

1st Lt. May E. Pullen

Mrs. Beulah E. Pullen, (Mother)  
Route Number One,  
Farmington, Kentucky.

2nd Lt. John E. Greeley

Mrs. Jane Sakle, (Mother)  
Churubusco, Indiana.

S/Sgt. Finney A. Gordon

Mrs. Millie L. Gordon, (Wife)  
315 West 12th Street,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

S/Sgt. Sidney H. Saltzman

Mrs. Rebecca Saltzman, (Mother)  
c/o Albert Saltzman,  
5934 Chestnut Street,  
Philadelphia, 39, Pennsylvania.

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HEADQUARTERS  
NORTH TROPIC CARRIER GROUP  
Office of the Group Commander

AFG 13, H. A. 13, 13  
8 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplementary Missing Air Crew Report.

TO: Commanding General, IX Troop Carrier Command, AFG 13, H. A. 13, 13.  
Attention: AG Casualty Section.

1. With reference to Missing Air Crew Report, this headquarters, pertaining to crew of C-47A aircraft number 42-100905, missing on 6 June 1944, over Oorbeburg, New Guinea, the following change of status of missing air crew is reported:

1st Lieutenant RAY E. FULLER, O 684 557, 95th Troop Carrier Squadron, 440th Troop Carrier Group, killed in action, date unknown, buried 12 July 1944, reported on GRS Form #1, signed by T. A. GEMMICK, Captain, IAC, dated 14 July 1944, received this headquarters 15 October 1944.

2d Lieutenant JOHN M. GEMMICK, O 684 567, 95th Troop Carrier Squadron, 440th Troop Carrier Group, killed in action, 6 June 1944, as per information contained in letter, Headquarters, 50th Troop Carrier Wing, subject: "Changes in Battle Casualty Status", dated 30 November 1944.

3d Sgt Winney W. Gordon, 13 162 873, 95th Troop Carrier Squadron, 440th Troop Carrier Group, killed in action, date unknown, buried 12 July 1944, reported on GRS #1, signed by T. A. GEMMICK, Captain, IAC, dated 14 July 1944, received this headquarters 15 October 1944.

3d Sgt Sidney H. Salzman, 13 154 670, 95th Troop Carrier Squadron, 440th Troop Carrier Group, killed in action 6 June 1944, as per information contained in letter, Headquarters, 50th Troop Carrier Wing, subject: "Changes in Battle Casualty Status" dated 30 November 1944.

2. No further information is available.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Carl P. Fick*  
Carl P. Fick,  
Capt in Air Corps,  
Adjutant

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HQ 50TH TR CARR BQ, AAF, APO 133, U S ARMY, 8 December 1944.

TO: CG, IX Tr Carr Comd, APO 133, U S Army.

Noted and forwarded.

For the Commanding General:

*J. R. Hickey*  
J. R. HICKEY,  
Major, U S D,  
Adjutant.

2nd Ind.

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G 704 (6 Dec 44)  
HEADQUARTERS, IX TROOP CARRIFF COMMAND, APO 133, US ARMY, 16 December 1944

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, US Army,  
APO 887, US Army. ATTENTION: AG Casualty Division.

1. Original Missing Air Crew Report forwarded to Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, 14 June 1944.

2. Status of Lt Greeley and S/Sgt Saltzman was changed from MIA to KIA based on MRU changes in casualty status Listings Numbers 19 and 16 received from Headquarters, Ninth Air Force.

3. Lt Pullen and Sgt Gordon were reported KIA, 6 June 1944, on BCR M035, forwarded to your headquarters, 6 November 1944.

For the Commanding General:



*C. E. Hoviane*  
C. E. HOVIANE  
Colonel A G D  
Adjutant General

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AG 319.1 Cas

3rd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 24 December 1944

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

Attention: Statistical Control Division.

1. Forwarded herewith supplement to Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-100905, piloted by 1st Lt. Ray B. Pullen, O-684552.
2. Original Missing Air Crew Report was forwarded to your headquarters by letter this headquarters, AG 360.33 Cas, dated 11 July 1944.
3. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of subject personnel as killed in action, 6 June 1944.

For the Commanding General:

*H. M. Rund*  
H. M. RUND,  
Colonel, AGD, *d*  
Asst. Adj. General.

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AG 319.1 Cas 3rd Ind. JWP/ed  
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 24 December 1944

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.  
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

1. Forwarded herewith supplement to Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-100905, piloted by 1st Lt. Ray B. Pullen, O-694652.
2. Original Missing Air Crew Report was forwarded to your headquarters by letter this headquarters, AG 360.33 Cas, dated 11 July 1944.
3. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of subject personnel as killed in action, 6 June 1944.

For the Commanding General:

J. M. RUND,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Asst. Adj. General.

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY

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APD 871  
11 July 44

AG 360.33

Subject: Missing Air Crew Report.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.  
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Forwarded herewith Missing Air Crew Report of the Ninth Air Force in compliance with letter, War Department, AG 360.33, (5-21-43) OB-S-AF-M, dated 23 May 1943.

