

✓ Major Edgar F. Stevall, Jr.

Mrs. E. F. Stevall (Mother)
1419 South 33rd Street,
Birmingham, Alabama.

✓ First Lieutenant Stephen P. Oleksak

Mrs. Irene V. Oleksak (Mother)
232 East Sixth Street,
Clifton, New Jersey.

✓ First Lieutenant Irving J. Feibus

Mrs. Benjamin Feibus (Mother)
609 South Washington Avenue,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

✓ Staff Sergeant Robert H. Smith

Mrs. Cora A. Smith (Mother)
111 Yale Street,
York, Pennsylvania.

✓ Staff Sergeant John W. Peck

Mrs. Eileen Peck (Wife)
145 Walnut Street,
Corning, New York.

✓ Sergeant Joseph G. Marek

Mrs. Emilie McCarthy (Sister)
Scotts Beach,
Miller Place, New York.

✓ Corporal Charlie H. Boles *AMC*

Mrs. Cora E. Boles (Mother)
1511 Church Street,
Whitboro, South Carolina.

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

John W PECK, 3/Sgt, 12056289
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

7 August 1944
(Date)

48 Troop Carrier Squadron, 313 Troop Carrier E&E #884-I.S.9(WEA)7/29/70
(Unit) Group

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>				<u>PRESENT</u>
				<u>OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	0-790055	Major	Edgar F STOVALL, JR	MIA
CO-PILOT	0-667541	1st Lt	Stephen F OLESAK	P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-800697	1st Lt	Irving J FEIBUS	P/W
BOBBER CREW CHIEF	13092608	Sgt	Robert H SMITH	P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	12056289	S/Sgt	John W PECK	RD
TOP TURRET GUNNER	NONE			
BALL TURRET GUNNER	NONE			
WAIST GUNNER	NONE			
WAIST GUNNER	NONE			
BOBBER RADAR OPERATOR	3250822	Sgt	Joseph C MAREK	P/W
PASSENGER	34305793	Cpl	Charlie R BOLES (2 QM Bn M)	P/W

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
7 June 1944; AMFREVILLE, W of ST MERE EGLISE

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
Heavy flak; one engine failed; the other engine was hit; plane on fire

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? **Crash landed**

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
Pilot and radar operator seriously hurt; rest badly shaken up

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
Crash landed

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? **Plane was burning when it hit.**

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
All alive; pilot and radar operator seriously wounded

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

5 captured together; reported the two wounded men to Germans, but don't know what happened to them.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?
Plane burned.

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

See above.

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AG 319.1
Hq ETOUSA, APO 871, 12 July 1944.

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Supplement

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

Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 43-15632 was forwarded to your headquarters by 5th indorsement, this headquarters, AG 360.33, dated 25 June 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

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Incl 1 w/d

H. M. Runk
H. M. RUNK,
Lt. Col, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
313TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP, AAF
APO 133, U. S. ARMY

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21 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplemental Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear), APO 696, U. S. Army. ATTN: 26th Statistical Control Unit. (THRU CHANNELS)

