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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 San Giovanni Fld, Italy Command or AF 15th Air Force
Group 455th Bomb Gp Squadron 742nd Bomb Sqdn

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Fld, Italy Course Direct
Target Moosbierbaum, Austria Type of Mission High Altitude Formation Bombing

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU

4. GIVE: (a) Date 26 June 1944 Time fr 0938 to 0945 Location Moosbierbaum, Austria of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: ( ) Last Sighted ( ) Last Contacted by Radio
( ) Forced Down ( ) Seen to Crash; or
(X) 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 follows:

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-H AAF Serial No 42-52238

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) 301774
(b) 300536 (c) 74732 (d) 302053

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) Browning AC Mach Gun M-2 1152494 (b) Browning AC Mach Gun M-2 1152495
(c) " " " 1152241 (d) " " " 1152279
(e) " " " 1152264 (f) " " " 218654
(g) " " " 1152465 (h) " " " 1152140
(i) " " " 1152898 (j) " " " 1150678

9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty ( ) Non-Battle Cas.

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers None Total 10
(Starting eith "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS	
1.	Pilot	✓Brown, James B.	1st Lt.	O-531336	Mr. J. B. Brown (Father) 2712 Johnston St., Los Angeles, California	RTD
2.	Co-Pilot	✓McKee, Daniel C.	2nd Lt.	O-693865	Mrs. Antionette McKee (Mother) 1213 Sylvania Ave., Fort Worth, Texas	RTD
3.	Navigator	✓Santina, Julian F.	2nd Lt.	O-698629	Mrs. Arna Davenport (Mother) 754 West End Ave. Grant Wood New Jersey	RTD
4.	Bombardier	Ford, Sherman W.	2nd Lt.	O-688953	Emmelle W. Ford (Mother) 318 North Madison Siloam Springs, Arkansas	RTD
5.	Rad Oper Gun	Shollenberger, Earl M.	T/Sgt.	33295761	Mr. Morgan Shollenberger (Father) 171 Smith Ave. Sharon Penn.	RTD
6.	Engineer Gunner	✓Balmer, George L.	T/Sgt.	19160076	Mrs. Ruby Jane Balmer (Mother) Box 362 Kerman, California	RTD.
7.	Asst Rad Oper	✓Kimsey, James A.	S/Sgt.	14061749	Eloise Kimsey (Wife) 518 Barett St. Vincennes, Indiana	RTD
8.	Asst Eng Gun	Goldman, Martin J.	S/Sgt.	12041610	David Goldman (Father) 1 Essex St., New York, New York	RTD

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9. Armorer Gunner Grauwiller, Eddy D. S/Sgt. 16216299 Mrs. Louise A. Grauwiller (Mother) 249 Merrill St. Rochester, New York RTD ATD
10. Gunner Yee, David (NMI) S/Sgt. 39402984 Mrs. She Wi Yee (Mother) 1010 U. St., Scramento, California
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	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	HENRY C. KELLY	1st Lt	0-684873		Not known		
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							
6.							

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
( ) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
( ) Any other reason (specify) Information not available

