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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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.

- Exeter, Devon, Ninth AF,
- ORGANIZATION: Location England Command or Air Force ally TCC
Group 440th TC Gp Squadron 98 TC Sq ~~Detachment~~ Detachment
 - SPECIFY: Point of Departure Exeter, Air Force Base ~~Course~~ Course ~~Destination~~ Destination
Intended Destination Exeter, Air Force Base Type of Aircraft Paratrooper Drop
 - WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST OBSERVED:
REPORTED Good - Visibility 8 to 8 miles. Over English Channel.
Close to Isles St.
 - GIVE: (a) Date 6-6-44 Time 0148 hours Location
of last known whereabouts of missing Paratrooper
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () Last contacted by radio;
() Forced down; (X) Seen to crash; or () Information not available
 - AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:
(Check only one) () Enemy airplanes; () Enemy anti-aircraft; ()
Other circumstances as follows: Enemy concentrated machine-gun fire.
30 & 50 caliber.
 - AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series C-47-A 1A.A.F. Serial No. 42-100914
 - ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-22 A.A.F. Serial No. (a) _____
(b) Left-P-124071 (c) Right-P-124074 (d) _____
 - INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No)
(a) None (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
 - THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
 - NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 4 Passengers 17 Total 21
(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	<u>Keller, Alton R.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>G-805270</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Crowell, George N.</u>	<u>Plt O</u>	<u>T-124107</u>
3. Crew Chief	<u>Bluestone, Edward A.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>32404478</u>
4. Radio Operator	<u>Amico, Carmen C.</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>35042326</u>
5.			
6.	<u>(See Inal #1, Passenger List)</u>		
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8.			

* Will be reported as MIA after a minimum of 72 hours.

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9. _____
10. _____

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. Douglass, Arthur T.	1st Lt	O-520494			X	
2. _____						
3. _____						

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

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

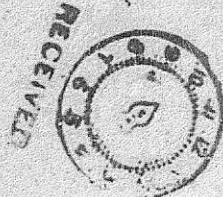
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, PARACHUTING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE.

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 7 June 1944

Frank H. Gearhart
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
FRANK H. GEARHART, 2d Lt, AC, S-1.

- 3 Incls:
Incl 1 - Passenger List.
Incl 2 - Sketch of Location of Missing Airplane #42-100914.
Incl 3 - Statement of 1st Lt Arthur T. Douglass.



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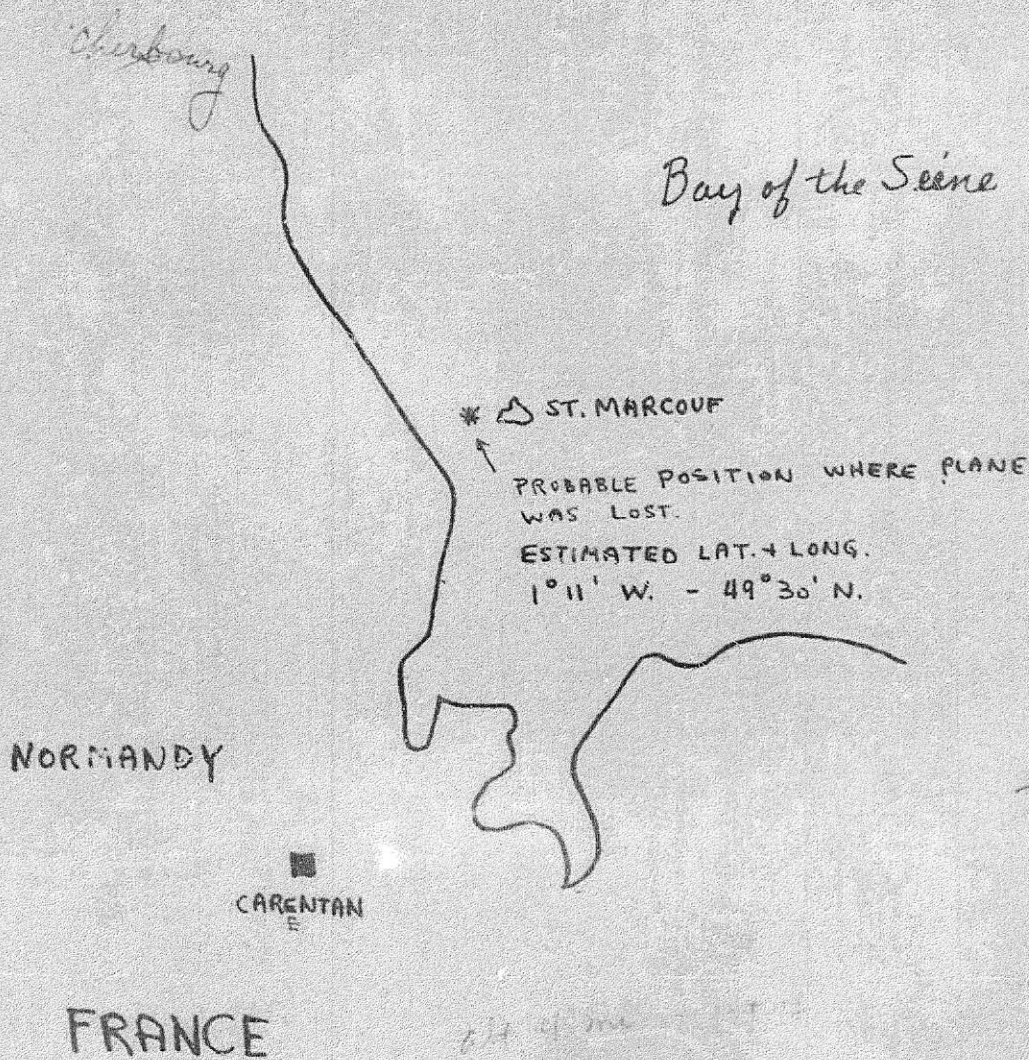
PASSENGER LIST, MISSING AIRPLANE #42-100914

