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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 Field Italy Command or AF 15th Air Force
Group 455th Bomb Gp. Squadron 742nd Bomb Sqdn

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Field Italy Course Direct
Target Lechfeld, Germany Type of Mission High Altitude Formation Bombing

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear at Target, visibility 20 Miles.

4. GIVE: (a) Date 12 September 44 Time 1310 Location Lonauworth, Germany 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.

5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
( ) Enemy Aircraft ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft (X) Other circumstances as follows: Mechanical Failures.

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-H AAF Serial No 41-28989

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) CP308480
(b) CP308467 (c) CP303472 (d) 42-87925

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) Browning AC Mach Gun M-2 980018 (b) Browning AC Mach Gun M-2 979650
(c) " " " 1236743 (d) " " " 1237286
(e) " " " 1237217 (f) " " " 1237274
(g) " " " 1236875 (h) " " " 1237273
(i) " " " 1237276 (j) " " " 1237144

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 with "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 | Riddel, William C. | Capt. | O-677294 | Mrs. Virginia E. Riddel (Wife) Route #2 Box 559A, Tucson, Arizona | RTD |
| 2. Co-Pilot | Rounds, Finis L. | 2d Lt. | O-711247 | Mr. Harris Rounds (Father) Van Horn, Texas | RTD |
| 3. Navigator | Donahue, James F. Jr. | F/O | T-126456 | James Donahue (Father) 305 West Louden St., Philadelphia, Pa. | RTD |
| 4. Bombardier | Leach, Reginald G. | 1st Lt. | O-694468 | Mrs. Alberta Leach (Mother) RFD #1 East Burke, Vermont | RTD |
| 5. Rad Oper Gun | Shoebottom, Robert L. | Sgt. | 36585768 | Alice Shoebottom (Mother) 5515 Hurlbut Detroit Michigan | RTD |
| 6. Engineer Gun | Eddingfield, Russell D. | T/Sgt. | 16122855 | Mae Eddingfield (Mother) Hull, Illinois | RTD |
| 7. Asst Rad Oper | Jackson, Lorance M. | Sgt. | 37682105 | Susie Jackson (Mother) New London, Iowa | RTD |
| 8. Asst Eng Gun | Roddey, John B. | Sgt. | 34652430 | Maude Roddey (Mother) 148 Oakland Ave., Rock Hill, So. Carolina | RTD |

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9. Armorer Gunner Teroski, Edward N. Sgt. 13171743 Frank Teroski (Father) KTD
104 Wilmot St., Susquenna, Penn.

10. Gunner Morita, Paul F. Sgt. 12089249 Annette T. Morita, (Mother) KTD
215 Manhasset Ave., Manhasset, New York

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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. JOHN P. TYYKILA | Capt. | O-769530 | | X | | |
| 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) None, Enemy Territory

Date of this Report: 15 September 44

William W. Berg
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Sketch of place last seen.
Incl 2 - Statement by Capt. Tyykila.

