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WASHINGTON

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JUN 10 1946

GLIDER
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~~ GLIDER is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Station 486 Command or Air Force 9th TCC
Group 438th TC Squadron 88th TC Detachment.
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Station 486 Course Fly in 93° Fly out course 43°
Intended Destination Station 486 Type of Mission Glider
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST
REPORTED CAVU all the way in and over LVW, Cumulo-Cirrus clouds base 5000 feet
4. GIVE: (a) Date 7 June 1944 Time 1849 and Location one mile SE Ecoqueauville, France
of last known whereabouts of missing ~~airplane~~ glider.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
GLIDER () Forced down; () Seen to crash or () Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:
(Check one) () Enemy Airplane; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other
circumstances as follows: By enemy fire
- GLIDER 6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series JG 4A; A.A.F. Serial No. 43-40145
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series None; A.A.F. Serial No. (a) _____
(b) _____ (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~~ GLIDER: Crew 2 Passengers 1 Total 3
(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	Darling, Raymond E. Jr.	1st Lt.	0-673711
2.	CO-Pilot	Forbell, William H. Jr.	F/O	T-1138
3.	Passenger	82nd Airborne Shelton, William C.	Tec 4	34255778
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7.				
8.				
9.				
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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	Contacted by Radio	Basis for Same		
				Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing	Other
1. Creasy, Everett T.	F/O	T-608		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) GLIDER NO ONE SEEN LEAVING

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

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

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None made

Date of Report 27 June 1944

W.D. BOSTWICK
W.D. BOSTWICK, 1st Lt, AC, Executive Officer
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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Statement of Flight Officer, EVERETT T. CREASY concerning
Flight Officer, WILLIAM H. FORBELL, Jr., T-1138, missing in action.

"On the night of 6 June 1944, I was co-pilot of glider number two of the 88th Troop Carrier Squadron. After we had released from our tow plane, we followed glider number one, co-piloted by Flight Officer WILLIAM H. FORBELL, Jr., into the same field, located approximately one mile southwest of Ecoquereauville, France.

We were under constant enemy fire while in free flight and after the landing had been made. During the ten to eleven hour period that I was forced to stay in my glider, I did not see Flight Officer, WILLIAM H. FORBELL leave his glider. To the best of my knowledge, I was the last person to observe Flight Officer FORBELL.

/s/ Everett T. Creasy
EVERETT T. CREASY F/O
88th TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON

"A TRUE COPY"

W. D. Bostwick
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1st Lt. AC
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Statement of Flight Officer, EVERETT T. CREASY, concerning First Lieutenant RAYMOND E. DARLING, O-673711, missing in action.

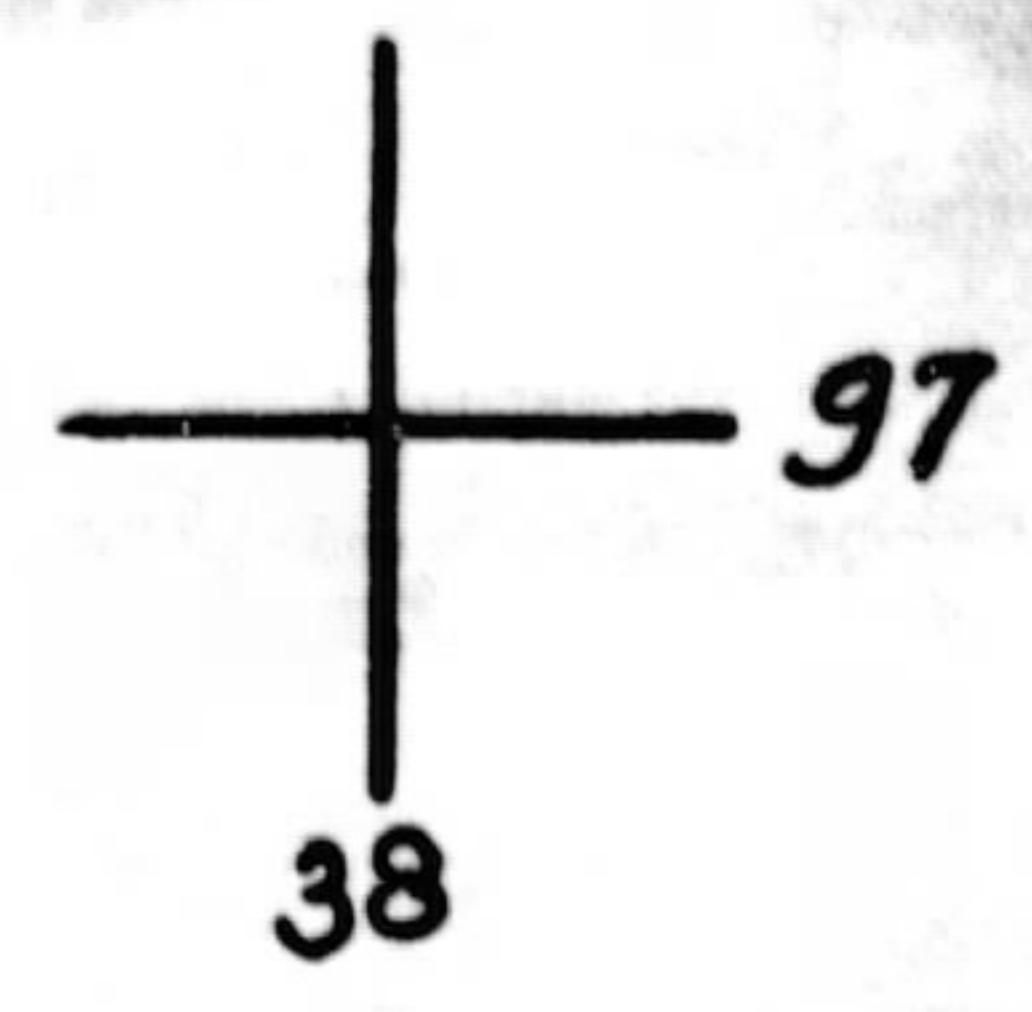
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We were under constant enemy fire while in free flight and after the landing had been made. During the ten to eleven hour period, I was forced to stay in my glider. I did not see First Lieutenant, RAYMOND E. DARLING leave his glider. To the best of my knowledge, I was the last person to observe Lieutenant DARLING.