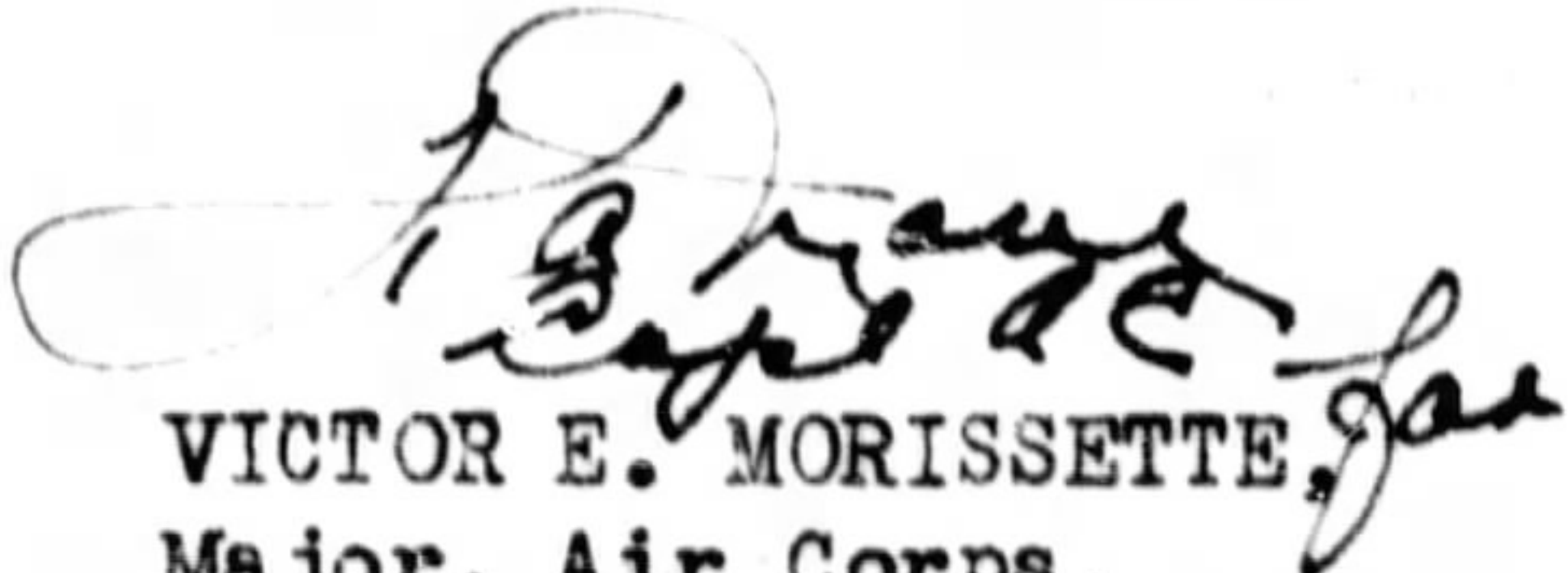
1. Attention is invited to Supplemental Missing Air Crew Report, Headquarters, 313th Troop Carrier Group, dated 20 June 1944 pertaining to Aircraft C-47A, AAF Serial No. 42-15632, Major Edgar F. Stovall, Jr., ASN O-790055, Pilot.

2. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of subject letter are hereby confirmed. In addition, the following data is furnished:

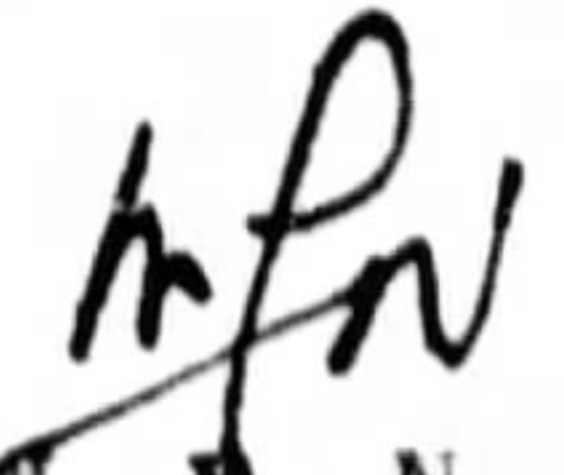
Approximately 0630 hours on 7 June 1944, Aircraft C-47A, AAF Serial No. 43-15632 crossed the English Channel enroute to the Drop Zone with supplies to resupply paratroopers previously dropped. Immediately upon entering France, flak was encountered and the left engine hit. The aircraft flew with one engine to reach the Drop Zone and successfully dropped its supplies. Soon after leaving the Drop Zone the right engine was hit. Unable to glide to an open field, the aircraft crash-landed in rough terrain. The left wing was torn off by a tree and the pilot was thrown through the windshield clear of the wreckage. Other members of the crew escaped safely and uninjured, except Sergeant Marek was suffering from a broken leg. All but the tail section of the aircraft was destroyed by fire. 201

On 8 June 1944 all were captured by the enemy near Picauville, France. Major Stovall and Sergeant Marek were taken to separate hospitals for medical aid and treatment. Others were taken to a stockade. The U.S. Troops captured the hospital interning Major Stovall on 16 June 1944 and the American wounded evacuated to England. Major Stovall was admitted to the 305th Station Hospital, APO 873. No further information has been received in regards to Sergeant Marek and the others. Apparently they are still captives. No written statements are obtainable at this time.

For the Commanding Officer:


VICTOR E. MORISSETTE,
Major, Air Corps,
Personnel Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS, 52nd Troop Carrier Wing, APO 133, U. S. Army, 23 June 1944.
TO: Commanding General, IX Troop Carrier Command.


