

RUNK FRED J
Form 4
April 18, 2003

FORM 4	U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549	OMB APPROVAL OMB Number : 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5
[] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations continue. See Instruction 1(b)	STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utilities Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940	

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Runk Fred J. (Last) (First)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. (AFG)	6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
One East Fourth Street (Street)	3. IRS Identification Number, if an entity (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year April 18, 2003	5. If Amendment Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (City) (State)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		- <u>Senior Vice President & Treasurer</u>

Table I - Non-derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of or Beneficially Owned									
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,4 and 5)	5. Amount or Number of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Beneficially Owned	7. Nature of Relationship of Individual	8. Nature of Relationship of Institutional Investor	9. Nature of Relationship of Reporting Person
	(Month/Day/Year)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code	V	Amount or Price	(A)	Following (D) or Indirect Ownership	(D) or Indirect Ownership	Ownership

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						(D)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	4/18/03		P		62	A	\$19.41	241,538	D	
Common Stock								6,338.55	I	In ESPP Account (a)
Common Stock								1,356	I	In DRIP Plan (b)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly

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*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or B

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date	3A Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month//Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
	Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Exercisable Date	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 5) Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

(a)

These shares were allocated to the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of December 31, 2002.

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(b)

These shares were held in the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan as of December 31, 2002.

** Intentional misstatements or omissions
of facts constitute Federal Criminal
Violations.
See

Fred J. Runk
April 18,
2003
** Signature of Reporting Person

18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Date
Fred J. Runk

Note: File three copies of this Form, one
of which must be manually signed.

If space provided is insufficient, *see*
instruction 6 for procedure.