<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
15116518	S/Sgt	Simas, Thomas A. 100	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
39849456	Cpl	Collier, Garland W. ✓	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
33062790	Pvt	Marshall, Jon H. nothing ¹⁰	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
34620759	Pvt	Wright, Watson B. 17	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
33282341	Pvt	Weber, George L. ✓ 16	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
15322057	Cpl	Gallagher, Donald O. 7	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
15533472	Pvt	Lindquist, Leonard E. 9	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
39406656	Pvt	Rommel, Bobbie J. 12	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
35672593	Pvt	Goins, George A. ✓ 8	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
15117940	Pfc	Cartwright, Charles G. 3	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
32841392	Pfc	Thomas, Morris L. 15	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
15531932	Pfc	Stockhouse, Richard 14	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
6139335	Pvt	Dufresne, Harry 5	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
35622819	Pvt	Call, Thomas W. 1	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
35450088	Sgt	Carnaack, Paul 2	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
38372664	Pvt	Donnell Bylar, William R. 11	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓
35573584	Pvt	Dunn, George R. 6	3rd Bn, 506th Parachute Inf., ✓

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SKETCH OF LOCATION OF MISSING AIRPLANE # 42-100914.



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Statement of 1st Lt Arthur T. Douglass, O-520494, 96th Troop Carrier Squadron, 440th Troop Carrier Group.

At 0146 hours, 6 June 1944, I saw a plane crash which I believe to have been piloted by 2nd Lt Alton R. Keller, O-806270. We were then over the English Channel close to the Isles St. Marcouf. When I noticed the plane the left engine was on fire and the right one was possibly out. The landing lights were turned on and I saw several parachutes (Green) drop. The landing lights were turned off, the plane hit the water hard and as it did so I saw a big flash come from each side of the plane.

Arthur T. Douglass
ARTHUR T. DOUGLASS,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
O-520494.

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Sad Lt. Alton E. Koller

Mr. Alton E. Koller, (Father)
Eads Street,
Quecena Hill, Pennsylvania.

P/O George N. Crowell

Mrs. Jane B. Crowell, (Wife)
115 East Grand Avenue,
Carbondale, Illinois.

P/Sgt. Edward A. Sivertown

Mrs. Gertrude Palanski, (Mother)
70 Schleswig Road,
Allston, Massachusetts.

Cpl. Carmen G. D'Amico

Mrs. Josephine D'Amico, (Mother)
12480 Reswanne Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

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APO 871

20 September 1944

AG 319.1

SUBJECT: Supplement to Missing Air Crew Report.

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

1. Aircraft number 42-100914 is shown on records of this headquarters as missing in action, 6 June 1944.

2. Information at this headquarters indicates that S/Sgt Thomas A. Simms, 13116518, who was a passenger aboard subject aircraft on 6 June 1944, is now present for duty with 506th Parachute Infantry.

3. It is requested that a statement by S/Sgt Simms pertaining to the circumstances surrounding the loss of subject aircraft, be forwarded to this headquarters. The statement should include the information noted below:

a. Time, location and condition of aircraft when last sighted or contacted.

b. Whether aircraft encountered enemy aircraft, anti-aircraft fire, or small arms fire.

c. Any information pertaining to the welfare or whereabouts of the crew members.

d. Any additional information pertinent to aircraft or crew.

4. It is further requested that if any of the other paratroopers who were aboard subject aircraft have knowledge of relevant information, statements by them be attached to the correspondence.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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

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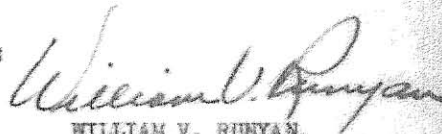
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HEADQUARTERS 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO 472, U. S. ARMY, 1 October 1944

TO: Commanding Officer, 506th Parachute Infantry, APO 472, U. S. Army

For compliance with basic communication and return to this Headquarters by 3 October 1944.

By command of Major General TAYLOR:



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

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HEADQUARTERS XVIII CORPS AIRBORNE, APO 109, U. S. Army, 14 October 1944.