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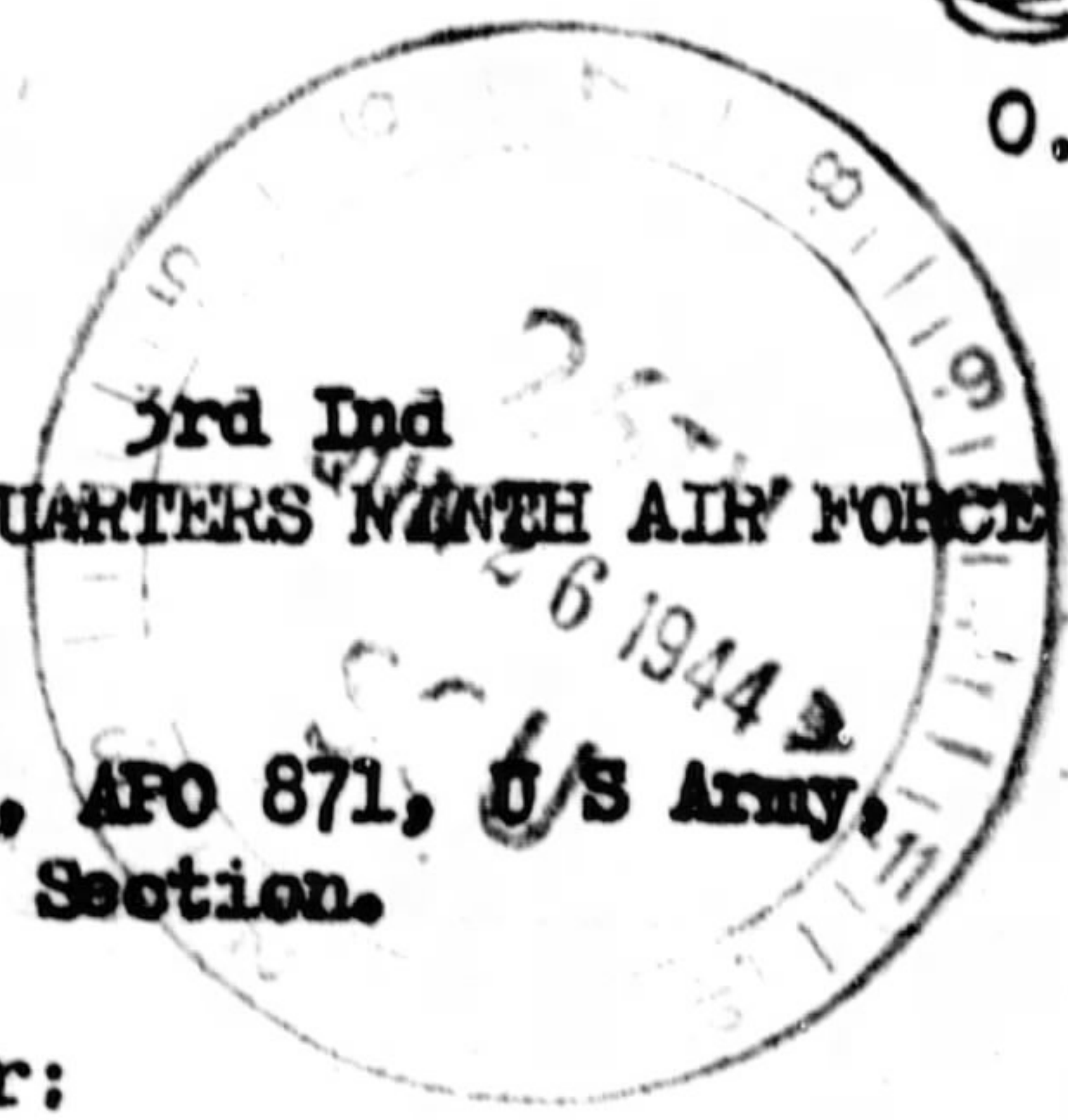
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HEADQUARTERS, IX TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, APO 133; US ARMY. 25 June 1944.

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

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26TH STATISTICAL CONTROL UNIT, HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE (REAR), APO 696, U S Army,
7 July 1944.



To: Commanding General, SOS, ETOUSA, APO 871, U/S Army.
Attention: Statistical Control Section.

For the Commanding Officer:

1 Incl: (dup)
Supp MACR on Maj Stovall, 313th TCC Gp,
dated 20 June 1944.

Supplementary MACR on Major Edgar F Stovall Jr.



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Hq, ETOUSA, APO 871. 25 June 1944.

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

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The attached Missing Air Crew Report, Ninth Air Force, is forwarded in compliance with War Department letter, AG 360.33 (5-21-43) OB-S-AF-M, dated 23 May 1943.

