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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

- 1. ORGANIZATION: Location AP0 520, U.S. Army Command or Air Force 15th Air Force  
Group 464th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 776th Bombardment Sq (H)
- 2. SPECIFY: Place of departure AAB, Pantanella, Italy Course N-NE  
Target Graz, Austria Type of mission Bombing
- 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
High Cirrus Deck, visibility 20 miles in Haze.
- 4. GIVE: [a] Date 19 Feb 45 Time 1300(app) Last known position (Unknown)  
[b] Specify whether: [ ] Last sighted, [ ] Forced down, [ ] Seen to crash,  
[x] Last contacted by radio. [ ] No information.
- 5. AIRCRAFT [LOST] [BELIEVED LOST] AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]  
[ ] Enemy aircraft, [ ] Enemy anti-aircraft, [x] Other Mechanical failure
- 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24H AAF Serial Number 42-94823
- 7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None
- 8. ENGINES: Type, model & series 1843-45 AAF Serial Number [a] BP-401154  
[b] CP-300740 [c] CP-307375 [d] BP-400948
- 9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number]  
[a] MG M2 1185740 [c] MG M2 998239 [i] MG M2 1185864  
[b] " " 1185293 [f] " " 1185829 [j] " " 1186358  
[c] " " 1186672 [g] " " 1186105 [k] \_\_\_\_\_  
[d] " " 1186076 [h] " " 1185917 [l] \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: [x] Battle Casualty, [ ] Non Battle Casualty.
- 11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10  
[If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet].

CREW POSITION	FULL NAME [Last, first, initial] RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP STATUS AND ADDRESS
✓ 1 Pilot	✓ Hough, Robert J. <u>RTD</u> 2nd Lt., [redacted]	MTA Mr. Frank G. Hough (father) Fowler, Colorado
✓ 2 Co-Pilot	✓ Hunt, Kenneth C. <u>RTD</u> 2nd Lt., [redacted]	MTA Mr. Orville R. Hunt (father) 1202 S. Joplin St., Pittsburg, Kan.
✓ 3 Navigator	✓ Pruitt, John F. Jr. <u>RTD</u> 2nd Lt., [redacted]	MTA Mrs. Dorothy P. Pruitt (wife) 307 Gunnison Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.
✓ 4 Bmbdr.	✓ Graf, Thomas H. <u>RTD</u> 1st Lt., [redacted]	MTA Mrs. Muriel Graf (wife) 902 44th St., Brooklyn, New York.
✓ 5 ROG	✓ McGuire, Walter R. <u>RTD</u> Sgt., [redacted]	MTA Mrs. Anna M. McGuire (mother) 730 Woodward Ave, McKees Rocks, Pa.
✓ 6 AMG	✓ Pleasant, David E. <u>RTD</u> Sgt., [redacted]	MTA Mrs. Lena M. Pleasant (mother) 105 Colonial Dr., Thomasville, N.C.
✓ 7 AG	✓ Tighe, James W. <u>RTD</u> Cpl., [redacted]	MTA Mr. James F. Tighe (father) 639 W. Princess St., York, Pa.
✓ 8 Gunner	✓ LaRue, John P. Jr. <u>RTD</u> Cpl., [redacted]	MTA Mrs. Lena F. LaRue (mother) 244 Jacaranda Pl., Fullerton, Cal.
✓ 9 Gunner	✓ Alley, Harold B. <u>RTD</u> Cpl., [redacted]	MTA Mrs. Edith Alley (mother) 18 Elm St., Calais, Maine
✓ 10 Gunner	✓ Cropper, Marvin W. <u>RTD</u> Cpl., [redacted]	MTA Mrs. Edna Cropper (mother) 1 E. Valley Blvd., Alhambra, Cal.
[11]		
[12]		

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE [one only] COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED LAST		
			BY RADIO	SAW SIGHTED	SAW FORCED CRASH LANDING
[1]					
[2]					
[3]					

- 13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
[ ] Parachutes were used. [ ] Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash.  
[x] Other reasons [specify] Inclosed Statement
- 14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.
- 15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.
- 16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE. None

1 Inclosures.  
 Date 19 April 1945  
 Commanding Officer. John W. Nance  
 Signature of preparing officer.  
 JOHN W. NANCE,  
 Lt. Col., Air Corps,  
 Commanding.

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776TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
Office of the Commanding Officer  
APO 520 U.S. Army

