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HEADQUARTERS
40TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORIGINATING: Location Truway, Raven, England Command or Air Force XX CVG
Group 329th TCWG Squadron 33rd TCWG Detachment none
2. SECURITY: Point of Departure Truway, Raven Easter Course See Back
Intended Destination See Back Type of Mission Para Drop
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR LAST REPORTED:
weather cloudy 3000 visibility 5 miles
4. GIVE: (a) Date, Time 0815 B and Location 10 miles north of Raven,
of last known whereabouts of missing aircrew. (b) Forced
(b) Speed, weather () Last sighted; () Last contacted by Radio; () Forced
down; (X) Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE: TYPE, OF IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DOWN, AS RESULT OF: (a) Crash-
only one; () Enemy Airplane; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circum-
stances as follows: _____
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Serial No. C-47 A; AAF Serial No. 42-100240
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Serial No. R-1830-18 PAW; AAF Serial No. (a) 42-100240
(b) R-1830-18 (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 yes
(b) For Battle Casualty _____

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 5 Passengers 13 Total 18
(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, (Last, First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	<u>Walt, Marvin A.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-921641</u>
2. Co-pilot	<u>Bohl, Eugene C.</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>0-702891</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Walters, John J.</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>0-927594</u>
4. Serial Engineer	<u>Burress, Clifford L.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>141041</u>
5. Radio Operator	<u>Kramer, Philip (SGT)</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>1508109</u>
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11. IDENTIFY ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE
INCIDENT AND CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES TO INDICATE BASIS FOR CALL.

Name in Full	Serial	Dn	Last	Dn	Foreign	Contacted	
						By	Date
Richard, James A. 1st Lt. 10000000						X	
Richard, James A. 1st Lt. 10000000						X	
Richard, James A. 1st Lt. 10000000						X	

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, INDICATE WHERE TO ONE OF THE
FOLLOWING EXTENTS: (a) Remains were used, (b) Address, (c) How
remains were removed from scene of crash, (d) How other remains
(specify). Some personnel used parachutes

13. AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER, TYPE, MODEL, U.S. TYPE, GRADE OR EQUIPMENT
NUMBER, "ALL INFORMATION IS BEST".

14. TYPE OF WEAPON OR EQUIPMENT OR CASE, FORCE OR TYPE, OR OTHER CIRCUM-
STANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE KIND OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND HOW MADE,
AND THE NAME AND GRADE OF OFFICER IN CHARGE (If no search)

Date of Report 21 Feb 1954

Richard L. Brumby
(Signature of Reporting Officer)
Lt. Col., USAF
Personnel C.

Comment: Search by 1st Squadron, across trail on southeast, from
head of trail between base and adjacent plateau
and across foothills to plateau.

Explanation: Base at plateau, 1st mile north of base, 3 1/2 miles
back west coast of mountainous peninsula.

All personnel listed on this report will be shown as MIA after a minimum
absence of 72 hours as prescribed by regulations.

IDENTIFYING MARKS ON PLANE OTHER THAN SERIAL NO.

- 3 B on nose of plane.
- 0 on tail of plane.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

JEP/waj

AFD 671
26 August 1944

AG 360.33

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 51st Air Force.
2. Correspondence has been initiated by this headquarters to determine the present status of the passengers aboard aircraft number 42-100276 and to secure any additional information that is available, pertaining to subject aircraft and crew. This correspondence will be forwarded to your headquarters upon completion.

For the Theater Commander

H. M. RUND
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Lt. Col., AGF.
Supt. Adjutant General.

1 Incl:
Missing Air Crew Report, 349 T O Op
G-47A, 42-100276, 6 June 1944.

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2nd Lt. Marvin F. Muir

Mr. Frank C. Muir, (father)
145 South Riverside Drive,
Elkhart, Indiana.

2nd Lt. Kenneth C. Ball

Mrs. Rosella A. Ball, (wife)
923 North Phillip Street,
Kokomo, Indiana.

2nd Lt. John A. Marisay

Mrs. Mary Marisay, (mother)
520 Ansonia Drive,
Toledo, Ohio.

S/Sgt. Clifford L. Burgess

Mrs. Jewell H. Burgess, (mother)
217 West Perry Street,
Savannah, Georgia.


Sgt. Philip Snyder

Mrs. Gertrude Snyder, (mother)
2422 N. Myrtlewood Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.


7 September 1944

Statement of VIRGIL M. ATWOOD, Pvt., ASN 6967668, Regimental Headquarters Company, 502nd Parachute Infantry, concerning loss of Aircraft number 42-100876:

- a. Not all of the paratroopers in subject aircraft were able to escape by parachute. There were 18 men in the stick and 17 have been accounted for. Sergeant Irvin, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry, APO 472 U. S. Army is still missing.
- b. Heavy flak and machine gun fire were encountered immediately upon reaching the French coast. Two men were wounded in the plane.
- c. Stick parachuted from subject aircraft at approximately 0056 when plane was approximately 8 miles SW of Carentan and 4 miles inland from the Coast.
- d. I have no knowledge of welfare or whereabouts of crew members of subject aircraft.
- e. I have no additional information to offer concerning loss of aircraft.


