

2nd Lt. Eugene F. Hennig

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Cpl. James E. Davison

Mr. Monte C. Davison, (Brother) ✓
Princeton, Missouri.

*AO Lt. Derranos
(Father)*

*Living Mother in care
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97 C*

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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 42-101025 to be as shown below:

~2nd Lt.	Eugene F. Hennig,	O-448069	MIA	6 June 1944
2nd Lt.	Albert A. Dorrance, Jr.,	O-745014	KIA	6 June 1944
-T/Sgt.	Dave Kramer,	16134206	MIA	6 June 1944
-Cpl.	James E. Davison,	19071953	KIA	6 June 1944

3. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of the passengers aboard subject aircraft to be missing in action, with the exception of the two men listed below:

S/Sgt.	George F. Hurt,	16170187	KIA	6 June 1944
Sgt.	Louis Westcoat,	13167924	KIA	6 June 1944

4. No other information is available.

For the Theater Commander:

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

1 Incl:
Missing Air Crew Report, 441 T C Gp
C-47A, 42-101025, 6 June 1944.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

Classification
to **RESTRICTED**

by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AG

by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AG

Date MAR 1 5 1945

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location USAAF Sta 464 Command or Air Force IX T.C.C.
Group 441st T. C.Gp Squadron 301st T.C. Sq Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of departure Merryfield, Somerset, Eng. Course See Reverse Side
Intended Destination Carentan & return Type of Mission Paradrop
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Unlimited. Haze & Scud 1200 Feet
4. GIVE: (a) Date 6 June 44 Time 0132 Hours and location Near Carentan, /
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane. Normandy, France.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; () Last contacted by radio;
() Forced down; () Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
5. 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; _____
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series C-47A ; A.A.F. Serial No. 42-101065
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R1830-92 ; AAF Serial No. (a) CP 355380
(b) CP 355368 (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No)
(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
- * 9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty MIA
or (b) Not Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 4 passengers 18 total 22
(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.)

<u>Crew position</u>	<u>Name in full (Last Name First)</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
1. Pilot	<u>Hennig, Eugene Frederick</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>KIA 048069</u>
2. Co-pilot <u>Ch. Corbell</u>	<u>Dorrance, Jr., Albert Anson</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>KIA 0745014</u>
3. Crew Chief	<u>Kramer, Dave (NMI)</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>KIA 16154208</u>
4. Radio Operator <u>Davidson</u>	<u>Davidson, James Erlene</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>18071953</u>
5.	<u>SEE ATTACHED FORM</u>		

*MIA casualty reports will be forwarded on all personnel shown on this report after a minimum absence of 72 hours, as prescribed by regulations.

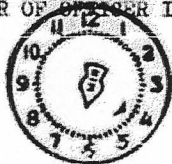
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
* 1. Alban, Gail H.	1st Lt	0753317		X		
* 2. Robinson, Palma L.	2nd Lt	0696896		X		
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Paracutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Several paracutes seen at 49°-21'-30" N -1°-33'-30" W
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN. See Appendix "A"
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE, See Appendix "B" & "C"
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE no Search made.



RECEIVED

Date of Report 8 June 1944.

Lloyd G. Nesbitt
(Signature of Preparing Off)
LLOYD G. NESBITT, Capt., A. C.,
Commanding.

Course; Merryfield, England to Bill of Portland to Cherbourg Penninsular and return.

- * Both officers who last sighted missing aircraft are members of 301st Tr Carr Sq, 441st Tr Carr Gp.

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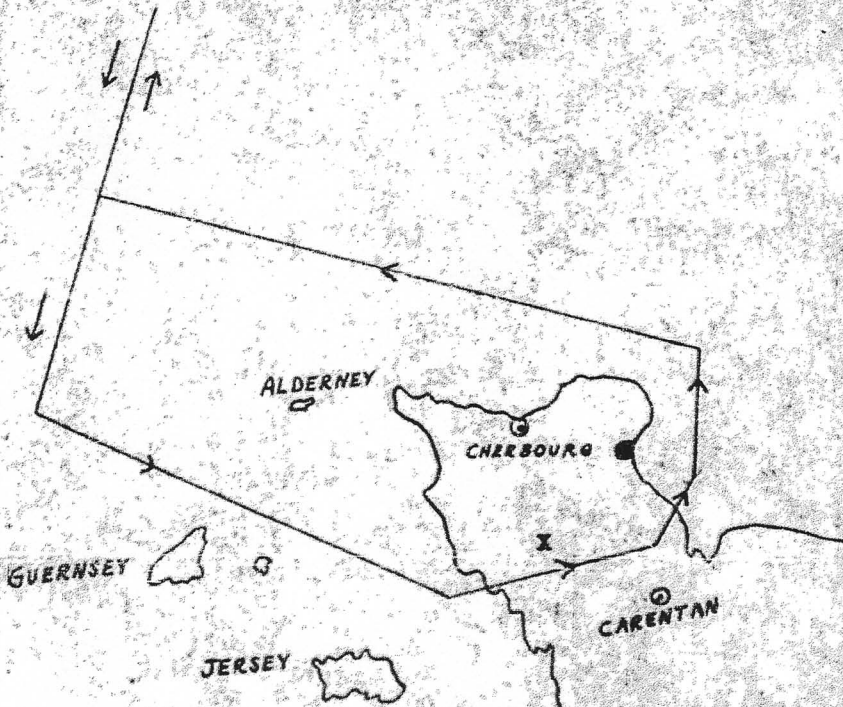
NOTE: The following named Officer and Enlisted Men are members of the 501st Parachute Infantry.

