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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 airplane is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location USAAF Sta 474 Command or Air Force IX TCG
Group PA 35th TC Wing Grp Squadron 77th TC Sq Detachment None
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure USAAF Sta 474 Course 82
Intended Destination USAAF Sta 474 Type of mission parachute drop
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED Mist, Low Ceiling
- GIVE: (a) DATE 6 June 1944 Time 0120 hours E and Location E. of Evesville, France.
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced down; () Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
- AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:
(Check only one) () Enemy airplane; (X) Enemy anti-aircraft;
() Other circumstances as follows: _____
- AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Serial 474 ; A.A.F. Serial No 42-45877
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Serial 474-20-22 ; A.A.F. Serial No (a) 42-45881
(b) 42-45887 (c) _____ (d) _____
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, type and serial no)
(a) None (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 4 Passengers 8 Total 12
(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 (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1.	Pilot	<u>WALLACE, JAMES F.</u>	1st Lt	<u>0-675423</u>
2.	Co-pilot	<u>KORALSKI, JAMES E.</u>	1st Lt	<u>0-604311</u>
3.	Special Engineer	<u>WHELAN, MERRI E.</u>	S/Sgt	<u>127043</u>
4.	Radio Operator	<u>WHELAN, MERRI E.</u>	Sgt	<u>127043</u>
5.	Passenger	<u>WHELAN, MERRI E.</u>	Sgt	<u>127043</u>
6.	Passenger	<u>WHELAN, MERRI E.</u>	Pvt	<u>127043</u>
7.	Passenger	<u>WHELAN, MERRI E.</u>	Pvt	<u>127043</u>
8.	Passenger	<u>WHELAN, MERRI E.</u>	Pvt	<u>127043</u>

APPENDIX NO 1A

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(Appendix No 1A, Memo No 25-6, HQ, Ninth Air Force, 15 Feb 44, Contd.)

9. Passenger DELMONTE, EDWARD Pvt 3260458
 10. Passenger YOUNG, JAMES M. Cpl 1522779
 See attached sheet.

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
			by	Radio			
1. GIACOMINI, BRILIO J.	T/Sgt	33290043		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) unable to answer.

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

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CAUSE, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND FIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE HERE no search.

Date of Report 8 June 1944

Jack Nims
 (Signature of preparing Officer)
 JACK NIMS,
 2d Lt. Air Corps,
 Unit Personnel O.

IDENTIFYING MARKS ON PLANE OTHER THAN SERIAL NO.

THE LETTERS "IB" ON NOSE JUST BEHIND PILOT'S WINDOW.
 THE LETTER "J" ON TAIL FIN.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

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APO 871.
7 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Force, Washington, D.C.
ATTENTION: Statistical Control Division.

1. Forwarded herewith, Missing Air Crew Report of the Ninth Air Force.

2. This headquarters has been unable to obtain any supplementary information as all the Paratroopers who were passengers aboard subject aircraft are shown on records of this headquarters as missing or killed in action.

