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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.

- Exeter, Devon, Ninth AF,
- ORGANIZATION: Location England Command or Air Force IX TCC
Group 440th TC Gp Squadron 96 TC Sq Detachment Exeter - Bill of Portland - Cherbourg Peninsula
 - SPECIFY: Point of departure Exeter, Airborne Course Revised
Intended Destination Cherbourg Peninsula Type of Mission Paratrooper Drop
 - WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED Good - Visibility 6 to 8 miles. (OPERATIONAL)
 - GIVE: (a) Date 6-6-44 Time Unknown Location Unknown
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane.
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () last contacted by radio;
() Forced down; () Seen to crash; or (X) Information not available.
 - AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:
(Check only one) () Enemy Airplane; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ()
Other circumstances as follows: Enemy concentrated machine-gun fire, 30 & 50 caliber.
 - AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series C-47-A; A.A.F. Serial No. 42-100733
 - ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-92; A.A.F. Serial No. (a) _____
(b) Left CP-35-2554 (c) Right CP-352565 (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 19 Total 23
(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.)

Status

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
<i>KIA</i>	1. Pilot	<u>St. Laurent</u> Zauner, William H.	2nd Lt	0-687415
"	2. Co-Pilot	" Lumsden, Harry N., Jr.	2nd Lt	0-748708
<i>DEAD</i>	3. Crew Chief	<u>Non Fds</u> Margotto, Albert T.	S/Sgt	17107478
"	4. Radio Operator	<u>St. Laurent</u> Bellinghausen, William F.	Cpl	39559382
	5.			
	6.	(See Incl #1, Passenger List)		
	7.			
	8.			

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

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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 (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. None						
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) Not known

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR _____ SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN. None

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE. None

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 7 June 1944

Frank H. Gearhart
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
FRANK H. GEARHART, 2nd Lt, AC, S-1.

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - Passenger List.

Aircraft was first discovered missing when formation returned to base. There were no witnesses to the disappearance and consequently no search was instituted and it is not possible to include a map, sketch, chart, or eyewitness description showing approximate point where aircraft went down.



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PASSENGER LIST, MISSING AIRPLANE #42-100733

<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
<i>RTD</i> 01030681	2nd Lt	8 11 Johnston, Floyd R. <i>RTD</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>RTD</i>
<i>DED</i> 13106168	Pfc	16 19 Weatherby, Newton F. <i>Non Fdgs</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>DED</i> 17068435	Pvt	1 1 Bryan, Keith K. <i>Non Fdgs</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>DED</i> 17099551	Sgt	11 14 Manlove, Beverly J. <i>Non Fdgs</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>RMC</i> 39690567	Pfc	3 Christensen, Niels <i>RTD</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>POW</i>
<i>DED</i> 20228814	Pvt	3 5 Fernandez, George V. <i>Non Fdgs</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>RTD</i> 33521736	Pvt	4 Crouch, Raymond L. <i>RTD</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>RTD</i>
<i>RTD</i> 13103555	Pvt	7 Goodgal, Leonard S. <i>RTD</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>RTD</i>
<i>DED</i> 35754486	Pvt	10 13 Kinzey, Robert C. <i>Non Fdgs</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>KIA</i> 14130253	Pfc	6 9 Hinson, Bryant L. <i>LA CAMBE</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>KIA</i>
<i>DED</i> 15117552	Pfc	2 2 Burg, Harry L. Jr. <i>Non Fdgs</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>DED</i> 16074597	Pvt	12 15 Mezo, Roy <i>Non Fdgs</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>KIA</i> 35460383	Pfc	13 16 Poyater, Alvin D. <i>LA CAMBE</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>DED</i> 12138478	Pfc	14 17 Smith, Christopher C. <i>Non Fdgs</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>DED</i> 34631599	Pvt	5 8 Hawkins, Jesse M. <i>Non Fdgs</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>DED</i> 36540126	Pvt	9 12 Karalunas, George J. <i>LA CAMBE</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>DED</i> 12131780	Sgt	15 18 Turkovich, Victor A. <i>Non Fdgs</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>DED</i> 18119195	S/Sgt	7 10 Japhet, James H. <i>Non Fdgs</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>
<i>371 DED</i> 6932428	Pvt	<i>ATR TO FLD 18 Aug 76</i> 4 <u>Minder, Dewin</u> <i>Non Fdgs</i>	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., <i>MIA</i>

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Supplement

SUBJECT: Supplemental information

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

The attached statements are forwarded to your headquarters as supplemental information to the Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-100733; which was forwarded to your headquarters by letter this headquarters, AG 360.33, Subject "Missing Air Crew Report", dated 20 August 1944.