For the Theater Commander:

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H. M. RUND, *ess.*

Lt. Col., AGD,

Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl:

MACR - 313th Troop Carrier

C-47-A, 43-15632, 7 June 44.

*Checked with Casualty
— all E A's notified
as missing in the
European Area. 7-25-44.
— mop*

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48TH TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON
313TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP
APO 133 U. S. ARMY

9 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U.S. Army.
ATTN: 26th Statistical Control Unit. (THRU CHANNELS)

1. Attached herewith missing air crew report with other papers containing necessary data pertaining thereto. This report covers the missing air crew of C-47-A airplane, AAF Serial No. 43-15632, piloted by Major EDGAR F. STOVALL, JR., O-790055, on "NEPTUNE FREEPORT" mission, which took off from Folkingham Air Field at 0310 hours, 7 June, 1944.

2. The above mentioned airplane had the following identifying marks and known condition at time of take off:

- a. The AAF Serial No. 43-15632 painted in yellow on both sides of the vertical stabilizer.
- b. The Squadron Code Letters, "Z7", painted in gray, in four foot letters, on both sides of the nose of the airplane.
- c. The Individual Code Letter, "I", painted in gray, in two foot letters, on both sides of the vertical fin of the stabilizer, above the AAF Serial No.
- d. The airplane had 99 hours flying time at time of take off, and was flying on a red diagonal due to an elevator stop being bent.

3. Since the flight was over a much travelled course, no search has been conducted by this Organization.

For the Commanding Officer:

John P. Mull, Jr.
JOHN P. MULL, JR.
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

3 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report (In trip)
- Incl 2 - Map and course of flight (In trip)
- Incl 3 - Certificate of Capt. CAMPBELL (In trip)

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(Ltr of Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report, 48th T CSq, dtd 9 June 44)

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HEADQUARTERS, 313TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP, AAF, APO 133, U S Army, 9 Jun 44.

TO: Commanding General, 52nd Troop Carrier Wing, AAF, APO 133, U S Army.

Forwarded in compliance with Par. 8, Memo No. 35-6, Hq, Ninth Air Force, dtd 20 May 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:



Victor E. Morissette
VICTOR E. MORISSETTE
Major, Air Corps,
Personnel Officer.



3 Incls; n/c.

2nd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 52ND TROOP CARRIER WING, AAF, APO 133, US Army, 9 June 1944.

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

3 Incls: n/c

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HEADQUARTERS, IX TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, APO 133, US ARMY. 11 June 1944

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear), APO 696, US Army.

3 Incls: n/c

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26TH STATISTICAL CONTROL UNIT HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, (REAR),
APO 696, U S Army 22 June 1944

To: Commanding General, CSOS, OUSA, APO 871, U S Army,
Attention: Statistical Control Section.

For the Commanding Officer:



3 incls: (dup)

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R. J. S.

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ARMY DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an airplane is officially reported missing.

Folkingham,

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Lincolnshire, England Command IX TC
Group 313th Troop Carrier Squadron 48th T.C. Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Folkingham, Lincolnshire, Eng. Course SSW
Intended Destination Cherbourg Peninsula Type of Mission Resupply
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED Visibility restricted, low clouds and rain squalls.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 7 June 1944 Time 0140 hour B and Location Long Marston, Stratford County,
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane. Eng.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; () Last contacted by radio; Eng.
() Forced down; () Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:
(Check only one) () Enemy airplane; () Enemy anti-aircraft; (X)
Other circumstances as follows: unknown.
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series C-47-A AAF Serial No. 43-15632
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-92 AAF Serial No. (a) CP-355187
(b) CP-355652 (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 ~~ARE~~ REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or: (b) Non-Battle Casualty being
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 6 Passengers 1 Total 7
(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>STOVALL, EDGAR FLETCHER, JR.</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>0-790055</u>
2. CoPilot	<u>OLEKSAK, STEPHEN FRANCIS</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-667541</u> <u>RTD</u>
3. Navigator	<u>FEIBUS, IRVING JACK</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-820697</u> <u>RTD</u>
4. Crew Chief	<u>Smith, Robert Harrison</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>13092608</u>
5. Radio Operator	<u>Peck, John William</u>	<u>Staff Sgt</u>	<u>12056289</u> <u>RTD</u>
6. Radar Mechanic	<u>Marek, Joseph Charles</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>32500822</u> <u>RTD</u>
7. Passenger	<u>Boles, Charles R.</u>	<u>Corporal</u>	<u>34385795</u>
8. -----			
9. -----			
10. -----			

* 490th QM, Dep. Sup. Co. (being reported by
DS for 17 RCD 490th QM Dep Sup Co)

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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS ON BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Contacted		Saw	
	Serial	by	Last	Forced
	Rank	Radio	Sighted	Crash Landing
1. CAMPBELL, CARL W (Initial Only)				
2. _____	Capt. 0-731819		X	
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) unknown

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

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, 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 9 June 1944

John P. Mull, Jr.

