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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
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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. ORGANIZATION: Location Giulia #1, Italy Command or AF 15th Air Force.  
Group 459th Bomb Gr (HV) Squadron 757th Bomb Sq (HV).  
(Due North to 46th Meridian,
  2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Giulia #1, Italy Course (and then Due West.  
Target: Munich, Germany. Type of Mission Heavy Bombardment
  3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Vis. 20 Miles. Few clouds, cumulus, 14,000 to 16000, tops 18,000 to 20,000. Clear.
  4. GIVE: (a) Date 9 June 1944 Time 0907 Location 4600°N, 1240°E.  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether: ( ) Last Sighted ( ) Last Contacted by Radio  
( ) Forced Down (X) 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)  
(X) Enemy Aircraft ( ) Enemy Anti-aircraft ( ) Other circumstances as follow: \_\_\_\_\_
  6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24-(H) AAF Serial No 42-52318
  7. ENGINES: Type, model & series R-1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) BP-400581  
(b) BP-400564 (c) AC-42-65264 (d) BP-400647
  8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
- | POSITION    | MAKE | TYPE         | SERIAL NUMBER    |
|-------------|------|--------------|------------------|
|             | R    | Browning M-2 | Aircraft 681452  |
| NOSE TURRET | R    | Browning M-2 | Aircraft 679930  |
|             | R    | Browning M-2 | Aircraft 681374  |
| TOP TURRET  | R    | Browning M-2 | Aircraft 681852  |
|             | R    | Browning M-2 | Aircraft 681372  |
| TAIL TURRET | R    | Browning M-2 | Aircraft 679544  |
|             | R    | Browning M-2 | Aircraft 1153391 |
| WAIST GUNS  | L    | Browning M-2 | Aircraft 680159  |
|             | R    | Browning M-2 | Aircraft 681394  |
| TAIL TURRET | L    | Browning M-2 | Aircraft 679737  |
9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty ( ) Non-Battle Casualty
  10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10  
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

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CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATION- SHIP, AND ADDRESS
1. Pilot <i>RTD</i>	McManus, Eugene E.	1st Lt	0668608	Ruth (Hile) McManus - Wife 41 Hilton St, East Orange, N.J. Elmer M. Strong, Father.
2. Co-Pilot	Strong, Glenn M.	2nd Lt	0693573	170 Bower St, Jamestown, N.Y. Mrs. John A. Lindberg - Mother
3. Navigator <i>RTD</i>	Lindberg, Frederick	2nd Lt	0712359	4435 Millys Pkwy, Toledo, Ohio Marie Guadeloupe - Mother.
4. Bombardier <i>RTD</i>	Spargo, John D.	2nd Lt	0685042	3147 Sac. St, San Francisco, Cal Mrs. Barbara Moses - Mother.
5. Eng. Top Tur Gnr. Moses, Julius <i>RTD</i>	NMI	S/Sgt	13031408	2808 Broad Ave, Altoona, Penn. Peter Folcik - Father.
6. RO, Nose Tur Gnr. Folcik, John M. <i>RTD</i>		S/Sgt	12192521	480 Warren St, Bklyn, N.Y. Agnes Marimpietri - Mother.
Asst Eng. F.W. Gnr. Marimpietri, Vincent <i>Kip</i>		Sgt.	13170961	11 Brightidge St, Pitts. Penn Edgar Young Hendrix - Father.
8. Left Waist Gnr. Hendrix, Robert L. <i>RTD</i>		Sgt.	39197183	Box 963, Sequim, Washington. Mrs. Sylvia Brongdon - Mother.
9. Ball Tur Gnr. Guthrie, Marvin L. <i>RTD</i>		Sgt	17098738	2806 W. Douglas, Wichita, Kan. Gail Gertrude Bleach - Mother.
10. Tail Tur Gnr. Bleach, Valway F. <i>RTD</i>		Sgt.	36454444	1810 Miles Ave, Kalamazoo, Mich
11.				
12.				

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

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	by Radio	Contacted Last	Saw	Saw	Crash	Forced Land
1. Gerald M. Wegner	S/Sgt	39282511					X	
2. Phillip J. Lee	S/Sgt	36555589					X	
3.								
4.								
5.								

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 ( ) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons were seen walking away from crash  
 ( ) Any other reason (specify) None

13. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN

14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. 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 giving reasons) None. Crash occurred in Italian Alps while formation was en way to bomb Munich, Germany.

Date of this Report: 12 June 1944

*Howard G. Roshto*  
 HOWARD G. ROSHTO, 1st Lt., AC

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

3 Incls:

Incl 1 - Map overlay of approximate place missing acft seen to crash. (8 copies)

Incl 2 - Statement of circumstances surrounding Missing AC personnel by S/Sgt

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Gerald M. Wegner (3 copies)

Incl 3 - Statement of circumstances surrounding Missing AC personnel by S/Sgt

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