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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST SEEN DURING OR
AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE TESTS FOR SAT

NAME IN FULL	RANK SERIAL NO	Contact d by Radio	Last Sighted	Crash	Forced Land
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| 1. Forrest Franklin Gantz | S/Sgt 19088564 | | | | Y |
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12. IF PERSONS 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) Unknown

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

14. ATTACH, AS ENCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, VERBA AND DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH,
FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH, AS AN ENCLOSURE 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, Plane
missing over enemy territory.

Date of this report July 31, 1944

2 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Overlay of area last
Incl 2 - Statement, S/Sgt Gantz.

sighted.

Malcolm B. Ogden
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
MALCOLM B. OGDEN
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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CONFIDENTIAL**STATEMENT**

31 July 1944

I, Forrest F. Gatz, 19088564, AG, was the tailgunner on the ship of 1st Lt GALE D. DONAHUE, G-806415, which flew in the mission on 28 July 1944 with B-24 Airplane number 41-28933, piloted by 2nd Lt CLARENCE A. KERRIS, G-702290. After leaving the target we passed over Bor, Yugoslavia and encountered heavy flak. We rallied to the right and avoided it but the subject ship rallied to the left into the midst of the flak. The ship began losing altitude rapidly and disappeared from my view. All four engines seemed to be in operation at that time.

*Forrest F. Gatz*FORREST F. GATZ
S/Sgt, 725th Bomb Squadron.**CONFIDENTIAL**

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1 NO.	2 FROM	3 TO	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Ident Br Search Inf King	Adm Pentagon Liaison	22 Nov 48	Request status and date of the following crew members, and all available information (MACH) pertaining to aircraft accident, per Field request. Kerres, Glenn A. (2lt) 0-702,290 <u>EUS 13</u> Horn, Lawrence H. (2 lt) 0-714,098 <u>RTD 28 Aug 44</u> Justin, Joseph L. (2 lt) 0-718,329 <u>EUS 140</u> Kear, Charles R. (2lt) 0-699,557 <u>RTD 28 Aug 44</u> Powers, Robert L. (S/Sgt) 15 335 737 <u>RTD 28 Aug 44</u> Clarke, Victor T. (Sgt) 19 181 506 <u>RTD 28 Aug 44</u> Graney, Martin (Pvt) 16 084 030 <u>POW 29 Aug 44</u> <u>EUS 115</u> Burton, John (Sgt) 17 114 250 <u>RTD 28 Aug 44</u> <u>POW 26 Aug 44</u> DeJong, Wendell K. (Sgt) 15344436 <u>EUS 115</u> Balfanz, Hugh E. (Sgt) 38 513 080 <u>RTD - 28 Aug 44*</u> * Killed in action 4 Oct. 44 in another air crash. ROGERS 72000

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