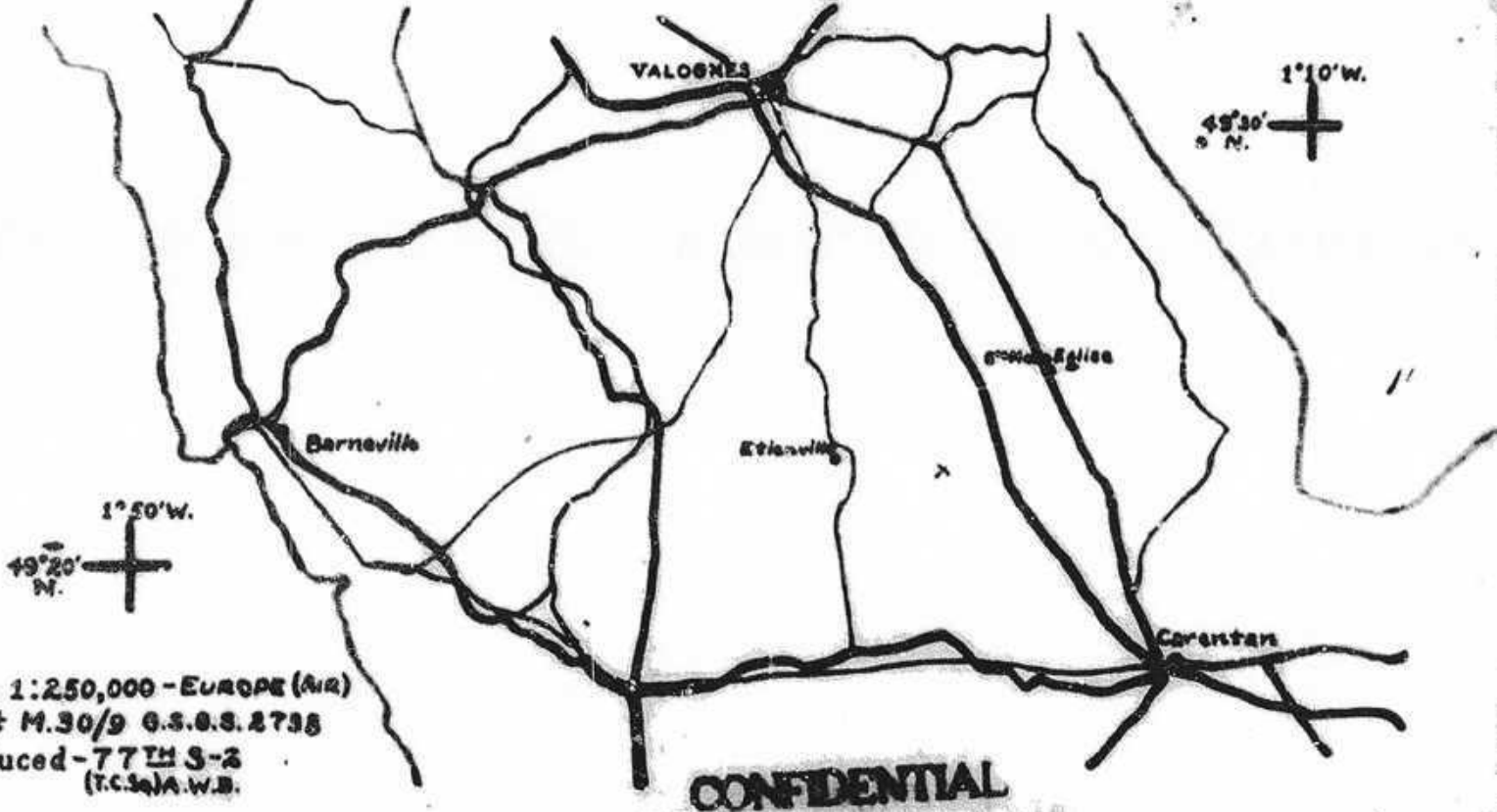
For the Theater Commander:

H. M. Reed
H. M. REED, *2*
Lt. Col., AGP,
Asst. Adjutant General.

✓ 1 Incl:
Missing Air Crew Report, 435 Troop Carrier Gp.
C-47A, 42-24077, 6 June 1944.

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(T.C.3a) A.W.B.

8 June 1944

Our ship was flying on the right wing of the third flight of the second wave. Lt Hamblin was flying on the left wing of the third flight of the 2nd wave. I was in the rear of the ship waiting for the four minute waiting when I noticed our lead ship began to let down, at this time we were at approximately 1500 ft.

Visibility was very poor as we started down into the over cast. Lt. Hamblin did not follow the lead ship but continued at 1500 ft.

I did not see his ship after that and I also did not see anyone jump.

Emilio J. Seacomin
EMILIO J. SEACOMIN,
T/Sgt., Air Corps,
Crew Chief

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208-Humbler, James J. (3) 1st Lt/Sec.
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 926, US 1ST 3 4 JAN 1945

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

Inclosed correspondence concerning 1st Lt James J. Humbler O-578498
is directed to this Headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

W. T. MORAN, Jr.,
Captain, AGP
Asst. Adj. General

1 Encl:

1-Dispensation Form, HQ, AAF
dat 19 Dec 44 with 2 Encls.

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301-Hamblin, James J. (0) 1st Lt/Inf.
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US ARMY 24 JAN 1945

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TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

Inclosed correspondence concerning 1st Lt James J. Hamblin O-675435
misdirected to this Headquarters.

