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Classified by E. A. BRADMAN, Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. MURPHY, Capt., AG
Date MAR 15 1948

HEADQUARTERS
MAY 1948

IMPORTANT: This report will be prepared in triplicate by each Army Lt. Col. or higher, and within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

Folkingham,

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Lincolnshire, England Command XXXXXXXXXXXX IX TG
Group 313th Troop Carrier Squadron 29th T. C. Battalion * * *
2. STARTING Point of Departure Folkingham Air Base Course 2° West, 49° 4' No.
Intended Destination Cherbourg Peninsula Type of Mission Paratroop
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY: clear under 900
REPORTED Overcast 10/10 over DZ area and approach from 15,000 to 900 ft. ft.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 6 June 1944 Time 0130 P and Location Vicinity of Quernsey
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane. Ile.
(b) Specify whether (X) last sighted: () last contacted by radio:
() forced down: () seen to crash: or () information not available.
5. AIRPLANE: MAKE LOTT, MODEL B-24, SERIAL NO. 42-108911, AS REPORTED:
(Check only one) () Crew all dead: () In my anti-aircraft: ()
Other circumstances as follows: Unknown
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Price C-47 (AF Serial No. 41-38698)
7. ENGINE: Type, Make and Model R-1830-32 - P Serial No. (a) 42-108911
(b) 43-145006 (c) (d)
8. IDENTIFIED PERSONS (Check box No., Year and Postal No.)
(a) None (b) (c) (d)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED IN 8. (a) ALL DEAD (b) ALL ALIVE (c) ALL DEAD (d) X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS REPORTED AS MISSING: (a) 15 (b) 19
(Particulars with pilots, furnish the following particulars: If used
in 10 persons a reference system, list similar particulars as
separate and attach original to this form.)

*crew only
4 members*

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	Butler, William S.	1st Lt.	0-854963 RID
2. Co-Pilot	McCarthy, Thomas C.	2nd Lt.	0-758831
3. Crew Chief	Newmyer, Herbert C.	T/Sgt.	17042523 RID
4. Radio Operator	Levy, Merrill E.	S/Sgt.	35129678 RID
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

Attached is a list of airborne personnel who were mentioned and who are not being reported as Battle Casualties by this organization.

Jordan, Joseph C.	2nd Lt.	0-1319154
Costanzo, Raymond J.	Pvt.	12209258
Hindel, Berlin	Pvt.	37507878
Greenless, Benjamin	T/Co	70161709
Robinson, James T.	Pvt.	11712177
Zimmerman, Harold W.	Pvt.	37523748
Berry, Joseph L.	Pvt.	17502276
Clegg, William	Pvt.	39887762
Campbell, James A.	Pvt.	16168828
Picula, John J.	Pvt.	13094127
Richards, John A.	Pvt.	33078446
Laguer, Carl V.	Pvt.	37507632
Locke, John J.	Pvt.	30024553
Salton, Albert A.	Pvt.	322 35078132
Elliott, John T.	Pvt.	15174332

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Grade	By	Last Seen	How Forced
1. Crist, Dwight E.	Captain	O-729138	X	
2.				
3.				

12. IF PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: (a) Persons were used _____ (b) Persons were seen walking away from site of crash _____ or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, MAP, SKETCH, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF AIRPLANE AT LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO HITTING AIRPLANE.

