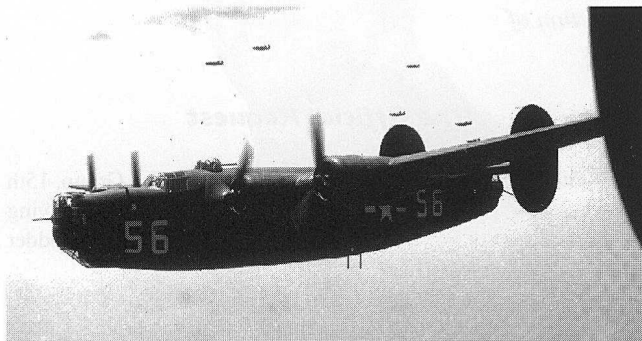


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Subject: B-24 , 42-52715, 825 Sq Nose 46 shot down 6/13/44 over Sillertshausen flown by Pilot Lt Sylfest L Olson.

Dear Bud,

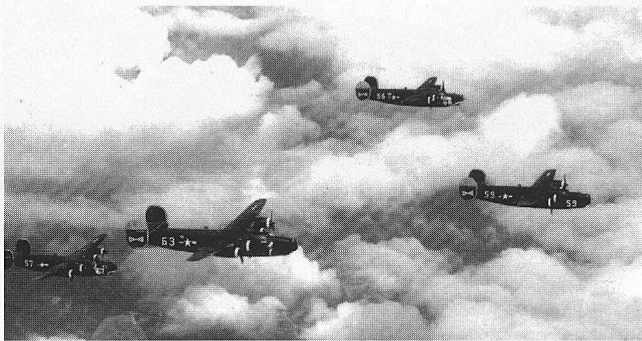
The Torretta Flyer No 38 shows 42-52715 on page 35 and page 36 as No 56 named *Vicious Virgin*. This should be changed to read nose no 46, and assigned to the 825 Sq. Our B-24 was not yet named when we were shot down on 6/13/44. The name *Vicious Virgin* is probably correct as No 42-94746, 826 Sq, nose no 56. To verify please refer to Flyer No 27 page 19 which shows 42-52715 825 lost near Sillertshausen, with pilot Sylfest L Olson at the helm.



I don't know where the ship named *Victory* came from because our plane was not yet named when we were shot down 6/13/44. I was the Bombardier on Lt Olson's crew of No 42-52715 No 46 shot down on 6/13/44. Bud, you may want to correct the permanent records, no big deal. You have done a wonderful job for the 484th Bomb Group. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Glenn T Smith, 825 Sq.

Editors Note; Ok! I will show 42-51715 as nose 46, 825 Sq. Missing Air Crew Report No. 6306 confirms that B-24H 42-52715 was indeed shot down on June 13, 1944 as you say. The photos below shows a B-24 with the nose number 56 probably 42-94746 carrying the name *Vicious Virgin* at one time and *Victory* at another time.



Escape Statement of the Charles A Marshall Crew

The Original Documents were marked Secret

HQ 484th BG (H)
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Escape Statement, dated 5 March 1945

Pilot, Marshall, Charles A, 1/Lt, 0797570, 484th BG, 825th Sq, MIA 21 Feb 45, RTD, 1 March 45, Missions 23.

Navigator, Cummins, James D, 2/Lt, 0716287, 484th BG, 825th Sq, MIA 21 Feb 45, RTD 1 March 45, Missions 27.

Bombardier Anderson, Robert F, 2/Lt, 0722560, 484th BG, 825th Sq, MIA 21 Feb 45, RTD 1 March 45, Missions 21.

Engineer, Harford, Charles A, T/Sgt 37701908, 484th BG, 825th Sq, MIA 21 Feb 45, RTD 1 March 45, Missions 21.

Copilot, Gross, John R Jr, 2/Lt 0829005, 484th BG, 825th Sq, MIA 21 Feb 45, RTD 3 March 45, Missions 21.

Escape Statement of crew

Mission was to Vienna, February 21 1945. Thirty seconds before bombs away, three bursts of flak hit the aircraft, knocking out No 2 and No 4 engines, all the hydraulic system and the interphone. The aircraft lost several thousand feet immediately, and as soon as the pilot regained control, S/Sgt Powers upper turret gunner, bailed out and his chute was seen to open. The tail gunner, S/

Sgt Richmond was seriously wounded, and T/Sgt Cataldo-Radio Operator, and Lt Thompson- Navigator, were superficially wounded.

The pilot headed south then southeast, and crossed lake Balaton at about 15,000 feet. The maps on which battle lines and safe areas were drawn had blown out of the aircraft when the crew threw out guns etc. to lighten the load, but as soon as they were fairly sure that they were behind Russian lines, they headed for Yugoslavia. The copilot instructed the crew to rig up a static line to Richmond's chute, and after assisting him out, F/O Lee, Sgt Cataldo and S/Sgt Sandberg (waist gunners) bailed out northwest of Sombor (450 deg 471 min -19 deg 3 min).

The remainder of the crew bailed out shortly after this, the copilot and pilot being the last to go, and all landed in safe territory in the area of Sombor and Subotica (46 deg 08 min -19 deg 40 min).

Lieutenants Marshall, Gross, Cummins and Anderson and Sgt Harford have returned to base. Lt Thompson was last seen in a Russian hospital at Sombor, and the whereabouts of the rest of the crew is not yet known.

Statement of Lt Marshall Landed very hard spraining both ankles. Near small farmhouse, where peasants watched, but unwilling to approach. He called out "Americanski" and one old man then approached. Shortly after a crowd gathered, helped him remove his chute etc., and took him to the farmhouse. He was joined there by Lt Gross, and after they had been fed, four Partisans arrived, and took him in a cart filled with hay to a little village. After a day there they were taken to Division Headquarters at Subotica and eventually