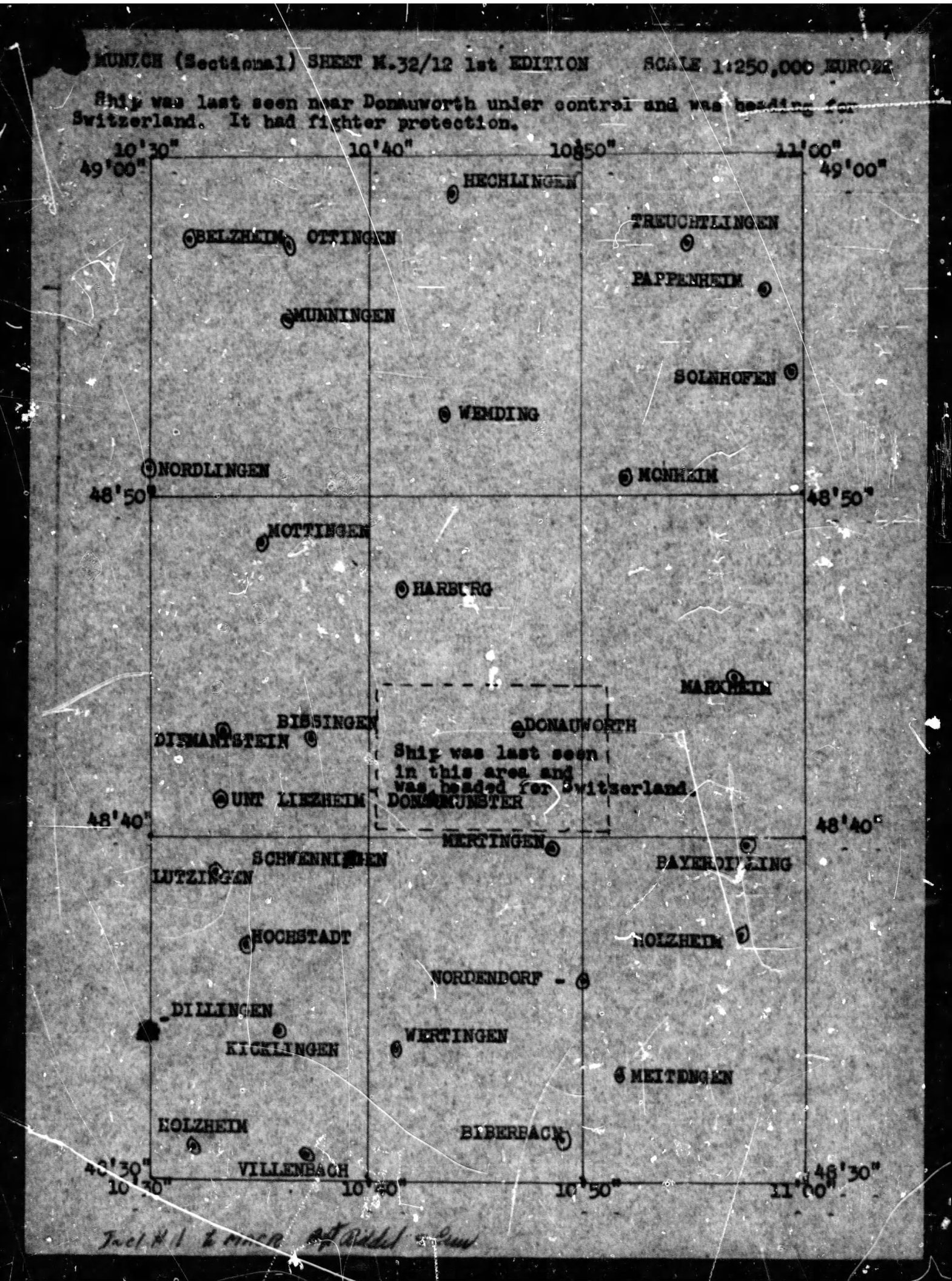
WILLIAM W. BERG,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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|---|---|
| 1st Lt. William G. Riddel | Mrs. Virginia A. Riddel, (wife)<br>677 20th Street,<br>Santa Monica, California. |
| 2nd Lt. Reginald G. Lewis | Mrs. Alberta L. Lewis, (mother)<br>Rural Free Delivery # 2,<br>East Barre, Vermont. |
| S/Sgt. James F. Dunmire, Jr. | Mrs. Margaret G. Dunmire, (mother)<br>[illegible] West Linden Street,<br>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. |
| T/Sgt. Russell D. Hillingfield | Mr. Raymond D. Hillingfield, (father)<br>Mill, Illinois. |
| Sgt. Edward E. Jarvis | Mr. Frank Jarvis, (father)<br>[illegible] Walnut Street,<br>Duquesne, Pennsylvania. |
| Sgt. Lawrence E. Jackson | Mrs. Betty A. Jackson, (wife)<br>Main Street,<br>New London, Iowa. |
| Sgt. John H. Bobby | Mrs. Annie Bobby, (mother)<br>[illegible] Oakland Avenue,<br>Rock Hill, South Carolina. |
| Sgt. Robert L. Shoebotham | Mrs. Alice Shoebotham, (mother)<br>9515 Moffat,<br>Detroit, Michigan. |
| 2nd Lt. Finis L. Bennie | Mr. Harris G. Bennie, (father)<br>Van Horn, Texas. |
| Sgt. Paul F. Martin | Mrs. Juanita L. Martin, (mother)<br>215 Washington Avenue,<br>Hackensack, New York. |

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# STATEMENT

Airplane #989 was observed dropping back out of formation at 4843N, 1045E at 1310, turned left, apparently headed for Switzerland. No. 4 engine out and number 3 smoking.

John P. Tyykila

JOHN P. TYYKILA,
Capt., Air Corps,
0-789530

Incl #2 to MACR Capt. Tyykila's Crew