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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

**IMPORTANT:** This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization in triplicate within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location by name 469 6 : Command or Air Force 9th Tr Carr Comd  
Group 437th TC Gp : Squadron 84th TC Sq; Detachment None
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure USAAF Sta 469 : Course 108 degrees  
Target or intended destination ILZQ and Paris : Type of mission Glider Tow
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Broken and cumulus clouds approaching coast of France.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 6 Month June Year 1944; Time 0400; and Location France  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(a) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); last contacted by radio ( ) ; forced down ( ) ; seen to crash ( ) ; or information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST? OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft ( ) ; Enemy Anti-aircraft ( ) ; Other circumstances as follows: Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series CG-4A : AAF Serial Number 43-40199
7. NICKNAME OF PLANE, IF ANY NONE
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series NONE : AAF Serial Number (a) \_\_\_\_\_ : (b) \_\_\_\_\_ : (c) \_\_\_\_\_ : (d) \_\_\_\_\_
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):  
(a) NONE : (b) \_\_\_\_\_ : (c) \_\_\_\_\_ : (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ : (f) \_\_\_\_\_ : (g) \_\_\_\_\_ : (h) \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) \_\_\_\_\_ : (j) \_\_\_\_\_ : (k) \_\_\_\_\_ : (l) \_\_\_\_\_  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_ : (n) \_\_\_\_\_ : (o) \_\_\_\_\_ : (p) \_\_\_\_\_
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 2 : Passengers 2 : Total 4  
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: if more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheets 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>	<u>Current Status</u>
1. Pilot	<u>Brewster, Howard C</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>O-670206</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2. Co Pilot	<u>Reynolds, Leslie A</u>	<u>E/O</u>	<u>T-1224</u>	<u>LIA</u>
3. Passenger	<u>Wilson, Raynor M.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>36145389</u>	
4. Passenger	<u>Drummond, Leoil A.</u>	<u>Pfc</u>	<u>34273261</u>	
5. Passengers, members of the 101st A/B Div.				
6.				
7.				

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2. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Check only one column

	(Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted			
				By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1.	Frederic, Robert G	1st Lt	O 681 641		X		
2.	Myers, Clarence L	1st Lt	O 677 849		X		
3.							

13. 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) information not available

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.

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

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT. No search was able to be made.

Date of report 29 June 1944

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

/s/ William A. Black  
 (Signature of preparing Officer)  
 /T/ WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 Executive Officer

EQUIPMENT OF GLIDER

one Jeep w/net & squad equipment	2550 lbs.
twenty (20) Rounds of 57mm Ammunition	400 lbs.
one (1) life raft	

A TRUE COPY:

*William A. Black*  
 WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 Executive Officer.

Revised: Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, 15 August 1944.

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## C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that 1st Lt ROBERT G. FREDERIC, O 681 641, and 1st Lt CLARENCE L. MYERS, O 677 849 state that they were piloting the plane that was towing the glider piloted by 1st Lt HOWARD C. BREWSTER, O 670 206. At 0400, 6 June 1944, at approximately three (3) miles inland from the coast of France, while flying in formation on course, the glider became disengaged from the tow ship. Due to instrument weather, the glider was not observed. Lt FREDERIC and Lt MYERS have no further information about this glider.

/s/ Thomas F. Cooney  
/T/ THOMAS F. COONEY,  
2d Lt., Air Corps,  
Personnel Officer.