For the Theater Commander:

  
H. M. RUND,  
Lt. Col, AGD,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl:

Missing Air Crew Report, 440th TC Gp.  
C-47-A, number 42-100905, 6 June 1944.

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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 airplane is officially reported missing.

- IX TCC
1. ORGANIZATION: Location England Command or Air Force Ninth Air Force  
Group 440th TC Gp. Squadron 95 TC Sq Detachment EXETER - BUN OF PORTLAND
  2. SPECIFY: Point of departure Exeter, Devon, England Intended destination See attached map Type of mission Operational (Rare, Dr)
  3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LOSS OR WHEN LAST REPORTED Scattered clouds, six to eight miles visibility.
  4. GIVE: (a) Date 6-6-44 Time 0200 of last known whereabouts of missing See attached map.  
(b) Specify whether: (X) Last sighted; ( ) Not contacted by radio;  
( ) Forced down; ( ) Seen to crash; or ( ) Information not available.
  5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:  
(Check only one) ( ) Enemy airplane; ( ) Enemy anti-aircraft; (X)  
Other circumstances as follows: Unknown
  6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series C-47-1; A.A.F. Serial No. 42-100905
  7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R1830-92; A.A.F. Serial No. (a) P-113669 Right  
(b) P-133658 Left (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_
  8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No)  
(a) None (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_
  9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
  10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 4 Passengers 18 Total 22  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard airplane, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

| Crew Position     | Name in Full<br>(Last Name First) | Rank    | Serial Number |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| 1. Pilot          | Fullen, Ray B.                    | 1st Lt. | O-584552      |
| 2. Co-Pilot       | Braeley, Joan M.                  | 2nd Lt. | O-596567      |
| 3. Crew Chief     | Gordon, Finney W.                 | S Sgt.  | 18162875      |
| 4. Radio Operator | Saltzman, Sidney M.               | S Sgt.  | 13154470      |
| 5.                |                                   |         |               |
| 6.                | ( See attached sheet )            |         |               |
| 7.                |                                   |         |               |
| 8.                |                                   |         |               |

\* Will be reported as MIA after a minimum of 72 hours.

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

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

| Name in Full<br>(Last Name First) | Rank   | Serial<br>Number | by<br>Radio | Last<br>Sighted | Saw<br>Crash | Forced<br>Landing |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. Moreland, Henry G.             | 1st Lt | O-804712         |             | X               |              |                   |
| 2. _____                          |        |                  |             |                 |              |                   |
| 3. _____                          |        |                  |             |                 |              |                   |

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

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR \_\_\_\_\_ SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN. SEE APPENDIX "B"
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE. SEE APPENDIX "A"
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None.

Date of Report 3 June 1944

Peter Pignatelli  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
PETER PIGNATELLI,  
2nd Lt., Air Corps,  
Personnel Officer.





| <u>A. S. I.</u> | <u>GRADE</u> | <u>NAME</u>         | <u>ORGANIZATION</u>             |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0-1411173       | 1st Lt       | Howard, Gerald V.   | Co. 1, 1st Bn, 1st Cavalry Div. |
| 12131770        | Sgt          | Reed, Robert        | Same                            |
| 13142087        | C/4          | Gray, John          | Same                            |
| 13132401        | Cpl          | McCall, Donald      | Same                            |
| 1-117-80        | Cpl          | Stallings, Martin   | Same                            |
| 6287750         | C/6          | Wenderson, Orville  | Same                            |
| 30288357        | Pfc          | Amabisco, Gilbert   | Same                            |
| 17068333        | Pfc          | Calhoun, Richard W. | Same                            |
| 17068400        | Pfc          | Carney, Warren      | Same                            |
| 0079085         | Pfc          | Cliff, John J.      | Same                            |
| 10402018        | Pfc          | Olson, William      | Same                            |
| 33254402        | Cvt          | Marshall, James J.  | Same                            |
| 10104102        | Pfc          | Smith, Frederick    | Same                            |
| 20175828        | Cvt          | Seber, Paul J.      | Same                            |
| 24783025        | Cvt          | Phillips, Howard    | Same                            |
| 00141003        | Cvt          | Wich, Glen          | Same                            |
| 10042001        | Pfc          | Tripp, Lawrence     | Same                            |
| 07061310        | Cvt          | Wright, John        | Same                            |

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95TH TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON  
440th Troop Carrier Group AAF  
Station # 463

UGM/rnb

7 June 1944

EYEWITNES. DESCRIPTION PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE

The Airplane, Number 42-100905, which is missing was last seen by me the undersigned about five (5) minutes before we dropped our troops. I last seen them as we were entering a cloud bank. I did not look for them until we were well on our way to our base. There was a plane in his position of the formation. When we arrived at the base it was learned that the plane riding in his position was of another Squadron.

*Henry D. Morland*  
HENRY D. MORLAND,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,

APPENDIX "A"

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APPENDIX "B"

C 41-A; AAF. Div No 42-100,105  
AIRPLANE LAST SEEN  
AT "X" ON THIS MAP.