VIRGIL M. ATWOOD
Pvt., 502d Parachute Infantry.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME THIS 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1944:


R. E. PEIER
Captain, 502d Parachute Inf.
Adjutant

1st Ind. (S - 12 Sept 44) NVH/ae

HEADQUARTERS 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO 472, U. S. Army, 6 September 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 502d Parachute Infantry, APO 472, U. S. Army.

For immediate compliance with basic communication and return through this Headquarters.

By command of Major General TAYLOR;

WILLIAM V. RUSTAN,
CWO, USA,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

2nd Ind. NVH/ae

HEADQUARTERS 502d PARACHUTE INFANTRY, APO 472, U. S. Army, 7 September 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 101st Air Division, APO 472, U. S. Army.

1. Basic communication as planned with.
2. Attention invited to enclosed statement of Sgt. Merrill W. Steward.

For the Commanding Officer:

MERRILL W. STEWARD
Sergeant, Infantry
Adjutant

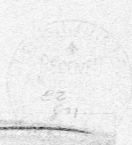
1cc: Statement by Merrill W. Steward, Pfc.

3rd Ind. NVH/ms

HEADQUARTERS 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO 472, U. S. Army, 8 September 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Communications Zone, APO 871, U. S. Army.
(Attn: AG Casualty Division)

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

5: 29 September 1944.

JWF/eg.
APO 871.

4 September 1944.

AG 319.1

SUBJECT: Additional information.

TO: Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division, APO 472.

1. Request that a statement by Pvt. Virgil M. Atwood, 6967668, of the 502nd Parachute Infantry be forwarded to this headquarters, giving information pertaining to the loss of aircraft number 42-100876.

2. Statement should include the information noted below:

- a. If all paratroopers parachuted from aircraft.
- b. If aircraft encountered enemy aircraft, flak or small arms fire.
- c. Time, location and condition of aircraft when last contacted.
- d. Information pertaining to the welfare or whereabouts of crew members of subject aircraft.
- e. Any additional information concerning the loss of aircraft.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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

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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 871, U.S. ARMY. 16 September 1944.

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

1. Reference to letter this headquarters, AG 360.33, subject: "Missing Air Crew Report," dated 26 August 1944; which transmitted to your headquarters the Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-100876, reported missing in action, 6 June 1944.

2. The attached statement by Pvt. Virgil M. Atwood, is forwarded as information supplemental to the Missing Air Crew Report.

3. No other information is available at this headquarters.

For the Theater Commander:

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

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PARASHUTERS, all members Second Battalion, 800th Parachute Infantry.

<u>Swenson, R.J.</u>	1st Lt	0-489690
Erwin, H.C.	Sgt	89531033
Griffin, R.A.	Pfc	39188826
Gibson, S.	Pvt	34884687
Gumpert, A.C.	Pvt	32227089
Hyatt, C.	Cpl	18117888
Atwood, Y.M.	Pvt	8987868
Hobley, H.J.	Pvt	14008481
<u>Reising, F.L.</u>	2d Lt	0-453374
<u>McGowan, J.T.</u>	Pvt	32680683
Fraser, R.H.	Pvt	32782088
Gibson, J.	Pvt	17088988
Warden, C.E.	Cpl	35683881
Scial, A.C.	Pvt	53388989
Diesel, J.M.	Pvt	18107484
Garrett, H.H.	Pvt	18942618
Greham, J.P.	Pvt	14127488
Vindall, L.F.	Pvt	30831184

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

WITNESS DESCRIPTION

About 2 minute before DZ, I saw ship get hit right below companionway. Immediately I could see flames through the "Astra Dome". Flames kept getting worse and going further back into the cabin. At that time the troopers started to jump. All this time the plane was in formation. Plane then pulled up on left wing and seemed to stall and drop down on its right wing and under my ship. A few seconds later I saw the explosion. I can't be sure if all the troopers got out or any part of the crew. No one was jumping when plane first pulled up out of formation.

Edward C. Beauregard
EDWARD C. BEAUREGARD,
1st Lt, Air Corps.

Flak came from 20 degrees right from his nose. It entered the fuselage and companionway through the gas tanks and fires were immediately visible, in and around navigator compartment. Fires increased and flames were seen underneath fuselage. His plane seemed to fall away to the right (this could have been my over running) and I took up formation off of lead element. Co-pilot suddenly warned that burning plane was swerving toward us and it appeared to be turning left and climbing into us. We executed sharp pull up with full power and both aircraft bring in a climbing attitude very close together, after which burning plane suddenly fell away to the right and disappeared from view.

James A. Schille
JAMES A. SCHILLE,
1st Lt, Air Corps.,

Approximately 2 minutes from DZ I saw the plane get hit by tracers around mid-ship. I saw some troopers leaving the plane by parachute about 45 sec. to 1 minute later. By this time the plane was completely engulfed in flames, plane then fell away and crashed.

James C. Harpole
James C. Harpole,
Sgt 14151671, AAF.

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9380 T.C.S.D. 439 T.C.S.D.
SHIP No 42-100876

1° 10' W
49° 40'

CHERRICURG

VALOGNES

TRAIL FROM DE LAVAL

SHIP DOWN

1° 50' W

49° 20'

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