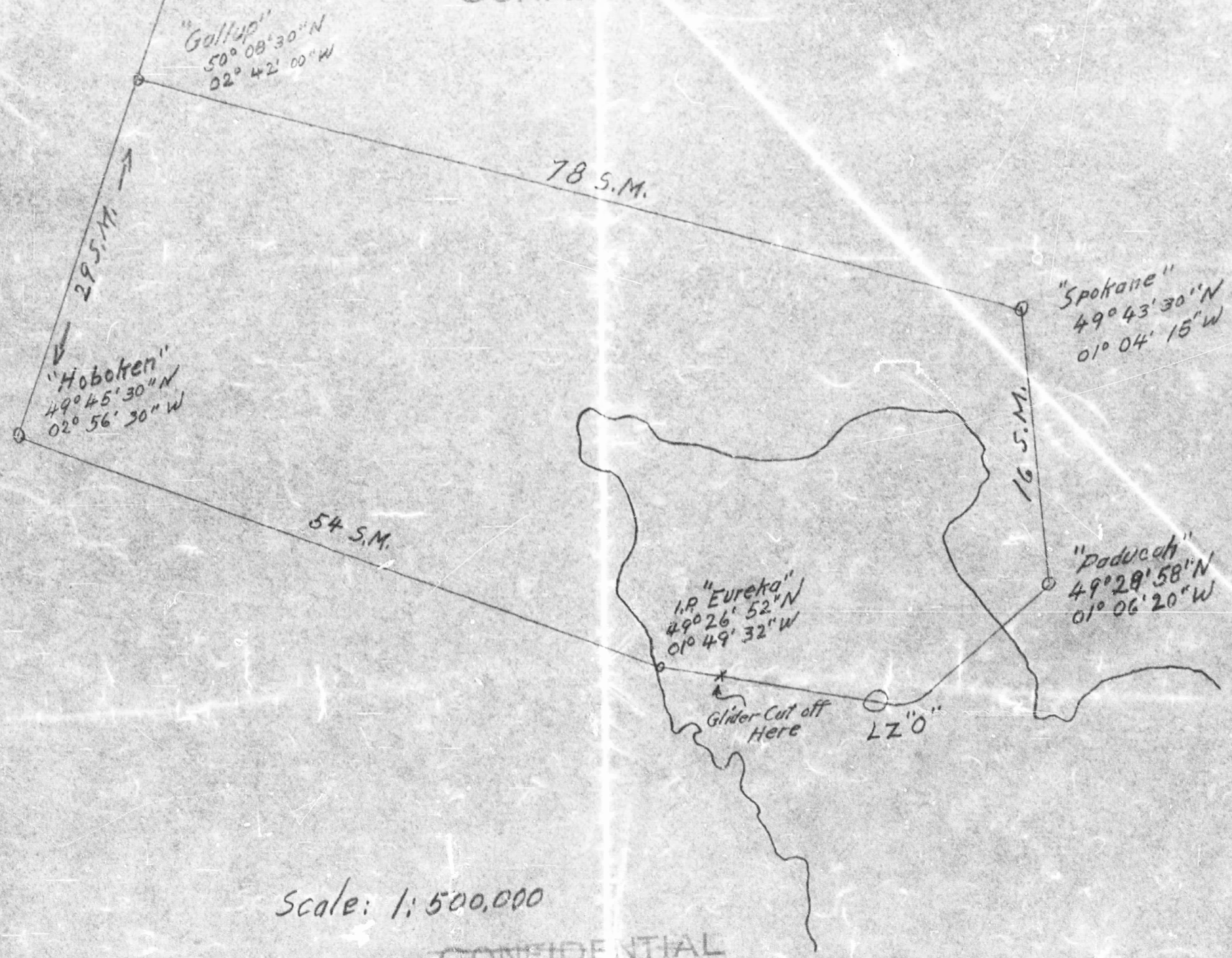
A TRUE COPY:

*William A. Black*

WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Executive Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 9, 1944

SUBJECT: First Lieutenant Howard C. Brewster, 067Q206,  
84th Squadron, 437th Troop Carrier Group, *314 469*  
First reported Missing in Action 6 June 1944,  
Later reported Killed in Action 6 June 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, A.P.O. 696,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which the subject named was reported missing (in action) on the date shown. *20*

2. A search of the records of this headquarters indicates that a Missing Air Crew Report, as required by A.G.O. letter, 23 May 1943, (AG 360.33 (5-21-43)OB-S-AF-M), has not been received to date in this case. It is requested that this report be forwarded with the least practicable delay.

For the Commanding General:

*E. A. Bradunas*

E. A. BRADUNAS,  
Major, A. G. D.,  
Chief, Notification Branch,  
Personal Affairs Division,  
Assistant Chief Air Staff, Personnel.

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26TH STATISTICAL CONTROL UNIT, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE,  
APO 696, U S Army, 18 December 1944.

To: Commanding General, US Strategic Air Forces In Europe,  
APO 633, U S Army, Attn: Stat Control Section.

A matter pertaining to your Command.

