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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON  
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Giulia # 1 Italy Command or AF 15th Air Force  
Group 459th; Squadron 756th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Giulia # 1 Italy; Course 64 degrees  
Intended Destination CALPINA, ROMANIA Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
3/10 cirrus at 30,000 ft 3/10 cirrostratus at 22,000 ft visibility 25 miles
4. GIVE: (a) Date 6 May 1944 Time 1129; and location 45-15N  
of last whereabouts known of missing aircraft. 25-32E  
(b) Specify whether  Last sighted ( ) Last contacted by radio:  
( ) Forced Down; ( ) Seen to crash ( ) information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one:  Enemy Aircraft: ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft: ( ) Other Circumstances as follows \_\_\_\_\_

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24 H; AAF Serial No. 41-29344
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R1830-65; AAF Serial No. (a) BP-428454  
(b) BP-427733 (c) BP-427723 (d) BP-427745
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_; (b) \_\_\_\_\_; (c) \_\_\_\_\_; (d) see attached  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_; (f) \_\_\_\_\_; (g) \_\_\_\_\_; (h) \_\_\_\_\_
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes  
or (b) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
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 aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	
RTD 1.	Pilot	<u>DANKO, ELMER FRANK</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>4 0-683658</u>	RTD
RMC 2.	Co-pilot	<u>STEVENS, BERYL HAROLD</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>10 0-1703135</u>	RTD
KIA 3.	Navigator	<u>MILWARD, ROBERT William</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>7 T-123519</u>	
KIA 4.	BOMBARDIER	<u>SCHUSSEL, STANLEY (MI)</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>1 T-123061</u>	
RMC 5.	Engineer	<u>BUSCHARD, BERNARD JOHN</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>2 37382983</u>	
RMC 6.	Radio Operator	<u>ELIM, RAYMONE DAVENPORT</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>1 32422274</u>	RTD
RTD 7.	L.W. GUNNER	<u>FOWLER, GEORGE EDWARD</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>5 39532392</u>	RTD
KIA 8.	R.W. Gunner	<u>PATE, RAYMOND RAY</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>4 18149749</u>	
KIA 9.	Ball Turret Gun	<u>KILINSKI, MARSHALL GORDON</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>6 36634252</u>	
KIA 10.	Tail Gunner	<u>COLLINS, MARSHALL DEE</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>9 37506089</u>	
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