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20 April 1945

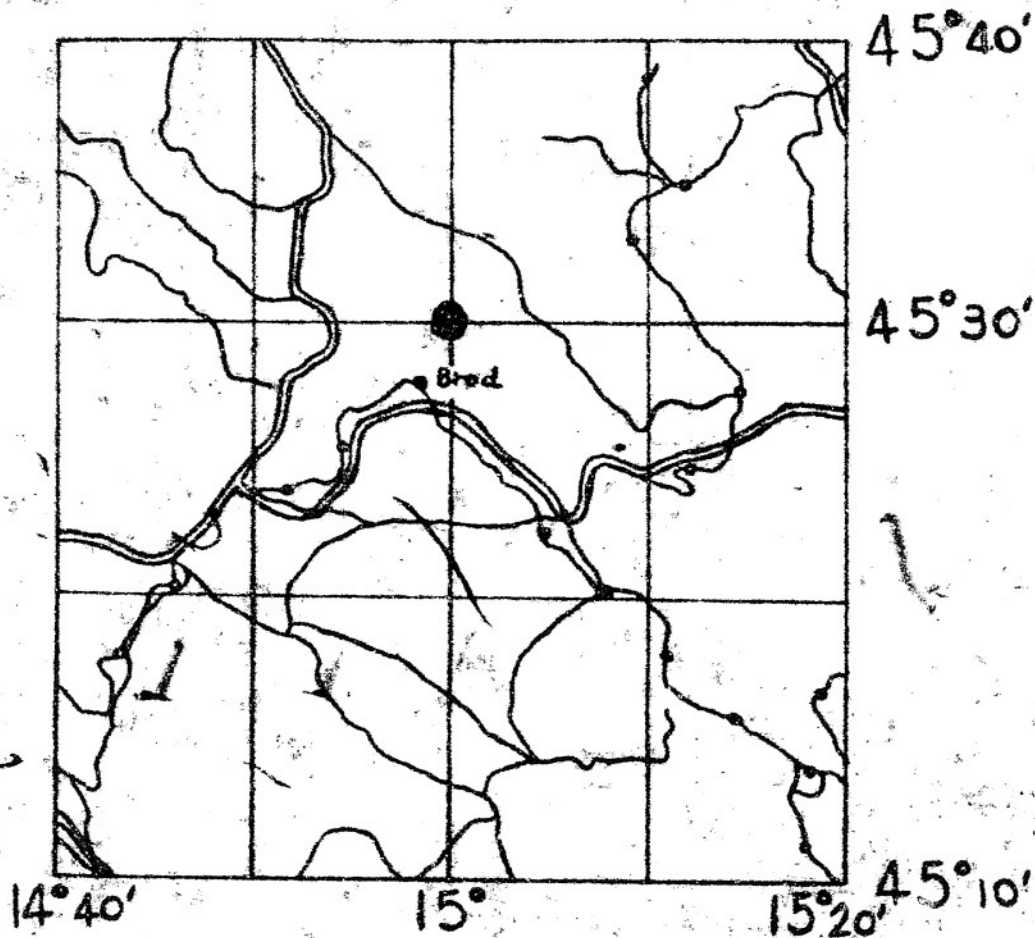
S T A T E M E N T

1. On 19 February 1945, while on the return flight from a mission at Graz, Austria, Lt. Hough was seen to have trouble with one engine. He called the Flight Leader and reported that he was feathering an engine and that he would have to leave the formation. On the return landing at Base it was reported and a Battle Casualty Report was submitted to higher Headquarters, reporting them Missing in Action.
2. On 20 February 1945, the following statement was received from Group S-2, "Aircraft No. 42-94823, according to telephone report received by S-3 from 55th Wing A-3 at 0715A hours landed at Pecs, Hungary." Because of this report, Group S-1 advised this Headquarters to withhold the Battle Casualty Report and Allied Papers on Lt. Hough and Crew.
3. On 17 April 1945, a Battle Casualty Report was submitted to higher Headquarters, per verbal instructions received by this Headquarters from Group S-1.
4. Because of the message received from Group S-3 by Group S-2, records were not prepared, i.e., stating time of disappearance, approximate position last sighted, witnesses to the fact and etc. Missing Air Crew Report, therefore is incomplete as far as some statements in report and the non-submission of Inclosures.
5. Last report received on Lt. Hough and crew, places them in friendly hands, awaiting shipment back to this Organization.

*John W. Nance*  
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● INDICATES THE AREA IN WHICH  
LT. HOUGH'S CREW WAS LAST  
SIGHTED.

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Office of the Commanding Officer  
APO 520 U.S. Army

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19 April 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 464th Bombardment Group (H), APO 520, U.S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith are the Missing Air Crew Reports on Combat Crew assigned to this Squadron who were Missing in Action on 19 February 1945, at Hungary.

2d Lt.	Hough, Robert J.	<del>0-775037</del>	AC (1092)
2d Lt.	Hunt, Kenneth C.	<del>0-775037</del>	AC (1092)
2d Lt.	Pruitt, John F., Jr.	<del>0-206289</del>	AC (1034)
1st Lt.	Graf, Thomas H.	<del>0-722119</del>	AC (1035)
Sgt.	McGuire, Walter R.	<del>13169610</del>	AC (757)
Sgt.	Pleasant, David E.	<del>34776013</del>	AC (748)
Cpl.	Tighe, James W.	<del>33498863</del>	AC (612)
Cpl.	LaRue, John P., Jr.	<del>39708596</del>	AC (611)
Cpl.	Alley, Harold R.	<del>31318038</del>	AC (611)
Cpl.	Cropper, Marvin W.	<del>39707789</del>	AC (611)

2. Subject personnel in Battle Casualty as defined by Paragraph 2, Section II, Circular #10, NATOUSA, dated 24 January 1944, as amended.
3. Battle Casualty Report was forwarded your Headquarters, 18 April 1945.

*John W. Nance*  
JOHN W. NANCE,  
Lt. Col., Air Corps,  
Commanding.

- 1 Incl:  
1. Missing Air Crew Report  
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8 June 1945 SLA

Sgt. Walter R. McGuire	Mrs. Jennie S. McGuire (wife) 620 Vine Street Coraopolis, Pennsylvania
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2nd Lt. Kenneth C. Hunt	Mr. Orville R. Hunt (father) 1202 S. Joplin Street Pittsburgh, Kansas
2nd Lt. John F. Pruitt, Jr.	Mrs. Dorothy P. Pruitt (wife) 307 Gunnison Avenue Grand Rapids, Michigan
1st Lt. Thomas H. Graf	Mrs. Kuriel Graf (wife) 902 - 44th Street Brooklyn, New York
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