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AFPO 634, U.S. ARMY

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Classification changed to RESTRICTED by E. A. MADONIA, Lt. Col., AG by P. H. HENDER, Capt., AG Date 228 1 1945

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 Molewarth ; Command or Air Force 8th Group 388th Bomb Sq (H) ; Squadron 388th Bomb (H) Detachment
- 2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molewarth ; Course As shown on chart, attached Intended Destination Guine/Sigon, Holland ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear-vertical visibility practically nil.
- 4. GIVE: (a) Date 19 Aug 1945 ; and Location See chart attached. 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 ( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows Not known.

- 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24D; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5108
- 7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R2800; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-57784 (b) 41-57785 ; (c) 41-40496 ; (d) 41-42219
- 8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 800338 Fr.Co., 47349 S.A. (a) 213822 Fr.Co.; (b) 213442 Fr.Co.; (c) 213826 Fr.Co.; (d) 190224 S.F.O.N., 497807 S.A. (e) 213450 Fr.Co.; (f) 213828 Fr.Co.; (g) 213446 Fr.Co.; (h) 214140 S.F.O.N., 497808 S.A.
- 9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X or (b) Non-Battle Casualty

- 10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 1 ; Total 11 (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).

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1.	<u>Pilot</u>		
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
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8.			
9.			
10.			

- 11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LATEST 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.								

- 2. 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 reason (Specify)
- 3. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. Chart attached.
- 4. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. None
- 5. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

A copy of 1st Lt. Lewis Y. Moffatt's orders is attached.

Date of Report 20 August 1945

Signature of Preparing Officer) Jesse M. Barrett  
JESSE M. BARRETT,  
Capt., AG,  
Intelligence Officer.

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<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name in Full (Last Name First)</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>
KIA 1. Pilot	✓ Nix, James S.	1st Lt.	O-661541
KIA 2. Co-pilot	✓ Shebeck, Daniel A.	2nd Lt.	O-670533
EUS 3. Navigator	✓ Cure, Dwight M.	2nd Lt.	O-674250
KIA 4. Bombardier	✓ Selverson, Robert K.	1st Lt.	O-729513
KIA 5. Engineer-TT Gunner	✓ Krajacic, Frank G. ✓	T/Sgt.	35268126
EUS 6. Asst. Eng.- R.W. Gunner	✓ Gross, Joseph (MMI) ✓	S/Sgt.	32419137
EUS 7. Radio Gunner	✓ Brooks, Curtis G.	T/Sgt.	34208888
EUS 8. Asst. Radio-B.T. Gunner	✓ Pares, Frank F.	S/Sgt.	32408205
EUS 9. Tail Gunner	✓ Boyd, Fred W.	S/Sgt.	34388527
EUS 10. Left Waist Gunner	✓ Buck, George W.	S/Sgt.	35342288
EUS 11. Passenger	✓ Moffatt, Lewis T. ✓	1st Lt.	O-656733

(\*) Pilot, 1st Lt. J.S. Nix and Passenger, 1st Lt. L.T. Moffatt are assigned to the 359th Bombardment Squadron (H). The plane and remainder of the crew are assigned to the 358th Bombardment Squadron (H).





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1. Your name Louis Tarleton Moffatt Rank Capt. Serial No. 0-854793
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander Charles Martin Rank Col. Sqn CO Wm. Calhoun Rank Maj.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month August day 19 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bomb, target, Gilsen Rijen area, <sup>Holland</sup> target  
time, 1700, altitude, 21,000 route scheduled, -  
route flown -
5. Where were you when you left formation? Lead ship - low sqdn.
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? 7 members of crew bailed out. 4  
Killed in explosion of A/C.
8. Tell all you know about wher, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".  
1st Lt. James S. Nix 1st Lt. Robert K. Salverson 2nd Lt. Daniel A. Shebeck  
T/Sgt Frank G. Kezjacie - all killed in explosion of A/C.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Raamsdankvaar, Holland.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)  
1st Lt. James S. Nix - pilot,  
2nd Lt. Daniel A. Shebeck - copilot, 1st Lt. Robert K. Salverson - Bombardier,  
T/Sgt Frank G. Kezjacie - Engineer
11. Where were they in aircraft? Nix, Shebeck pilots camp, Lt R.K. Salverson Bomb. camp,  
T/Sgt F.G. Kezjacie - top turret.
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?  
T/Sgt Curtis A. Branke S/Sgt Fred W. Boyd,  
S/Sgt Frank E. Perez S/Sgt George W. Buck S/Sgt Joseph Gross  
Last seen Dulag Luft, Germany, Aug 27, 1943, all OK.  
Lt. Dwight M. Curo last seen Stalag 7A, Germany May 1, 1945
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HEE, James S.  
Rank: 1st Lt.  
Serial number: 0-443 542  
Position: Crew (Bombardier) ~~Navigator~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? DO NOT NO

