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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON  
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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 Decimomanni Sardinia; Command or Air Force 12th Air Force  
Group 320th Bomb; Squadron 441st Bomb; Detachment  
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Decimomanni Sardinia; Course See Page 2  
Intended Destination Decimo, Orvieto - Decimo; Type of Mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
CAVU  
4. GIVE: (a) Date 1-21-44; Time 1226; and Location 7 Miles SW Orvieto, Italy  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify Whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last Contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forced Down; (X) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not available.  
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS TO HAVE BEEN BELIEVED LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)  
( ) Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other circumstances as follows

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B26B10; AAF Serial Number 41-18305  
7. ENGINES: Type: Model and Series R-2800-43; AAF Serial Number (a) R-41-38991  
(b) I-41-37804 (c)

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnished below make, Type and Serial Number  
(a) 9 MG Cal .50; (b) Unknown; (c) Unknown; (d) Unknown  
(e) Unknown; (f) Unknown; (g) Unknown; (h) Unknown

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Battle Casualty  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty  
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 7; Passengers 0  
TOTAL 7

(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.)

Crew Position	Name in full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	CURRIE, ROBERT B.	1st Lt.	0-791195
2. Co-Pilot	BREWSTER, HOWARD A.	2nd Lt.	0-745603
3. Bombardier	PERKINS, PAUL H.	2nd Lt.	0-731531
4. Navigator	KONVALINKA, HAROLD F.	2nd Lt.	0-744854

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5. Engineer FENDRICH, EDGAR L. S/Sgt. RTD. 322620

6. RADIO GUNNER DE MARCO, JOSEPH T. S/Sgt. RTD. 324512

7. Aerial Gunner DERAU, NORMAN H. S/Sgt. RTD. 3318023

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by radio	Check only one column	
				Sighted	Forced Landing
1. <u>COOK, WILLIAM (NMI)</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>0-560824</u>		<u>X</u>	
2. _____					
3. _____					

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) 6 - Parachutes were seen to open

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, OR SKETCH, OR CHART SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE LAST AIRCRAFT WAS SEEN. Atchd

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. Atchd

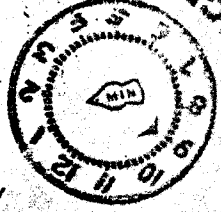
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE No Search

2. Course. 35°T for 246 miles, 55°T for 26 miles, 70°M for 14½ miles - Orvieto, - 295°T for 20 miles, 211°T for 42 miles, 215°T for 246 miles. - Decimo. Date of Report 23 January 1944

James R. Edwards  
(Signature of preparing officer)

JAMES R. EDWARDS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Statistical Officer.

