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Date **MAR 15 1946**

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Rosières, France Command or Air Force XIX TAG
Group 354th Ftr Gp : Squadron 355 Ftr Sq Detachment None
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Rosières, France : Course 86°
Target or Intended Destination Nurnberg, Ger: Type of Mission Armed Recon
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF OR SHORTEST LAST REPORTED: 9/10
stratocumulus, Base 5000 ft. Top 8000 ft. Visibility - Good above 8000 ft.
- GIVE: (a) Day 4 Month Apr Year 45 : Time 1710 : and Location in vicinity
of Frankfurt, Germany of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (): Last contacted by
radio (): Forced down (): Seen to Crash (x): or Information not available ()
- 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: _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-51D-20 : A.F. Serial Number 44-63551
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any None
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1650-7 : A.F. Serial Number
(a) V-328165 : (b) _____ : (c) _____ : (d) _____
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) Browning Machine Gun Cal. 50 (b) 1722346
(c) 1763902 (d) 1763678 (e) 1518899 (f) 1519285
(g) 1722307 (h) _____ (i) _____ (j) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes
or (b) Non Battle Casualty No
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 1 : Passengers 0 : Total 1
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: if more than 11
persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheets and
attach original to this form.)

248 miles
SW of
Frankfurt

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	Moore, Charles William	2d Lt	0-803428	MIA
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

12. IDENTIFY THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-
CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR CASE:

Check only one column

(Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contact by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Landing
1. Roberson, Robert E.	1 Lt	0-818026			XXXX	
2.						
3.						

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- 13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used None; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash None; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) None
- 14. ATTACH SERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. See Incl (Overlay)
- 15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See Incl (Statement)
- 16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT. No search conducted.

Date of Report 11 April 1945

For the Group Commander:

L. C. Christianson
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
L. C. CHRISTIANSON,
2d Lt, AC,
Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:
See Incl (Statement).



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355th FIGHTER SQUADRON ARMY AIR FORCES
354th FIGHTER GROUP
APO 141

7 April 1945

S T A T E M E N T

We were letting down through the overcast while returning from the afternoon mission at 1710 on the 4th of April and on breaking out at 3000 feet, Red Flight was fired at by least ten anti-aircraft guns. I was unable to determine the caliber. Red Flight pulled back up in the overcast where the shells must have been bursting. I was in White Flight which was a little slower going back up. Just before we reached the clouds I saw a plane come out of the clouds on fire in a vertical dive. The plane hit the ground and exploded.

I believe this could have been Lt Moore as he was in Red Flight. It is very possible the pilot could have bailed out although I saw no parachute.

Robert E. Roberson
ROBERT E. ROBERSON,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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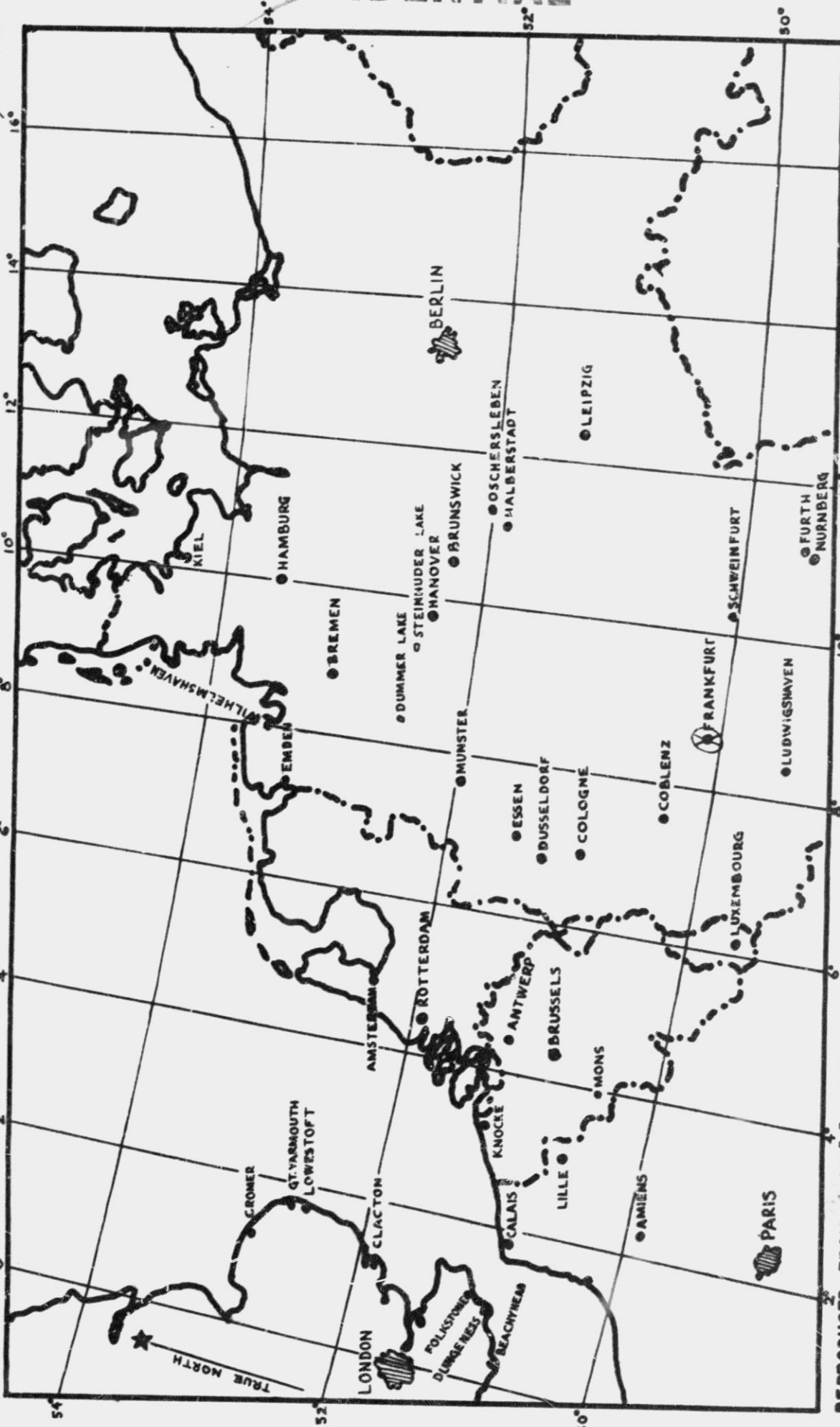
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HEADQUARTERS, 354TH FIGHTER GROUP

MAP FOR MISSION NO: _____

FIELD ORDER NO: 250

DATE OF MISSION: 4 Apr 45



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