For the Theater Commander.

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

- 3 Incls:
- Statements by:
- 1st Lt. Floyd R. Johnston, O-1030681,
- Pvt. Leonard S. Goodgal, #3103555,
- Pfc. Raymond L. Crouch, 33521736.

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20 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

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

1. Forwarded herewith Missing Air Crew Report of the Ninth Air Force.
2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of the crew members of aircraft number 42-100733 to be missing in action, 6 June 1944.
3. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of all passengers who were aboard subject aircraft to be missing in action with the exception of the three men listed below, who are present for duty with the 506th Parachute Infantry.

2nd Lt.	Floyd R. Johnston,	0-1030681
Pvt.	Raymond L. Crouch,	33521736
Pvt.	Leonard S. Goodgal,	13103555

For the Theater Commander:

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

1 Incl:
Missing Air Crew Report, 440 T C Gp
C-47A, number 42-100733, 6 June 1944.

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10-31-44
2d Lieutenant William H. Zeuner

Mrs. Laura T. Zeuner, (Wife)
518 Foss Avenue,
Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

2d Lieutenant Harry W. Lunsden, Jr.

Mrs. Dorothy E. Lunsden, (Mother)
11 Sherwood Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Staff Sergeant Albert T. Margotte

Mr. John M. Margotte, (Father)
Route 2, Box 194,
Cumberland, Wisconsin.

Corporal William F. Bellinghausen

Mrs. Tillie Bellinghausen, (Mother)
General Delivery,
Templeton, Iowa.

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HEADQUARTERS
CO. I, 5TH AIR FRONT, INF.
U.S. ARMY

A.P.O. 472
26 August 1944

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF PFC. RAYMOND L. CROUCH, ASN 33521736

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

1. The following is a signed statement of Pfc. Raymond L. Crouch, ASN 33521736, who was in plane number 42-100733 which is missing.

"AFTER MAKING ONE PASS OVER THE JUMP FIELD AND FRANCE, OUR JUMPMaster LT. JOHNSON, TOLD THE PILOT TO TURN AROUND AND GO BACK AND TRY AGAIN. WE HIT THE COAST OF FRANCE NEAR ST. VINCENES DE MONT. THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS VERY HEAVY AND THE PLANE SEEMED TO BE GOING DOWN WHEN I JUMPED. I LANDED AT point (60.5-93.9) on Chamberlayne-Valegnon MAP, SHEET 6 E. THE PLANE SEEMED TO BE HIT WHEN I LANT SW IT.

RAYMOND L. CROUCH
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
ASN 33521736

Raymond L. Crouch

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HEADQUARTERS
CO. "I" 506th. FRONT. INF.
U.S. ARMY

AFG 472
25 August 1944

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF LEONARD S. GOODGAL, PVT., ASN 13103555.

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

1. The following is a signed statement of Pvt. Leonard S. Goodgal, ASN 13103555, who was in plane number 42-100733 which is missing.

"I was in plane number 42-100733 in the early morning of 6 June 1944. The pilot made a pass over the jump field but we never got the green light until we were over the ocean. Lt. Johnson told the pilot to go back and try again. We hit the coast of France near St. Pierre-de-Mont, flying East, South-East. I was number two man in the stick and I jumped and landed near the ocean. The last I saw of the plane, it was heading out to sea and it looked as if walls of fire were coming out of the plane. I came under enemy fire at this time and I lost sight of the plane. On both passes over France we were under very intense fire from enemy heavy machine guns and twenty millimeter anti-aircraft guns.

Leonard S. Goodgal
LEONARD S. GOODGAL
PRIVATE
ASN 13103555

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HEADQUARTERS
CO. "I" 506th. PRONT. INF.
U.S. ARMY

AFG 472
27 AUGUST 1944

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF 1st. LT. FLOYD R JOHNSTON O-1030681.

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

"I was in plane number 42-109733 which is reported to be missing. I was jumpmaster. We encountered very heavy anti-aircraft fire and the plane seemed to be hit. We were over the entire peninsula before we got the green light. Looking out, I could see nothing but water, so I told the pilot to go back and jump us on France. He turned the plane around and we hit the coast of France near St. Pierre-du-Mont. I jumped through the door amid fire from 20 MM shells and machine guns and after landing I couldn't see the plane. However, I am positive that the plane had been hit several times."

Floyd R. Johnston
FLOYD R. JOHNSTON O-1030681.
1st. LT.
506th. PARACHUTE INF.

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