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 reason) No search made

Date of this Report: 29 June 1944

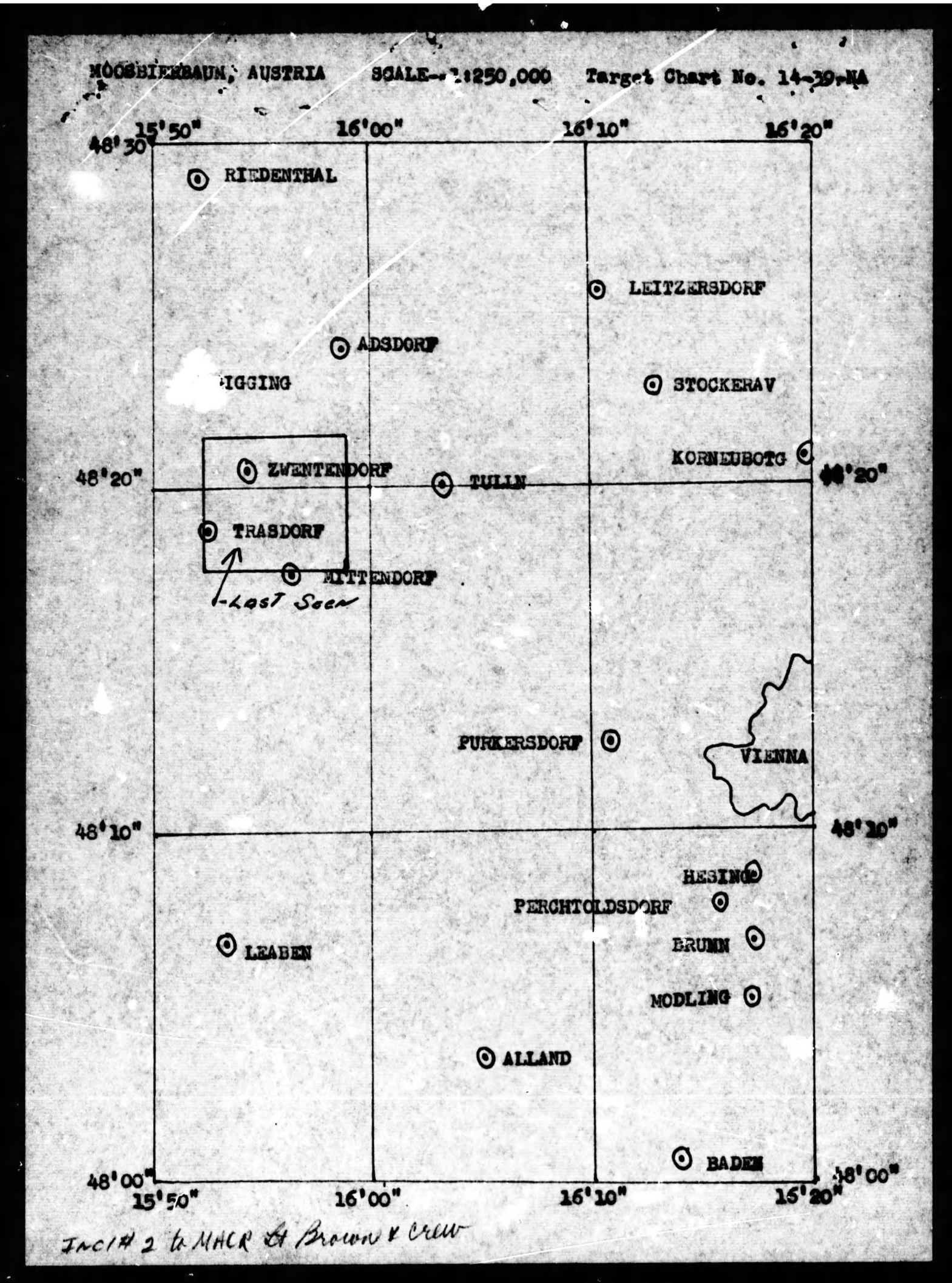
William W. Berg
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
WILLIAM W. BERG,
1st Lt., AC,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Statement by Lt. Kelly.
Incl 2 - Sketch of Target.

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Incl # 2 to MACR 64 Brown & Crew

1st Lt. James B. Brown	Mr. John B. Brown, (father) 2712 Johnson Street, Los Angeles, California.
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2nd Lt. Julian F. Santina	Mrs. Anna S. Davenport, (mother) 754 West 2nd Avenue, Grantwood, New Jersey.
2nd Lt. Sherman W. Ford	Mr. Emmette W. Ford, (father) 318 North Madison Street, Silcam Springs, Arkansas.
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T/Sgt. George L. Balser	Mrs. Ruby J. Balser, (mother) 123 Coolidge Avenue, Coalinga, California.
S/Sgt. James A. Kinsey	Mrs. Eloise Kinsey, (wife) 518 Barnett Street, Vincennes, Indiana.
S/Sgt. Martin J. Goldman	Mr. David Goldman, (father) One Essex Street, New York, New York.
S/Sgt. Edw[illegible] D. Grauwiller	Mr. Edward A. Grauwiller, (father) 249 Merrill Street, Rochester, New York.
S/Sgt. David Yee	Mrs. Hong She Yee, (mother) 1019 U. Street, Sacramento, California.

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STATEMENT

Observation of our losses during Mission of June 26 near Vienna, Austria by crew members of ship No. 989.

Four B-24's were observed to go down during a period of five minutes after bombs away.

One aircraft behind us was seen with #3 engine on fire. Aircraft exploded in air. No chutes were seen.

One aircraft in the first attack unit ahead of us caught fire in #2 engine and started spirling downward. Four chutes were seen before plane struck ground.

Another plane back of us believed to be ship No. 570, was observed with both inboard engines on fire and spiraling downward. Aircraft did not explode. Six chutes were seen to open.

Another aircraft behind us was seen to have the entire tail section apparently blown off and spiraling dow_ One chute was seen. No fire seen.

Henry C. Kelly
HENRY C. KELLY,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
0-684873

Incl #1 to MACR Lt Brown's Crew