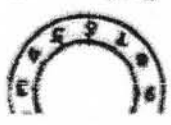
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____ None

Date of Report 7 June 1944

J. W. ... Capt. G. C.
(Signature)

Identificational markings as follows:

- Lettering: "D", yellow, 24x3 inches on both sides of fuselage.
"D", yellow, 6x2 inches in center of nose.
"D", gray, 48x6 inches on both sides of vertical stabilizer.
"5X", gray, 48x6 inches both sides of fuselage behind cockpit.
- Numbers: "210", white, 12x2 inches both sides of nose.
"136698", yellow, both sides vertical stabilizer.
"41-38698", small, on each wing tip, landing gear strut, and front of tail wheel fork.
- Paintings: Left nose, behind cockpit, a large Devil holding a plate on which sits a nude woman. Above painting these words "HEAVEN CAN WAIT" in five inch letters. To the front these words "BLUE PLATE SPECIAL" in three inch letters. 10 missions painted on left side above navigator's windows 2 black and 3 white 24-inch stripes encircling each wing near engine and around the fuselage near stabilizers.
- Names: "1st Lt. W. S. Butler" under cockpit window of pilot.
"2nd Lt. J. F. Farley" under cockpit window of co-pilot.
"Sgt Neumann" and "Sgt Levy" on cargo door front.



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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

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AFPO 871
7 July 1944

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.

For the Theater Commander:

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

✓ 2 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report, 313th Troop Carrier C-47, number 41-38698, 6 June 1944.
- Incl 2 - Supplement to Missing Air Crew Report Letter, Headquarters 313 Tr Carr Gp. APO 133, dated 13 June 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS
313TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP, AAF
APO 133, U. S. ARMY

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13 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplemental Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U.S. Army.
Attention: 26th Statistical Control Unit. (THRU CHANNELS)

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For the Commanding Officer:

A TRUE COPY:

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M. GRAND,
1st Lt. AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

S: Victor E. Morissette

T: VICTOR E. MORISSETTE,
Major, Air Corps,
Personnel Officer.

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For the Commanding Officers

A TRUE COPY:

S: Victor E. Morissette



T: VICTOR E. MORISSETTE,
Major, Air Corps,
Personnel Officer.

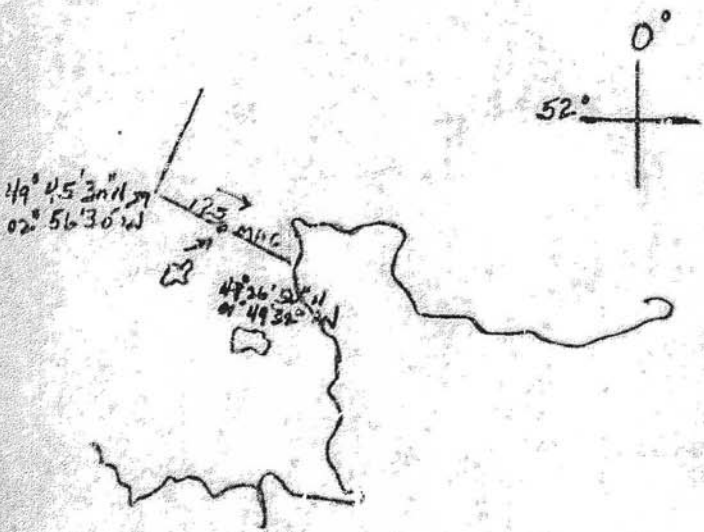
M. GRAND,
1st. Lt. AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

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29th TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON
313th Troop Carrier Group

APO 133, U. S. Army,
7 June 1944.

I last saw Lt. Butler's plane as we were approaching the Coast of France. He did not appear to be in any difficulty. He was below me and apparently loosing altitude. There was cloud cover over the coast I did not see Lt. Butler after crossing the coast.

Dwight E. Crist
DWIGHT E. CRIST,
Captain, Air Corps.

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1st Lt. William S. Butler

Mrs. Marguerite A. Butler, (Mother)
230 Liberty Avenue,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. Alice M. Butler, AFG, (Step-Mother)
Headquarters 53rd General Hospital,
A. P. O. 121,
C/O Postmaster,
New York, New York.

2nd Lt. Thomas C. McCarthy

Mrs. William E. McCarthy, (Mother)
1324 Vine Street,
McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

T/Sgt. Herbert C. Neumayer

Mr. Albert J. Neumayer, (Father)
Breda, Iowa.