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: REFOR  
TAKE OFF

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? PILOT SEAT

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: 24

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug 19, 43

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SHERBECK, Daniel A.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-670 633  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? DO NOT NO

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE TAKE OFF

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? CO-PILOT SEAT

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug 12, 43



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GURD, Dwight M.

Rank: 2nd Lt.

Serial number: 0-674 250

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~: Navigator

AS FAR AS I NO HE IS HOME

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SOLVERSON, Robert E.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-729 513  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Do Not No

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? IN NEAR OF PLANE

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: AUG 1943



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KRAJACIC, Frank G.**  
 Rank: **T/Sgt.**  
 Serial number: **33 268 126**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot~~ ~~and Navigator~~ ~~and Engineer~~ ~~and Gunner~~: **Engineer-TT Gunner**

Did he bail out? **No To My Knowledge**

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? **Do NOT NO**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **BEFORE TAKE OFF**

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: **Aug 1942**

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HOFFATT, Lewis T.**  
 Rank: **1st Lt.**  
 Serial number: **0-854 733**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~: **Passenger**

Did he bail out? **YES**

Where? **HOLLAND**

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? **FRANKFURT GERMANY**

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

**AS FAR AS I NO HE IS HOME**

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



2010-4000, Curtis G. (encl)

1st Lt.

WPTA/ML/100

52 AFG, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

17 October 1945.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.  
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4313, Hamilton Bldg.

Forwarded in accordance with teletype APTTS 3709.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JOSEPH G. LEHMAN  
Major, Air Corps  
Assistant, Personal Affairs Section  
Personnel and Training Division

1 Incl: n/s



2010-Brube, Curtis G. (col) 1st Inf. TEPFM/JOL/amp

HQ AFHQ, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio 17 October 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.  
Attn: Personnel Affairs Branch, Room 4319, Munitions Bldg.

Forwarded in accordance with teletype APTTS 3909.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JERRY G. LINDEMAN  
Major, Air Corps  
Assistant, Personnel Affairs Section  
Personnel and Training Division

1 Incl: n/c



CASUALTY INFORMATION ON FORMER CREW MEMBERS

<u>1. NAME</u>	<u>2. CREW POSITION</u>
Lt. Nix	Pilot
Unknown	Co-Pilot
T/Sgt Krajsak	Engineer
Unknown	Bombardier

3. UNIT:

358th Bomb Sq., 303rd Bomb Group. Ship "G" (B-17 F Aircraft #42-5192). Lt. Nix, the pilot, was a member of another squadron. The other three were members of the 358th Bomb Sq.

4. DATE LAST SEEN:

19 August 1943.

5. PLACE LAST SEEN:

Over Holland a few miles from target of Gilse-Rijan, Holland.

6. CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT:

Fire in wing of ship caused by attacking fighter.

7. KNOWN INFORMATION:

The four above crew members never left the ship before it blew up, which was a few minutes after I had bailed out.

8. HEARSAY INFORMATION:

The Bombardier was trapped in the nose of the ship by burning oxygen. This information was told to me by the navigator, Lt. Curo.

Some of the other members of the crew who left the ship with me were waist-gunner George Duff; waist-gunner, Joseph Gross; ball turret gunner Frank Perez; observer Lt. L. T. Moffett. I was not too familiar with this crew as I was a replacement and had flown only three previous missions with them. The spelling of the names I have given may not be correct.

*Curtis O Brooke*

CURTIS O BROOKE  
T/Sgt 54 209 888  
4130th AAF BU  
Miami Beach, Florida

12 October 1945



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AS 30.30  
IN HQ, HUSA, APO SFZ, 27 August 1943.

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To: Commanding General, Army Air Force, Washington, D.C.  
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, 23 May 1943,  
SIC AS 30.30 (5-21-43) (S-4-27-43).