For the Commanding Officer:

EDWARD STEUBER,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Opns Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS, US STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE, APO 633, U.S. Army,  
29 December 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Troop Carrier Command, APO 133, U.S. Army.

Forwarded, pertaining to your command.

For the Deputy Commanding General for Administration:

*Wm F. Stanton*  
for JEROME PRESTON,  
COLONEL, AC, *Maj, A.C.*  
Chief, Statistical Control Office.

AG 704 (9 Nov *Wt*)

3rd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, IX TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, APO 133, US ARMY, 4 January 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 53rd Troop Carrier Wing, APO 133, US Army.

1. For compliance with basic communication and return to this headquarters  
not later than 10 January 1945.

2. Missing Air Crew Report will be forwarded to this headquarters in  
triplicate.

By command of Major General WILLIAMS:

*Phil Porter, Jr.*  
PHIL PORTER, JR  
Captain, AGD  
Assistant Adjutant General

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704. Brewster, Howard C. (O) 4th Ind.

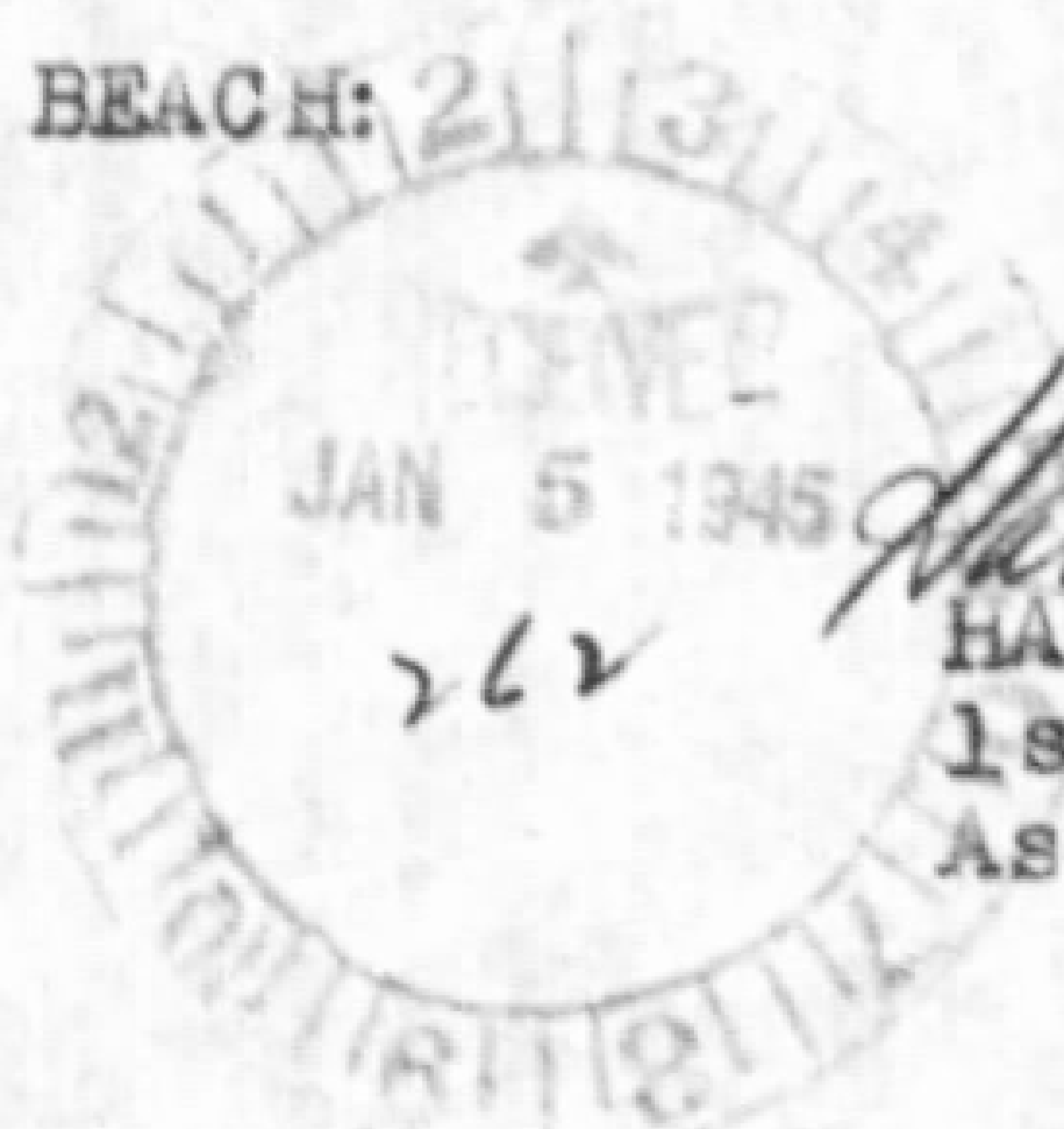
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HQ, 53RD TR CARR WG, APO 133, U. S. Army, 5 Jan 45.

