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HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520, U.S. Army

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ESCAPE STATEMENT

1. Lackey, James E., 1st Lt, O-719266, 463rd B.G., 772nd B.S.

   Home Address - 118 Oxford Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.

   Age - 25

   Missions - 21

   RTD - 21 July 1944

   Duty - Pilot

1. Lackey, Joseph C., 2nd Lt, O-759717, 463rd B.G., 772nd B.S.

   Home Address - 205 La Vergne Ave., Chicago, Ill.

   Age - 20

   Missions - 16

   RTD - 21 July 1944

   Duty - Copilot

1. Farrow, Eugene E., T/Sgt., 16047272, 463rd B.G., 772nd B.S.

   Home Address - Winnebago, Miss.

   Age - 23

   Missions - 21

   RTD - 21 July 1944

   Duty - Engineer

2. On 10 May over the target at Wiener Neustadt, Austria hits by flak knocked out the hydraulic system and so severely damaged the #1 engine of this B-17 that the pilot feathered the propeller. The #3 engine later cut out when flak tore open its oil tank. The formation was lost near Zagreb when #2 engine began to run away and #4 engine was only pulling 30" Hg. They were now losing altitude at the rate of 1,000 ft/min so the pilot told the crew to get ready to bail out. Lt. Lackey and Sgt. Farrow were going through the bomb bay to check up on the

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