

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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 Torretta, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
Group 461st Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 766th Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta, Italy Course 330°
Target Ploesti, Rumania Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Hazy – broken clouds 12,000 to 16,000 feet
4. GIVE: [a] Date 22 July 1944 Time 1130 Last known position Ploesti, Rumania
[b] Specify whether: Last sighted, Forced down, Seen to crash,
 Last contacted by radio, No information
5. AIRCRAFT [LOST] [~~BELIEVED LOST~~] AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]
 Enemy aircraft, Enemy anti-aircraft, Other **Plane out of formation 10 minutes after target**
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-50948
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: none
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series P&W R-1830-43A AAF serial Number [a] CP 315205
[b] CP 315194 [c] CP 315205 [d] CP 315186
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] **All Browning Cal. 50**

[a]	[e]	[i]
[b]	[f]	[j]
[c]	[g]	
[d]	[h]	

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: 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 STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
[1] Pilot	Moses, Elias E., 2 nd Lt. 0-822512		Samuel A. Moses (Father) 1407 Fourth Ave., Arnold, Pennsylvania
[2] Co-pilot	Carr, Rudolph C., 2 nd Lt. 0-1695418		Elizabeth Carr (Mother) 2018 ½ Cumberland Ave., Middlesboro, Kentucky
[3] Bomb	Hollingshead, Jr., Howard K., 2 nd Lt. 0-772117		Gladys A. Hollingshead (Mother) RFD Chariten, Iowa
[4] Nav	Ehrenfeld, Sherwood, 2 nd Lt. 0-723327		Goldie S. Ehrenfeld (Wife) 1950 Daly Ave., Bronx, New York
[5] LWG	Junge, Paul F., Sgt. 36480126		Louis F. Junga (Father) Baldwin, Illinois
[6] RWG	Merlege, Jack C., Sgt. 39294393		Ray P. Swafford (Uncle) 2816 E. 40 th St., Kansas City, Missouri
[7] BTG	Humphrey, Charles E., Cpl. 15406187		Mrs. Charles E. Humphrey (Wife) Reedsville, Ohio
[8] TTG	Vernon, J., Robert R., Cpl. 17081671		Robert R. Vernon, Sr. (Father) 203 Gray Ave., Webster Grove, Missouri
[9] TTG	Sooy, Charles F., Cpl. 11093968		Myrtle Young (Mother) Brookline, Massachusetts 48

766TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

STATEMENT

29 July 1944

Lt. Moses was flying number six position in 'A' Flight. At the target intense flak was encountered. Due to heavy flak the formation was spread out. Upon reassembling the formation two ships were missing in 'A' Flight. One of the ships which left the formation was unidentified. Actually I saw no ships go down.

/s/ 1st Lt. Turner M. Holmes
0-738394.

29 July 1944

Over the target Lt. Moses was flying number six position in 'A' Flight. Flak was coming up intense and accurate. There were so many ships in trouble it was impossible to keep an eye on the other ships.

/s/ 2nd Lt. Richard J. Malott
0-756806