For the Commanding General:


W. F. MORAN
Captain, AGO
Asst. Adj General

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1 Incl:
1-Disposition Form, Hq, AAF
dtc 19 Dec 44 with 2 Incls.

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**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

ATTENTION:

19 December 1944.

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SUBJECT: First Lieutenant James J. Hamblin, 0675423

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, A.P.O. 696,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

1. Reference is made to request from this headquarters
23 October 1944, concerning details of death of subject officer.

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2. Request that this report be expedited.

For the Commanding General:

E. A. Bradunas

E. A. BRADUNAS,
Major, Air Corps,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.



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201 - Hamblin, James J. (C) 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, U. S. ARMY.

27 JAN 1945

TO: Commanding General, European F of Ops USA, APO 887, U. S. ARMY.
(Attn: A. C. Casualty Division)

1. Correspondence mentioned in basic communication forwarded to your Headquarters
by 3rd Indorsement dated 22 December 1944.

2. Status of 1st Lt. James J. Hamblin, O-675423 changed to killed in action on
BCR No. 4-171, your Headquarters, dated 3 September 1944.

For the Commanding General:

J. H. ...
J. H. ...
Captain, AGD,
1st Ad. Gen.



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HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN T OF OFNS, APO 807, US ARMY, 4 Feb 45

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TO: CG, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, DC.

Subject correspondence was forwarded to your headquarters by our 4th indorsement, file as above, dated 4 Jan 1945, copy of which is attached.

For the Theater Commander:

H.M. Read
H.M. READ
Colonel AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

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file AG 704 Cas dated
4 January 1945.

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COMMANDING GENERAL, NINTH AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



ATTENTION:

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

October 23, 1944

SUBJECT: First Lieutenant James J. Hamblin, 0675423, deceased.

**TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, A.P.O. 696,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.**

1. Reference is made to Missing Air Crew Report, 8 June 1944,
77th Troop Carrier Squadron, 435th Troop Carrier Group, aircraft
C-47A, serial number 42-24077.

2. Request information as to evidence of death found concern-
ing First Lieutenant James J. Hamblin.

For the Commanding General:

E. A. Bradshaw

E. A. BRADSHAW,
Major, A. G. D.,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.

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201 - Hamblin, James J. (O) 1st ind.
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, U. S. ARMY. 6 DEC 1944

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

Letter pertaining to your command.

For the Commanding General:

W. J. ...

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W. J. ...
Capt. ADJ,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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3rd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, 1A TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, APO 103, US ARMY, 12 December 1944

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, US Army;
ATTENTION: AG Casualty Section.

1. This headquarters has no information concerning the death of Lieutenant **HAMBLIN**.

2. Casualty status of subject officer was changed from MIA to KIA based on casualty status change report number 15 received from your headquarters.

3. It is requested that your headquarters furnish necessary information for compliance with basic communication.

For the Commanding General:

J. E. B.
 J. E. B. BIRD
 Major, A. G.
 Acting Adjutant General
 0-16411



201-Hamblin, James J. (O) 3rd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US ARMY 22 DEC 1944

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TO: Commanding General, European T of Opns USA, APO 887, US Army
(ATTN: AG Casualty Division).

Attention invited to basic communication and preceding indorsement. Subject officer reported KIA per BCR #2371, your Headquarters, dated 3 September 1944.

For the Commanding General:



W. F. Moran
 W. F. MORAN
 Captain, AGD,
 Asst Adj Gen.
 0-6009

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4th Inf.

JM/SP

HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 867, US ARMY

4 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, DC.

1. Records this headquarters show that status of subject officer was changed to killed in action 6 June 1944 on the basis of Report of Burial received at this headquarters.

2. Burial Report indicates that Lt Hamblin was buried 16 June 1944 in Plasville Cemetery, France.

For the Theater Commander:

H. V. Ruse
H. V. RUSE
Colonel AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

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to be used in
France*

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1st Lt. James J. Eshlin

Rev. J. Fred Eshlin, (Father)
88 Sartwell Street,
Rear, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. Joseph E. Kowalski

Mrs. Florine P. Kowalski, (Wife)
1142 McCullough Street,
Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

2/Sgt. Milton E. Jones

Mrs. Fay E. Jones, (Wife)
3908 Emma Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Sgt. Clarence A. Reverski

Mrs. Mary Ann Reverski, (Wife)
175 East Leonard Street,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.