

NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1 Passengers 0 Total 1  
(Including with SERIAL # furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form.)

ORIG POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
1.	Pilot JONES, RALPH I.	2ND LT.	O-715546	HENRY F. JONES, RT. #1, CONNEAUT- VILLE, PA. (FATHER)
2.				
3.				

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1. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one, COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
- | <u>NAME IN FULL</u>          | <u>RANK</u> | <u>SERIAL</u> | <u>CONTACTED</u> | <u>LAST</u> | <u>EX RADIO</u> | <u>SIGHTED</u> | <u>CRASH</u> | <u>SAW FORCED</u> | <u>LANDING</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. SMITH, JACK R.            | 1ST LT.     | O-803478      |                  |             |                 |                |              | X                 |                |
| 2. GOEHAUSEN, JR., WALTER J. | 1ST LT.     | O-681646      |                  |             |                 |                |              | X                 |                |
| 3.                           |             |               |                  |             |                 |                |              |                   |                |
2. 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) UNKNOWN
3. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. ATTACHED
4. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. ATTACHED
5. 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 and give reason) NONE. MISSING DURING ENGAGEMENT OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.

Date of this Report 1 SEPTEMBER 1944

*Walter J. Goehausen, Jr.*  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
WALTER J. GOEHAUSEN, JR.  
1ST LT., AIR CORPS  
OPERATIONS OFFICER

- 2 Incls:  
Incl 1 - EYE-WITNESS DESCRIPTION (8)  
Incl 2 - SKETCHES OF MAP (8)

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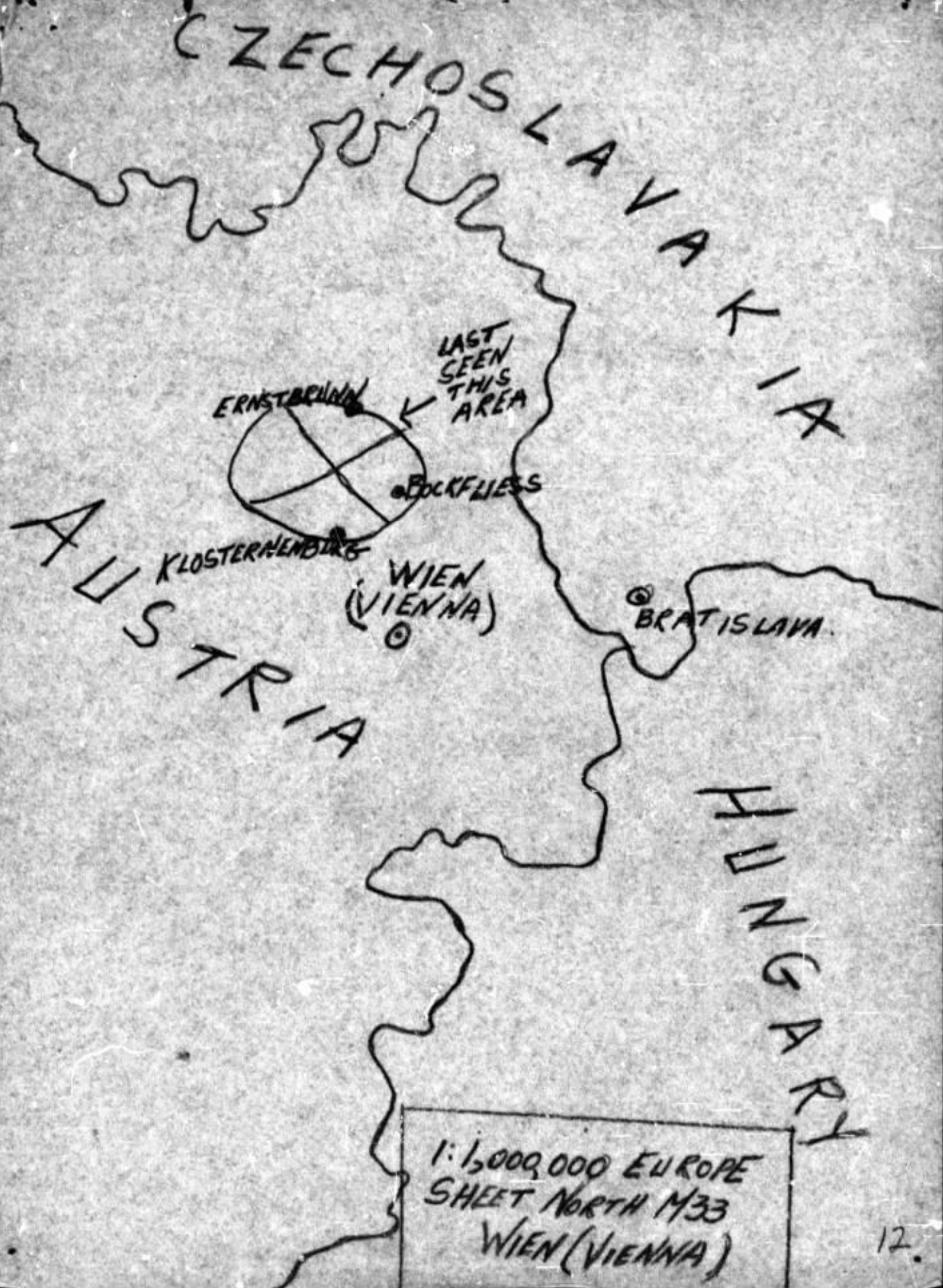




