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86th TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON
437th TROOP CARRIER GROUP

~~GLIDER~~
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Classification changed
to ~~RESTRICTED~~
by E. A. BRADY, Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. MURPHY, Capt., AG
Date

MAR 15 1946

1. ORGANIZATION: Location 469 Command or Air Force 9th Tr Carr
Group 437th Tr Carr Squadron 86th Tr Carr Detachment NONE
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure STATION 469 Course 108
Intended Destination Keystone Serial 28 Type of Mission Glider Tow
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED Overcast Visibility zero zero
- * 4. GIVE: (a) Date 6 June 1944 Time 0400 and Location 5 min from DE on course of last known whereabouts of missing ~~airplane~~ glider
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () Last contacted by Radio; () Forced down; () seen to crash; or () Information not available.
5. ~~AIRCRAFT~~ GLIDER 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: _____
6. ~~AIRCRAFT~~ GLIDER Type, Model and Series CG-4A; A.A.F. Serial No. 43-40113
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series NONE; A.A.F. Serial No. (a) NONE
(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 AIRCRAFT: Crew 2 Passengers 2 Total 4
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard ~~airplane~~ glider, 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>ROLAN, RICHARD E.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>O 370 904</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>STEWART, THOMAS E.</u>	<u>PIE/O</u>	<u>T 125 7</u>

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* 4. Talked to pilot of glider through inter phones, over channel.

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- 3. Passenger Taylor, Leslie C. Tee 5 36 058 137 82nd Airborne Div
- 4. " Bertrand, Clee C. Pfc 35 111 200 82nd Airborne Div
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

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11. IDENTIFY THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST CONTACT WITH THE CREW OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE STATUS OF PERSONS CONTACTED

Name in Full (last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	By	Last Seen	Saw	How
1. HUTCHISON, ANTHONY A.	Capt	0 667 522				
2. POONT, RICHARD A.	2nd Lt	0 680 873				
3. _____						

12. IF PERSONS 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 SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

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

Date of Report 28 June 1944

R. E. Lehr
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

R. E. LEHR, Major, AG, Commanding, 86th TC Sq.

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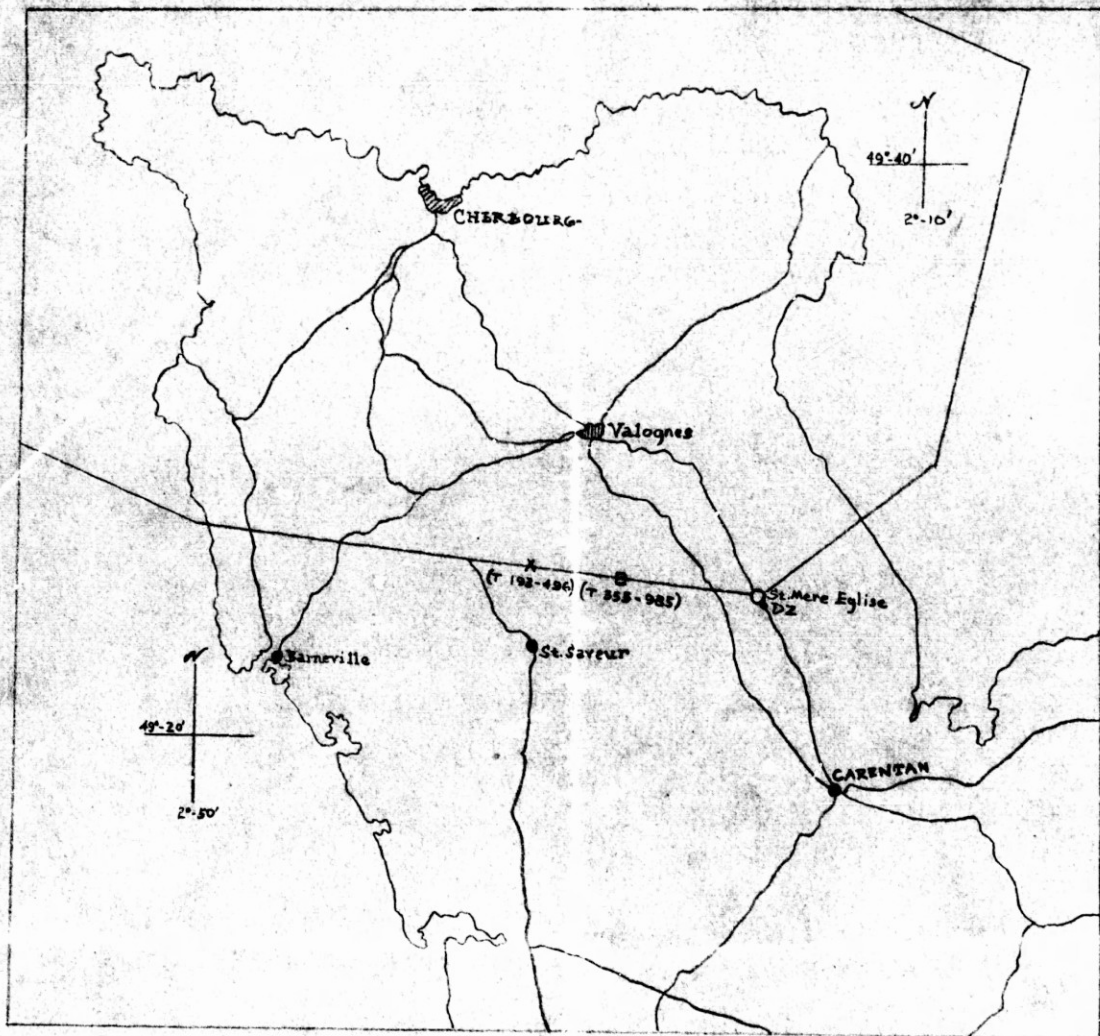
- EQUIPMENT TAKEN OVER IN GLIDER:**
- Jeep w/net & squad equipment
 - SCR 610 Radio w/spare parts chest
 - 12 - Radd 57 mm ammo
 - 1 - Life raft

28 June 1944

STATEMENT OF 2nd LT. RICHARD A. FOCHT-CO-PILOT OF TOW PLANE.

We were leading an element and in formation as briefed and hit landfall all right and were in approximately 3 minutes when we hit instrument conditions. After hitting these clouds our glider pilot stated that he could'nt see the tug ship. I was talking to him on inter-communication at the time. At that time we felt a sudden jerk and our rope to the best of my knowledge, was shot into. We returned to the base with approximately 15 feet of rope still attached to coupling. We could not see the glider after he came off the tug ship.

Richard A. Focht
RICHARD A. FOCHT
2nd Lt., AC.



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- ▣ LOVING & KIEL