TO: CO, 437th Tr Carr Gp, APO 133, U. S. Army.

For immediate compliance with preceding indorsement and return of correspondence to this headquarters not later than 1200 hours 9 January 1945.

By order of Colonel BEACH:



*Harold R. Wilcox, Jr.*  
HAROLD R. WILCOX, JR.,  
1st Lt, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

5th Ind

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Hq, 437th Tr Carr Gp, APO 133, U S Army, 7 January 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 53rd Tr Carr Wing, APO 133, U S Army.

In compliance with basic communication, transmitted herewith true copies of Missing Air Crew Report previously submitted on 1 July 1944.

For the Group Commander:

*Daniel F. McCarthy*  
DANIEL F. McCARTHY,  
Captain, AC,  
Adjutant.

1 incl: MACR w/Statement of Witnesses and Overlay.

704 6th Ind.

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HQ, 53RD TR CARR WG, APO 133, U. S. Army, 9 Jan 45.

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

3rd indorsement complied with.

For the Wing Commander:



*J. L. Borden*  
J. L. BORDEN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

1 incl: n/c.

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HEADQUARTERS, IX TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, APO 133, US ARMY, 11 January 1945

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

1. P/O Leslie A Reynolds, T-1224, co-pilot of the glider, was located 1 July 1944 in a hospital in England. He was suffering from injuries to his head, leg, back and arm. He remembered nothing at all of the mission from take-off until he had been in a German hospital several days.

2. Intelligence interrogation of the pilot of the tow plane behind which Lt Brewster was flying reveals that the glider was released or shot off about 16 miles from the landing zone. This meant that the glider landed in enemy territory with few, if any, friendly troops in the vicinity.

3. Official notification of Lt Brewster's death was received in the form of a copy of Graves Registration Form Number 1. Lt Brewster is buried in the Bloisville Cemetery, France, Grave 77, Row 4, Plot F.

For the Commanding General:

O. W. HOWLAND  
Colonel A G D  
Adjutant General



1 Incl: n/c

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COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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ATTENTION: AFPPA-8

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

25 January 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, A.P.O. 696  
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July 1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)OB-S-AAF-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of 1st Lieutenant Howard C. Brewster 0670206  
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)  
84th Troop Carrier Squadron, 437th Troop Carrier Group  
(Organization)  
first reported ~~missing~~, missing in action, 6 June 1944, which report  
(Date)  
has not been received to date.



For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:



*John D. Marsh*

JOHN D. MARSH  
Lt Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, Personal Affairs Division  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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SECOND REQUEST--PLEASE EXPEDITE

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26TH STATISTICAL CONTROL UNIT, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696,  
U S Army, 10 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, U S Strategic Air Forces In Europe, APO 633,  
U S Army, Attention: Chief, Statistical Control Division.

A matter pertaining to your command.

For the Commanding Officer:



*Edward Steuber*  
EDWARD STEUBER,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Opns Officer.

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HQ. US STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE, APO 633, US ARMY, FEB 15 1945

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TO: CG, IX Troop Carrier Command, APO 133, US Army.

For necessary action.

By command of Lieutenant General SPAATZ:

*Walter Brevig*  
WALTER BREVIG,  
1st Lt, Air Corps  
Acting Asst Adj Gen

AG 704 (25 Jan 45)

3rd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, IX TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, APO 133, US ARMY, 20 February 1945

TO: Commanding General, European T of Opns, US Army, APO 887, US  
Army; ATTENTION: AG Casualty Division.