/s/ Everett T. Creasy
EVERETT T. CREASY, F/O,
88th T.C. Squadron.

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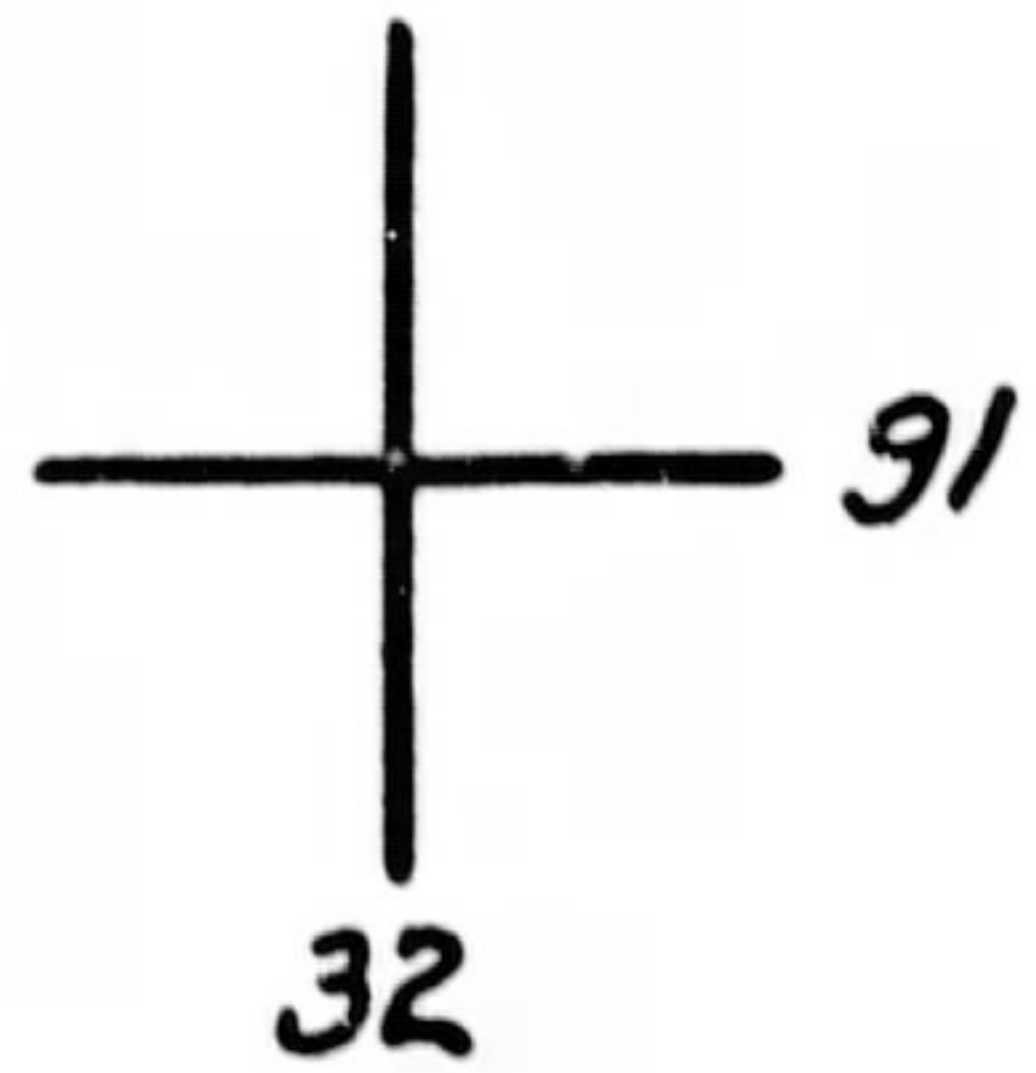
 St Mere Eglise

 Ecoqueneauville

X
43-40145 Glider No. 1 landed
at this point
35/341

• Blosville

• *Blosville*



Legend

France 1:25,000

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— Roads

Prepared by

88th TC Sq. S-2

G.E.F. JR.