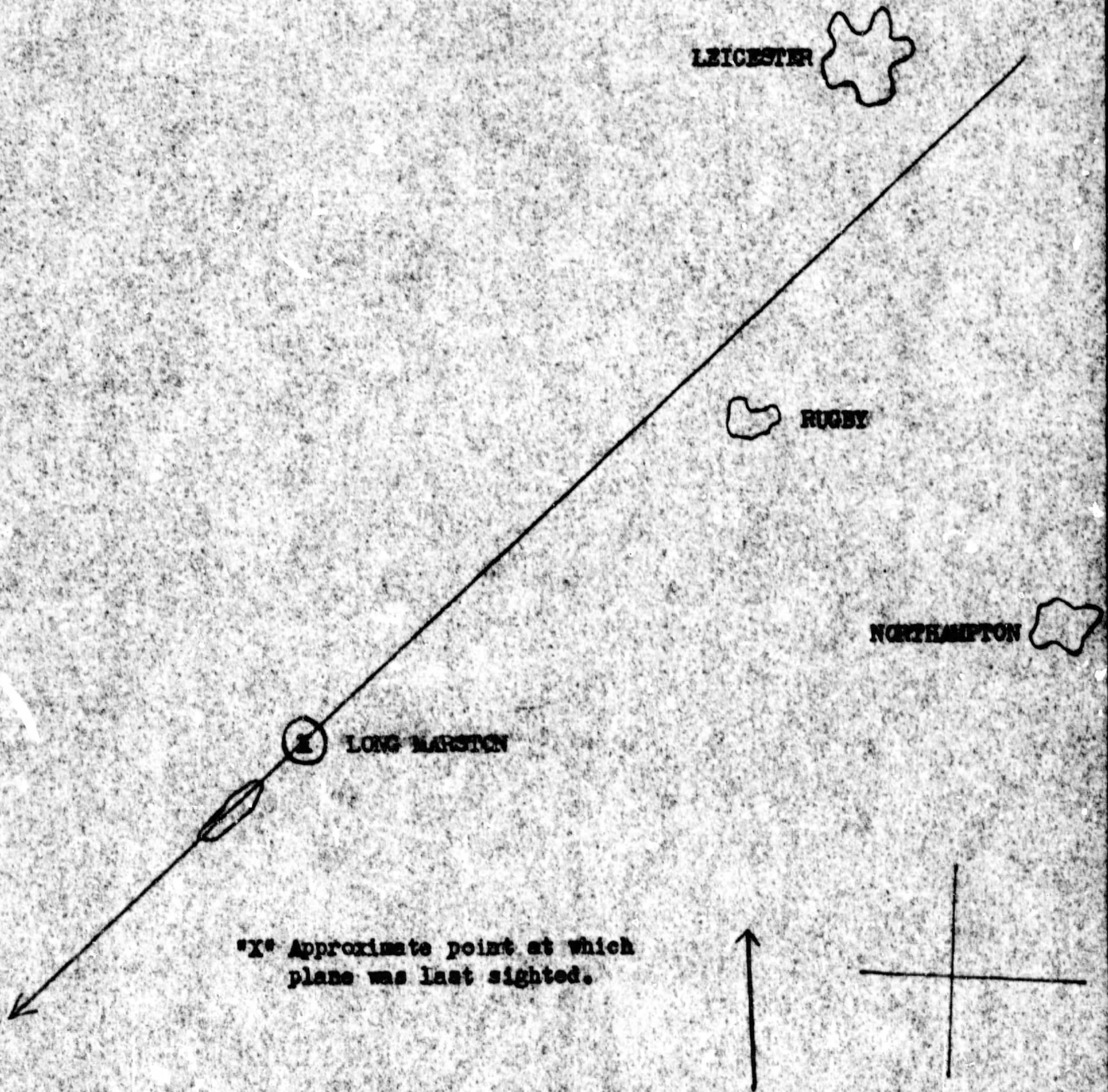
(Signature of Reporting Officer)
JOHN P. MULL, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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48TH TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON
313TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP
APO 133 U.S. ARMY

9 June 1944.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I was flying on the right wing of the missing airplane piloted by Major EDGAR F. STOVALL, JR., O-790055, which had been the lead ship of the formation. There were five ships in the formation on departure, and we were able to stay in formation until reaching the wing departure point.