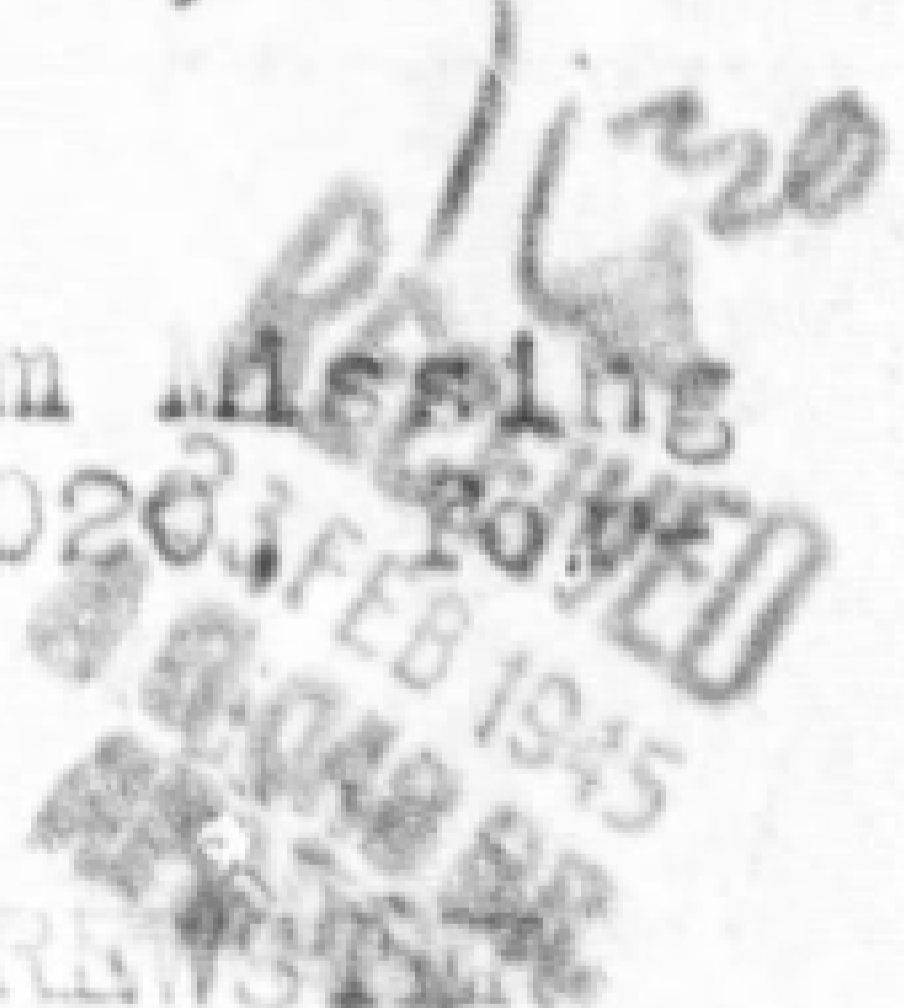
1. Casualty status of subject officer was changed from Missing  
In Action to Killed In Action, 6 June 1944, on BCR Number 4020,  
warded to your headquarters on 18 October 1944.

2. Missing Air Crew Report pertaining to Lieutenant BREWSTER  
was forwarded to your headquarters by 7th Indorsement, this head-  
quarters, dated 11 January 1945, to letter, Headquarters, Army Air  
Forces, dated 9 November 1944, requesting subject report.

For the Commanding General:

*J. E. Brill*

J. E. BRILL  
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD  
Adjutant General



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*J.P.A.*  
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to ~~RESTRICTED~~  
by E. A. F. Lt. Col., AC  
by F. M. L. Capt., AC  
Date OCT 5 1945

AG 319.1 Cas. 4th Ind. JWP/JFR/jk  
HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, US ARMY, 24 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

1. Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 43-40199, Piloted by 1st Lt. Howard C. Brewster, O-670206, was forwarded to your headquarters by 8th indorsement this headquarters AG 319.1 Cas, dated 19 January 1945.
2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 1st Lt. Howard C. Brewster, O-670206 as killed in action, 6 June 1944. *cc*

For the Theater Commander:

*H. M. Rund*  
H. M. RUND, *w*  
Colonel, A.G.D.  
Assistant Adjutant General

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