S/Sgt. Merrill E. Levy

Mrs. Amalia Levy, (Mother)
1323 West Street,
Hollidays Cove, West Virginia.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: McCARTHY, Thomas C.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-758831
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight ~~1/17/1944~~: Co-Pilot

File # 6059

Did he bail out? YESWhere? vicinity of St. Mere Eybaux, France

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He bailed out in chutes in fuselage & he persuaded me in jumping from the plane by about 3 seconds.Was he injured? 2nd & 3rd degree burns on face & hand also a broken leg in landingWhere was he when last seen? Mooseburg Germany at Stalag VIII A.Any hearsay information: None needed.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It was probable & would not be possible to save him as we eventually became prisoners after a second search for us in 6 hours had a day after we were shot down.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1st missionDates and destinations if possible: June 6, 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WILLIAM S. BUTLER Rank CAPT. Serial No. 0-664963
2. Organization 313th T.C.Gp. J.J. ROBERTS Rank Col. Sqn CO CORLEY Rank LT. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 6th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, PARATROOP DROP, target, CHERBOURG PEN. FRANCE, target time, 0227, altitude, 600 FEET route scheduled, Dunkerton Eng Split Guernsey + Orkney, route flown west Pen. on back to Eng.
5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR ST. MERE IGHES, FRANCE
6. Did you bail out? YES APPROX. 600
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES - Crew chief, radio operator + late copilot + myself.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". No knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR ST MERE IGHES
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? RADIO OPERATOR AT STATION (C-47) CREW CHIEF IN FUSELAGE
12. What was their condition? UNHARMED
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Copilot bailed the ship before me & he was injured on the fall and landed with 2nd degree burns which I also had received within a 40 min did the most of the aircraft. There were the only members to my knowledge who were wounded.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Thomas Carroll Mc Carthy Rank 2 Bd. Lt. Serial No. 0-78831
313th. T. C. Gp. 29th. Sqdn. J. J. Robertson Q. M. Corley
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander _____ Rank Col. Sqn CO _____ Rank Lt. Col.
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month June day 0th. did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Dropping Paratroops, target _____, target
 time, 04.30, altitude, 2000 Ft. route scheduled, across Normandy
 _____, route flown Same
5. Where were you when you left formation? 1 Min. from the D. Z. (a approaching).
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All members bailed out within 2 mins of each other. On Normandy. Through the cargo door.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Exact position unknown, but near to
bailing out spot.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None.
11. Where were they in aircraft? None.
12. What was their condition? None.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: McCarthy, Thomas C. File # 6099
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-75831
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (~~PILOT/PILOT~~): Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? I am told he did although I did not see him.

Where? No Knowledge although it must have been shortly after
myself as I saw the plane explode
 If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before
take off he handed me radio information . Colors of the day etc.

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: I heard he had bailed out of the ship and sustained
a leg fracture and was later captured by the enemy. He was treated by
German Physicians

Source: Telephone conversation with his sister about four months ago

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: The above was his first

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Levy, Merrill E. Rank S/ Sgt Serial No. 35429678
(Troop Carrier Grp)
2. Organization 313th Troop Carrier Group Commander Roberts Rank Col. Sqn CO Gorley Rank Lt. Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month June day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Paratrooper, target, Normandy, target time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Went Through Cloud Bank and did not see rest of formation when we came out.
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
Lt. Wm Butler Pilot "No Knowledge"
T/ Sgt H. Newmayer Left the ship just before myself
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? About 500 yards from where I landed I saw it explode.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Evidently not as pilot and co-pilot were POW'S this I found out later on my return to the USA.
11. Where were they in aircraft? In the pilot and Co-pilot seats
12. What was their condition? As far as I could see they were O.K. The plane that is the fore part where they were sitting was in flames
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Lt. Butler was trying to get out of his seat. T/Sgt Newmayer had already left the ship. Lt. Mcderthy was in his seat
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)