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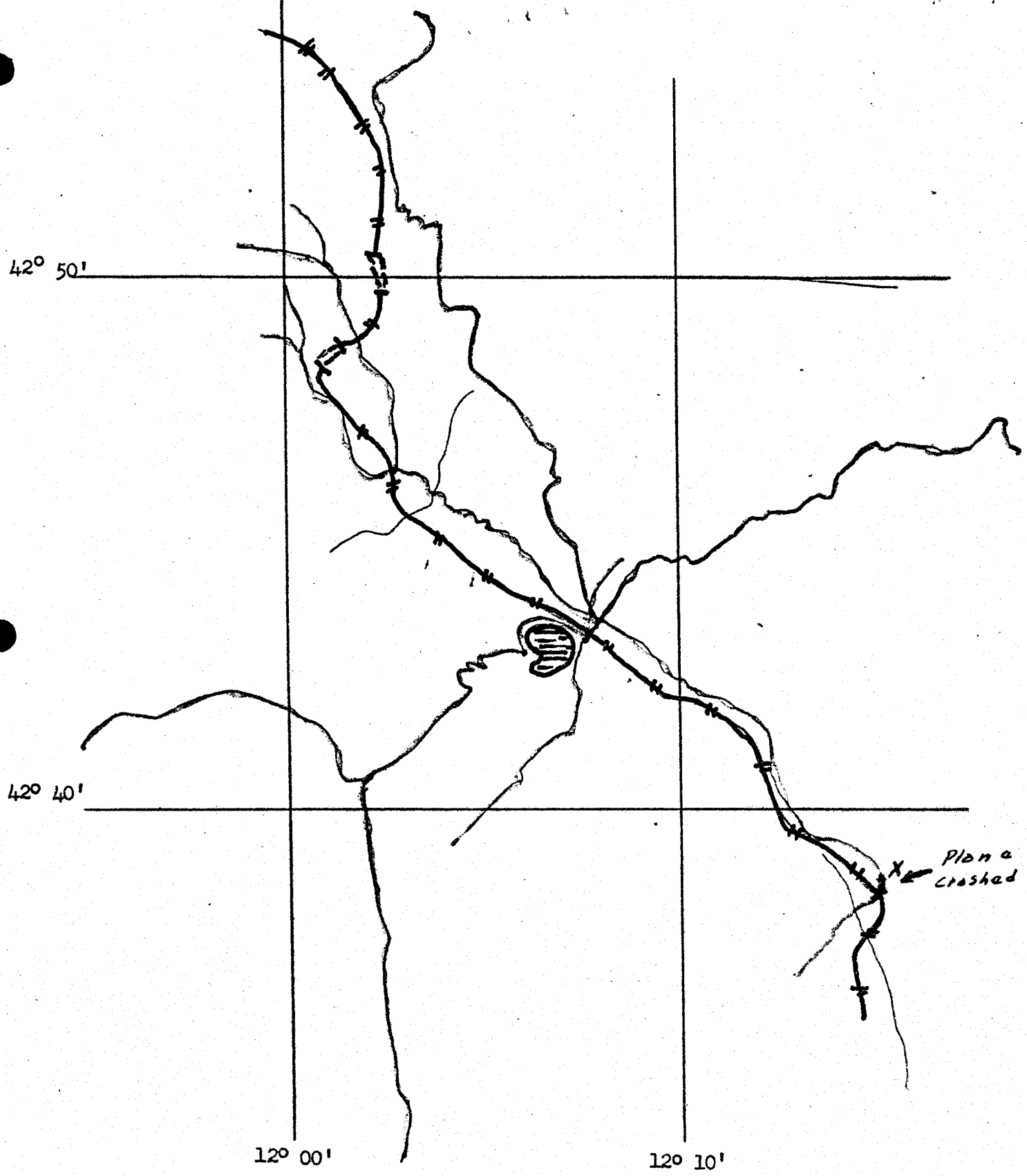
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CERTIFICATE

1st. Lt. Currie, Pilot was flying lead ship and while on the Bomb run, his plane was hit by flak, and caught on fire. Six (6) parachutes were seen to come out and the airplane crashed without exploding at 42° 38' N, 120° 14' E.

*William Cook*  
WILLIAM (NMI) COOK  
Captain, Air Corps  
Group Intelligence Officer





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Brewer, Howard Archie, 2nd Lt. born Feb. 14, 1923

Ident. Tag: O-745 603

Taken prisoner

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Taken prisoner, wounded,  
located in a field  
hospital

222 Wisconsin Ave  
Peoria, Ill.

Mar 16, 1944

To the Commanding General of the Army Air Force,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

On Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> received a telegram from the Adjutant General's Office informing me that my son Lt. Harold F. Korvalukko, O-77,854 Air Corps, had been reported missing in action over Italy since Jan 21, 1944.

In a letter confirming that telegram he said it was the policy of the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces upon receipt of the "Missing Air Crew Report" to convey any details in that report.

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Of course my wife and I  
are anxious to know some  
of the details and his chances  
of turning up as a prisoner  
of war.

Any information you can  
give us that would relieve  
the tension would be greatly  
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,  
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