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by E. S. [redacted], Lt. Col., AC  
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Date OCT 15 1945

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Ramsbury, England : Command of Air Force 9th TCG  
Group 437th TC Gp : Squadron 85th TC Sq : Detachment
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Ramsbury, England : Course 1° 19' W. 49° 25' E-104° Tr Head.  
Target of Intended Destination St. Mere Glise : Type of Mission Combat - G.L. OVER
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Overcast, 1200 feet. Aircraft landed safely.
- GIVE: (a) Day 6 Month June Year 1944: Time 0415: and Location Grid. T-30.8-89.2.  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (x): Last contacted by radio ( ): Forced down ( ): Seen to Crash ( ): or Information not available ( ).
- 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: Aircraft landed safely.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series CG 4 A : AAF Serial Number 42-79200
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any None
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_ AAF Serial Number (a) \_\_\_\_\_ : (b) \_\_\_\_\_ : (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number): None
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty   
or (b) Non Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 2 : Passengers 3 : Total 5

(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: if more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheets and attach to this form)

Crew Positions	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Casualty Status
1. Pilot	APPLEMAN, Stratton M.	2d Lt	0 673 709	FR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RTD
2. Co-Pilot	COBB, Walter L.	2d Lt	0 673 710	Duty
3. Passenger	Nutter, William E.	Opl	35 137 263	Unknown
4. Passenger	Parson, Le. E.	Pfc	35 137 149	Unknown
5. Passenger	Skufca, Frank F.	Pvt	35 282 523	Unknown

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIC FOR SAME.

Check only one column

(Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. COBB, Walter L.	2d Lt	0 673 710		X		

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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 X : (c) Any other reason (Specify)
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 Not available.

Date of Report 14 March 1945

*Thomas J. Affleck, Jr.*  
THOMAS J. AFFLECK, JR.  
Major, Air Corps  
Executive Officer, 85th TC Sq,  
437th TC Gp, APO 133, U.S. Army.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Statement of 2nd Lt WALTER L. COBB, O 673 710, 85th TC Sq, 437th TC Gp,  
last person to see 2nd Lt STRATTON M. APPLEMAN, O 673 709, 85th TC Sq, 437th TC  
Gp, now reported "MIA".

On the morning of June 6, 1944, 2nd Lt STRATTON M. APPLEMAN, O 673 709,  
85th TC Sq, 437th TC Gp, and myself set our glider down at 4:15 AM in France  
in the following geographical position: Grid T-30.8-89.2.

Our 57mm gun and three man gun crew were brought down in good shape.  
2nd Lt STRATTON M. APPLEMAN, O 673 709, 85th TC Sq, 437th TC Gp, believing  
we were northeast of our L.Z., set out on a reconnaissance patrol in a south-  
westerly direction. We waited until about 11:00 AM at which time the enemy  
arrived. After a short fight in which three of the enemy were killed, we were  
forced to retreat. I haven't seen Lt APPLEMAN since.

WALTER L. COBB, O 673710  
2nd Lt., Air Corps  
85th TC Sq, 437th TC Gp.

A TRUE COPY:

*Thomas J. Affleck, Jr*  
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CHERBOURG

APPROXIMATE LANDING

OF GLIDER

J-30.7 - 89.8

49° 20'

0'

1'

OVERLAY OF CHERBOURG

SHEET No. 30/2

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