After departing at the rendezvous point the formation started to climb, and at 2,500 feet the planes separated out and I was able to remain with the Major's plane until 6,500 feet, flying on our course for the destination.

I last sighted Major STOVALL at 0440 hours, British Double Summer Time, over Long Marston, Stratford County, England, and continued on my own. We were both flying on instruments. At that time his plane seemed to be under control and on its course for the destination.

Carl W. Campbell
CARL W. CAMPBELL, O-731819,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **S M I T H , Robert Harrison** File # **5657**
 Rank: **Sgt**
 Serial number: **13092308**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Crew Chief**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? FORCED TO CRASH LAND - NO TIME TO BAIL OUT.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ENTIRE CREW BRACED TOGETHER IN REAR FOR CRASH LANDING

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? P.O.W. STORAGE CHAPPEL LA VIRE, ^{NORMANDY} FRANCE

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SHOULD HAVE BEEN LIBERATED WITHOUT HARM.

Total number of missions of above crew member: DONT KNOW

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **B O L E S , Charles R.** File #**6657**
Rank: **Corporal**
Serial number: **34385798**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Passenger**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? FORCED TO CRASH LAND - NO TIME TO BAIL OUT.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: BROKE TOGETHER IN REAR FOR CRASH LANDING.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? PRISON (P.O.W) STOCKADE, CHAPPEL-LA-VIRE ^{NORMANDY} FRANCE

Any hearsay information: RECEIVED AN XMAS GREETING CARD FROM HIM
FROM WHITMORE, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN JANUARY 1946.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SHOULD BE HOME AT 1511 CHURCH STREET, WHITMORE,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ONE

Dates and destinations if possible: JUNE 7, 1944 FOR PEANVILLE (NORMANDY)
CHERBOURG PENINSULA, FRANCE.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name IRVING J. FEIBUS Rank CAPT Serial No. O-800697
2. Organization 313 ^{TROOP CARRIER} Gp Commander ROBERTS Rank COL. Sqn CO STOVALL Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, RESUPPLY PARATROOPERS, target, PICAVILLE, FRANCE, target time, 06:15, altitude, 500 FT. route scheduled, OVER CHERBOURG PENINSULA FROM EAST, route flown EAST SIDE OF CHERBOURG PENINSULA NORTH OF CARENTON.
5. Where were you when you left formation? PICAVILLE, FRANCE
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". PLANE CRASH LANDED WITH ALL ABOARD. ALL CREW MEMBERS TAKEN P.O.W. BUT ALL IN STATES TO-DAY, INCLUDING BOLKS, EXCEPTING SMITH. NO KNOWLEDGE OF SMITH.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 4 MILES WEST OF PICAVILLE.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) ALL IN PLANE. NO CHANCE TO BAIL OUT.
11. Where were they in aircraft? ALL BRANDED TOGETHER IN REAR, EXCEPT PILOT AND CO-PILOT, WHO STAYED AT CONTROLS.
12. What was their condition? STOVALL, PILOT AND OLEKSAK, CO-PILOT AND MAREK, RADAR OPERATOR WERE BADLY HURT. OTHERS HAD LESSER INJURIES.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? HAVE SEEN ONLY OLEKSAK, CO-PILOT, IN CIVILIAN LIFE, COMPLETELY RECOVERED.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. MAJ. STOVALL AND SGT. MAREK RECAPTURED IN GERMAN FIELD HOSPITAL ON CHERBOURG PENINSULA, AND FULLY RECOVERED. SGT. LASK ESCAPED AND RETURNED TO AMERICAN LINES IN TIME, RETURNING TO Z.I.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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9 July 44

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Douglas

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C - 47

Anti - aircraft (A)

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48 P

Bellylanding

P. Maj. Stomil

CP. 2nd Lt. Clesak

no dead

N. 1st Lt. P ?

H. S/ Sgt. Smith, Robert H. ✓

S/Sgt. Peck

Dulag - Luft, Wetzlar

Received : 23 July 1944.

[Handwritten signature]