For the Commanding General:

R. F. HUNN,  
2nd Lt., ASD,  
Army Air Force.

5 Encs:

- Enc 1 - Missing Air Crew Reports (AF 43-3198)  
(2 pages) (See copy w/1).
- Enc 2 - Map of route taken (AF 43-3198).
- Enc 3 - Ltr HQ East Sq (H) dtd 20 Aug 43 (Reference to  
accompanying exhibit cover) (See copy w/1).
- Enc 4 - Missing Air Crew Reports (AF 43-3198) (See copy w/1).
- Enc 5 - Map of route taken (AF 43-3198).

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AG 360.33  
HQ SAC, HRCUSA, APO 871, 27 August 1943.

2nd Ind.

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To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.  
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, 23 May 1943,  
file AG 360.33 (5-21-43) OS-S-AF-M.

For the Commanding General:

*R. W. Bruske*

R. W. BRUSKE,  
2nd Lt, AGO,  
Asst Adj Gen.

5 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-3192)  
(2 pages) (Dup copy w/d).
- Incl 2 - Map of route taken (AF 42-3192).
- Incl 3 - Ltr 359 Bomb Sq (H) dtd 10 Aug 43 (Permission to  
accompany combat crew) (Dup copy w/d).
- Incl 4 - Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-5392) (Dup copy w/d).
- Incl 5 - Map of route taken (Ap 42-5392).

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107  
SOSRD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 654 - US ARMY

(D-a-3)

20 August 1943.

Subject: Missing Air Crew Report.

To : Commanding General, Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, APO 633, US Army

1. Herewith Missing Air Crew Reports of this Group for the mission of 19 August 1943.

*Charles A. Green*  
CHARLES A. GREEN,  
Major, AC,  
Group S-2.

1st Ind.

*3/9/43*  
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 633, U. S. ARMY.

TO: Commanding General, SOS, STOUSSA, APO 871, U.S.ARMY.

AUG 24 1943

Forwarded in accordance with 1st Ind. File No. AG 360.33  
(5-23-43) dated 3 June, 1943.

**FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL**

*E. A. Mobley*  
E. A. MOBLEY,  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

5 Incls:

- 2 Missing Air Crew Reports (in dup)
- 2 Track Charts
- 1 Ltr "Permission to accompany Combat Crews" (in dup)

AUG 24 1943  
A. G. D.  
COMM. MAG. GEN.  
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TARGET

Date 19 Aug 1945

SECRET

Primary GILZEN-RHEN A/D

Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

Last Flight \_\_\_\_\_

**SECRET**

—	PROPOSED ROUTE
—	ROUTE FLOWN





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HQ, 1ST BOMB GR, APO 634, 15 August, 1943.

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TO: Commanding Officer, 308rd Bomb Group (H), APO 634.  
Approved for one (1) operational mission.  
By command of Brigadier General WILLIAMS:

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.,  
Major, A.C.,  
Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY.

*Charles A. Green*  
CHARLES A. GREEN,  
Major, AC,  
Group G-2.

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~~THIRTEEN~~ HUNDRED FIFTY NINTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) U/B/1  
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING OFFICER  
A.P.O. 634

10 August 1943

**SUBJECT:** Permission To Accompany Combat Crews.

**TO :** Commanding General, 1st Bomb Wing (H), APO 634.  
(Through Channels)

1. Request permission be granted to accompany combat Crews on missions over enemy territory.

2. As Assistant Engineering Officer, I should like to observe airplane and engine performance on extended high altitude formation flights and to observe what troubles are encountered with oxygen systems and electrically heated clothing.

LOUIS T. MOFFATT,  
1st Lt., AC,  
Asst. Engineering Officer.

1st. Ind. G-4-2  
359th Bomb Sqdn (H), 303rd Bomb Gp (H), APO 634, U. S. Army, 10 Aug 1943

To: Commanding Officer, 303rd Bomb Gp (H), APO 634, U.S. Army.

1. Approved.
  2. The interest of the Government is the dominant and controlling factor in this request.
- For the Commanding Officers:

EDWIN K. LUMPIN JR.,  
1st Lt., AC  
Adjutant

573 2nd Ind. (A-4-3)  
Hq, AAF Sta 107, 303rd Bomb Gp (H), APO 634, 13 Aug 43.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bomb Wg, APO 634.

Approved.

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CHARLES E. MARION,  
Colonel, AC,  
Commanding.

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