TO: Commanding General, ETO USA, APO 887. (Attn: AG Casualty Division)



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HEADQUARTERS
440TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP
Office of the Group Commander

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APO 133, US Army
6 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplementary Missing Air Crew Report.


TO: Commanding General, IX Troop Carrier Command, APO 133, US Army.
Attention: AG Casualty Section.

1. With reference to Missing Air Crew Report, this headquarters, pertaining to crew of C-47A aircraft number 42-100914, missing as of 6 June 1944, over English Channel, near Isles St. Marcouf, the following change of status of missing air crew members is reported:

T Sgt Edward A. Bluestone, 32 404 476, 96th Troop Carrier Squadron, 440th Troop Carrier Group, Killed in Action, date unknown, buried 19 June 1944, reported on GRS Form #1, signed by E. H. HOSFORD, 1st Lt., QMC, dated 19 June 1944, received this headquarters 15 October 1944.

2. No information on other crew members available.

For the Commanding Officers:


CARL E. TUCKER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

HQ 50TH TR CARR WG, AAF, APO 133, U S ARMY, 8 December 1944.

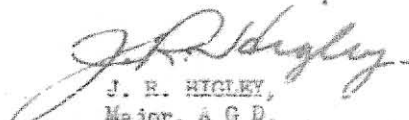
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TO: CG, IX Tr Carr Comd, APO 133, U S Army.

Recorded and forwarded.

For the Commanding General:


J. R. HIGLEY,
Major, A G D,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS, IX TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, APO 133, US ARMY, 16 December 1944

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, US Army,
APO 887, US Army. ATTENTION: AG Casualty Division.

1. Original Missing Air Crew Report forwarded to Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, 14 June 1944.
2. Subject EM was reported KIA, 6 June 1944, on BCR M035, forwarded to your headquarters, 6 November 1944.

For the Commanding General:



O.W. Howland

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Colonel A & D
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

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APO 871

20 September 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 Ninth Air Force.
2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of the crew members to be as shown below:

Pilot	2nd Lt.	Alton R. Keller,	O-806270	MIA	6 June 44
Co-pilot	F/O	George N. Crowell,	T-124107	KIA	6 June 44
Crew Chief	T/Sgt	Edward A. Bluestone,	32404476	KIA	6 June 44
Radio Oper.	Cpl	Carmen C. D'Amico,	35048328	MIA	6 June 44

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3. Information at this headquarters, received from Headquarters, 101st Airborne Division indicates that all passengers aboard subject aircraft are present or accounted for.

4. Correspondence has been initiated by this headquarters to obtain supplementary information from the passengers, pertinent to the loss of subject aircraft.

For the Theater Commander:

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

1 Incl:
Missing Air Crew Report, 440th T. C. Gp
G-47A, 42-100914, 6 June 1944.

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7 Oct. 1944

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Headquarters 506th Precht Infantry, APO 472, US Army, 7 October 1944 TO:
COMMANDING GENERAL, 101st Airborne Division APO 472, US Army.

The following information is supplied in compliance with basic communication.

- A - Time: 0143
- Location: East of St Com De Mont, France
- Condition of Aircraft: Slightly damaged.

B - Small Arms and Light Anti Aircraft Fire.

C - Unknown.

D - Upon making my descent, I saw a burning aircraft and to my knowledge it's occupants did not escape. Due to the enemy fire on the field and engrossed in my own safety I failed to indentify the plane as the one I had jump mastered. The plane crashed and a violent explosion followed, I did not observe the remains.

The above information was furnished by 2nd Lt. Thomas A Simms, then S/Sgt Thomas A Simms, 13116518.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER.

Robert I Barry
ROBERT I BARRY
1st Lt. 506th Precht Inf.,
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO 472, U. S. Army, 13 October 1944.

TO: Commanding General, XVIII Corps Airborne, APO 109, U. S. Army.
(Atten: AG Casualty Branch)

Attention is invited to 2d Indorsement.

For the Commanding General:

Ralph E. Well
RALPH E. WELLY,
CWO, USA,
Asst. Adj. Gen.



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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. Army, 22 December 1944.

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

1. Forwarded herewith supplement to Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-100914, piloted by 2nd Lt. Alton R. Keller, C-806270.
2. Original Missing Air Crew Report was forwarded to your headquarters by letter of transmittal, this headquarters, AG 360.33 Cas, dated 20 September 1944.
3. No additional information is available at this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

H.M. Rund

H.M. RUND,
Colonel, AGD, *J*
Asst. Adjutant General.



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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 14 December 1944

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

1. Correspondence is forwarded in compliance with paragraph 4, letter this headquarters, AG 360.33, subject: "Missing Air Crew Report", dated 20 September 1944, which forwarded to your headquarters the Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-100914, missing in action, 6 June 1944.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of the crew members of subject aircraft to be as shown in paragraph 2 of the letter referred to in the preceding paragraph.

3. No additional information is available at this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

H. M. Rund
H. M. RUND,
Colonel, AGD, *H*
Asst. Adj. General.

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