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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

REPORT: 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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location England; Command or Air Force 8AF
Group 457th Bomb Gp (H); Squadron 749th; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Station 130; Course _____
Intended Destination Munich, Germany; Type of Mission Objective Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
10/10 Cloud
- GIVE: (a) Date 2 July 44; Time _____; and Location Over Target Area
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy anti-aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-17-G; A.A.F. Serial Number 44-6111
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series P-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number(a) SW-018566
(b) SW-018570; (c) 43-65871; (d) SW-013713
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 1191067 - 1191194
(a) 1191864; (b) 1192408; (c) 1192585; (d) 1192623 - 1191146
(e) 1190857; (f) 1191793; (g) 1192276; (h) 1191237 - 1190985
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: if more than 10 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	
1.	Pilot	<u>Kozel, Edward (NMT)</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0551057</u>	<u>RTD</u>
2.	P	<u>Phares, Alvie J.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0551997</u>	<u>RTD</u>
3.	N	<u>Batchick, Selig (NMT)</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0712666</u>	<u>RTD</u>
4.	B	<u>Altimus, Carl F. Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0704148</u>	<u>RTD</u>
5.	AEQ	<u>Nichols, Robert E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>31253627</u>	<u>RTD</u>
6.	BOG	<u>Alpert, Jacob L.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>36126870</u>	<u>RTD</u>
7.	AAG	<u>Swanson, Dwight F.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>36366246</u>	<u>RTD</u>
8.	AAEG	<u>Koester, William H.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>37552020</u>	<u>RTD</u>
9.	AG	<u>Dalrymple, Thomas D.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>19180502</u>	<u>RTD</u>

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME.

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted			Check Only One Column	
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing	
1.							
2.							
3.							

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____, or (c) Any other reasons (Specify) _____
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. None.
- ATTACH BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. None. ATTACHED
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None.

Date of Report 11 July 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
Gerald H. Galligan
GERALD H. GALLIGAN, 1st Lt., AC
Group Statistical Officer

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HEADQUARTERS 457TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
AAF STATION 130

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A P O 557
16 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Summary of Facts and Statements concerning Missing A/C 44-6111 -
Mission 12 July 1944 - Munich.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 634.
(THRU: Channels). Attn: Statistical Control.

1. The following is a summary of facts and statements concerning
A/C 44-6111:

- a. A/C was hit by flak on the bomb run. The propeller on #1
engine was blown off and A/C was last sighted in the target
area lagging but under control, and not losing much altitude.

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