<u>CREW POSITION</u>	<u>NAME IN FULL</u> <u>(Last Name, First)</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>Serial</u> <u>Number</u>
Passenger	<u>NICOLSON, Ian D.</u> KIA	1st Lt.	01294000
"	LLORENDA, Joseph KIA	T-4	18226523
"	KRESEL, Robert M. KIA	Sgt.	13170604
"	SMITH, Clifford E.	Pvt.	13121444
"	HOPPE, Claude E. KIA	Pvt.	34547354
"	ONGER, Ellsworth H. KIA	Pvt.	37097885
"	SHENN, James B. KIA	Pfo.	19172021
"	WELLS, Zale	Pvt.	39618173
"	SPURILL, Doyce F. KIA	Pfo.	34684001
"	VAIL, Robert W. KIA	Pvt.	16042580
"	HARRIS, Thomas KIA	Corp.	13167992
"	KNIGHT, Dale C. KIA	T-5	15116610
"	JACOBS, William T. KIA	Pvt.	20302151
"	CHAVEZ, San Juan KIA	Pfo.	38123794
"	HAMMOND, Sterling D. KIA	Pvt.	16044198
"	HUNT, George F. KIA	Sgt.	16170187
"	MUELLER, Fred KIA	1st Sgt.	17169758
"	WESTOAT, Louis KIA	Sgt.	13167904

Approximately four minutes from the Drop Zone I saw an explosion, on the ground, off to my right. Due to my attention concentrated on the controls I am unable to make any statement other than the fact that the explosion resembled one caused by a gas or oil fire.

Gail H. Alban


GAIL H. ALBAN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
301st T. C. Squadron.



X - Approximate location of Missing Aircraft

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Approximately five minutes from DZ "D" I looked to right and saw several parachutes opening and after saw an explosion on ground, and from appearance could easily have been an exploding airplane.


PALMA L. ROBINSON,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
301st T. C. Squadron.

RECORD OF ACTION ON SGT GABRIELSON, PFC DOBSON, & PVT CLANCY

Sgt Gabrielson, Pfc Dobson, and Pvt Clancy landed in St SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE, one landing on a house. Clancy and Dobson got together the first night, and Sgt Gabrielson joined them after two days. All roads were being heavily used, and many troops were moving into St SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE. There were many bivouacs around the town, and it was being bombed heavily by Allied planes. On Tuesday our planes failed to hit the bridge, but on Wednesday they succeeded in demolishing it. The Germans worked on the bombed bridge Thursday, but our planes again hit it again on Friday. This bridge is across the DOUVE RIVER East of town.

There are antiaircraft guns on knolls to the South of the town. No troops were South of the Prairie. The Germans had very few trucks and were using wagons which our planes were not strafing. There were some half tracks and light tanks in the town, and there are four (4) 72mm guns at (2691). While we were staying there in town a man at the Post Office took care of us.

72 men were ferried across DOUVE RIVER to the North by Frenchmen. One of the men was Col MENDEZ.

One of our planes crashed at (2491) - tail number was 2101025. It was burned and all men were killed. One of the wallets had the name Jacobs and the number 508 in it. There are 20 parachutists in towns at RAUVILLE (2095) in a house. Also there are from ten to twelve (10 to 12) men in VINDEFONTAINE. No Germans are in the latter place.

There were no Germans in BOIS DE LIMORS until the 13th for our men were there. A patrol came across DOUVE RIVER from LA MARE DE RAUVILLE (2293) in rubber boats at dark and stay until the next night at dark.

At ST SAUVEUR the Germans have some of our equipment bundles and are testing our rifles on a rifle range there.

After being forced out of ST SAUVEUR LE VICOMTE by Allied bombing we moved across the Prairies to BOIS DE LIMORS. Then we traveled across country to around the vicinity of ETIENVILLE where we met an American patrol. Then we reported to our unit at 1700 June 14th.