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MACR 8264  
P-51  
FAF 43-6851  
1 man

DATE: 8/28/44 - 11.30 hrs.  
PLACE: Southwest of Bruenn,  
near Badvitz.

TYPE: Mustang

TAR GET: Yard section 12/XVII.

Rank Name U.S.A.

unknown

No: ME 2033

0 (dead)

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DEL 26 Feb 45

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ME 2033

Nacionality: USA

Name: Unknown

Rank: Flyer

Unit: Aircraft type Mustang

Dead

Delay and Changes: Died 28 Aug 44, at 1130 hours near Budwitz

Reported by: Dulag Luft No. 2760/45, 26 Jan 45

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Dead List No. 66

Serial No. 65

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308TH FIGHTER SQUADRON  
31ST FIGHTER GROUP  
APO #520, U S ARMY

WJG/wds

1 September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Eye-witness Accounts, Missing Air Crew Report,  
2nd Lt RALPH I. JONES, O-715546.

TO : WD, HQS AAF, WASHINGTON, D. C. (Thru Channels)

1. "On 28 August, 1944, 18 P-51's of our Squadron took off from SAN SEVERO A/D, ITALY, at 0905 hours, as penetration, target, and withdrawal escort for the 5th Wing over MOOBIERBAUM Oil Refinery near VIENNA, AUSTRIA. I was leading Blue Flight composed of four aircraft, and 2nd Lt JONES was my wingman. At 1120 hours we were 20 miles northwest of VIENNA, AUSTRIA at 27,000' when we sighted 3 enemy aircraft at the same altitude. As we engaged them, they split S'd and dove down. Lt JONES started to follow me as I dove in pursuit, but that's the last I saw of him."

*Walter J. Gorfhausen, Jr.*  
WALTER J. GORHAUSEN, JR.,  
1st Lt, Air Corps.

2. "We attacked enemy aircraft 20 miles northwest of VIENNA, AUSTRIA. Lt JONES was the number two man in Blue Flight, and the last I saw of him was when his Flight Leader split S'd after a FW-190."

*Jack R. Smith*  
JACK R. SMITH,  
1st Lt, Air Corps.

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN20 August 1944 - 2130CASUALTY NO. ME 2033

PLACE OF CRASH

Sublime

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Mustang

REPORTING OFFICE

Maintenance Squad. 12/XVII

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
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**1 dead, UNKNOWN**

REMARKS:

Diag-100 25 January 1945 No.