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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> (Last Name First)	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL</u> <u>NUMBER</u>
Passenger	Huggett, Howard L.	2d Lt.	01107495
"	<i>Prelch</i> <del>Enckoff</del> , Jr., John	T-5	33016323
"	<i>Bleiler</i> <del>Faney</del> , John <i>Richard J.</i>	Pfc	33022405
"	Murphy, William J.	T-5	12079151
"	<i>ROWIEZ</i> <del>Ranowicz</del> , Edward J.	Pvt	16036033
"	Richko, George	Pfc	13067698
"	<i>Salzgeber</i> <del>Salverbien</del> , <i>Henry H.</i>	Pfc	32789978
"	Drzal, Frank J.	Pfc	33016851
"	Kobierecki, Eugene	Pvt	16036175
"	Elmore, Harry E.	Sgt	39387016
"	Sylvester, Lewis V.	Pvt	36209804
"	Van Horn, Gordon B.	Pfc	33563284
"	Ladiger, Joseph W.	Pvt	12019440
"	Molin, Julius A.	Pvt	16064784
"	Rutkoski, Richard J.	Sgt	20301713

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Classification changed  
to ~~RESTRICTED~~  
by E. A. BRAUN, Lt. Col., AG  
by F. M. WUENCH, Capt., AG  
Date MAR 15 1945

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location USAAF SPA 464 Command or Air Force IX T. C. C.  
Group 441st T. C. Gp. Squadron 100th T. C. Sq Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of departure Merryfield Course See Reverse  
Intended Destination Carentan & Return type of Mission Paradrop
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED Unlimited, Haze & Scud at 1200 Feet.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 6 June 44 Time 0133 hours and location near Carentan  
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane. Normandy, France  
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by radio;  
( ) Forced down; ( ) Seen to crash; or (X) 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. 42-101019
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R1830-32; A. A. F. Serial No. (a) CP 353530  
(b) CP 353538 (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) Non Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 4 Passengers 15 Total 19  
(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.)

	Name in full		Serial Number
Crew Position	(Last Name First)	Rank	
1. Pilot	McCue, John Burk	Captain	0364992 <i>K</i>
2. Co-Pilot	Wheeler, Ernest Eugene	2d Lt.	0811161 <i>K</i>
3. Crew Chief	Hughes, Archer Bruce	Sgt.	35681083 <i>K</i>
4. Radio Operator	Freda, James Andrew	Sgt.	15324398 <i>K</i>
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

SEE ATTACHED FORM

\* 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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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.						
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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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.

Date of Report 6 June 1944.

James T. Cousin  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
JAMES T. COUSIN, Captain, A. C.,  
Commanding.

Course: Merryfield, England to Bill of Portland to Cherbourg Pennsinalax and return.

Aircraft was first discovered missing when formation returned to base. It was last sighted near Carenton, Normandy, France. There were no witness to the disappearance and consequently no search was instituted and it is not possible to include a map, sketch, chart, or eyewitness description showing approximate point where aircraft went down.

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Captain John B. McCue

Mrs. Margaret Ann McCue, (Wife)  
Box 132,  
Dellslow, West Virginia.

Second Lieutenant Ernest E. Wheeler

Mrs. Alma B. Wheeler, (Wife)  
Box 145, General Delivery,  
Calhoun, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Archer B. Hughes

Mrs. Pearl M. Hughes, (Wife)  
5651 Evelyn Avenue Route #3,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sergeant James A. Freda

Mr. Louis I. Freda, (Father)  
923 Second Street North West,  
Canton, Ohio.

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY

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AFG 571  
12 July 44

AG 360.33

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

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

For arded herewith Missing Air Crew Report of the Ninth Air  
Force, in compliance with letter, War Department, AG 360.33 (5-21-43)  
OE-3-AF-5, 23 May 1943.

For the Theater Commander:

*H. M. Ruddy*  
H. M. RUDD,  
Lt. Col., AGF,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

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1 Incl:  
Missing Air Crew Report,  
41st TC Gr, C-47A,  
number 42-101619, 6 Jun 44.

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441ST TROOP CARRIER GROUP

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*Supplement*

APO 133, U. S. Army,  
28 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear), Thru: Commanding General,  
IX Troop Carrier Command, APO 133, U. S. Army.

1. Reference is made to Missing Air Crew Report, 100th Troop Carrier Squadron, 441st Troop Carrier Group, dated 8 June 1944, listing following Enlisted Man missing with Aircraft C-47A 42-101019 during recent Neptune Troop Carrier Operations:

Radio Operator                      Freda, James Andrew                      Sgt.                      15324397

2. The following paragraph taken from Letter, Subject: Status Change of Battle Casualty, File, AG 704, Headquarters, IX Troop Carrier Command, dated 25 June 1944 is quoted for your information:

"The last paratrooper to leave A/C C-47A Serial No. 42-101019, piloted by Captain McCue, stated that the Radio Operator had been killed by flak. The plane was flying at approximately 600 feet when the order to jump was given. Subject paratrooper saw the plane go down in flames and crash on the ground."

3. No further information is available at the present.

4. Necessary action has been taken in accordance with Par. 5d, Memo 35-6, your Headquarters, dated 20 May 1944.

For the Group Commander:

*Alden B. Wurtsbaugh*  
ALDEN B. WURTSBAUGH,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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1st Ind.

1. HQ 50TH TR CARR WG, APO 133, U S Army, 29 June 1944.

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

*J. R. H.*  
J. R. H.

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AG 704 (28 June 44)

2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, IX TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, APO 133, US ARMY, 18 July 1944

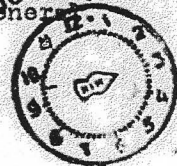
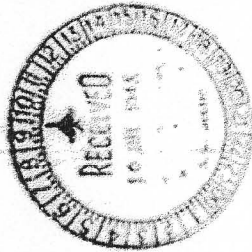
TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (REAR), APO 696, US Army;  
ATTENTION: 26th Statistical Control Unit.

Information received from your headquarters that Burial Report has been accomplished.

For the Commanding General:

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*for* *F. J. Stacy*  
C. W. HOWLAND, 1944  
Colonel, AIG-3 D.  
Adjutant General



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HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY

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APO 871  
26 July 44

AG 319.1

Subject: Supplemental Missing Air Crew Report.

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

1. Forwarded herewith supplemental report to the Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-101019, which was forwarded to your headquarters by letter this headquarters, AG 360.33, Subject: "Missing Air Crew Report", dated 12 July 1944.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of Sgt James A. Freda, 15324397 as killed in action, 6 June 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

*H. M. Ruid*  
H. M. RUID,  
Lt. Col, ASD,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl:

Letter from Hq. 441st Troop Carrier Gp.  
APO 133, Subject: "Missing Air Crew  
Report", dated 28 June 1944; and  
indorsements therefo.

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