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TO: Commanding General  
Ninth Air Force  
ATTN: 26th Statistical Control Unit.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
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by S. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC  
by S. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Date 15 Mar 1946

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 England Command IX TC  
Saltby, Lincolnshire  
Group 314<sup>th</sup> Tr. Carrier Squadron 32d Tr. Carrier Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Saltby Air Base Course 236°, 183°, 213°, 123°, 205°  
Intended Destination App. 2 miles Type of Mission Combat-re-supply  
Plesville, France
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED (low clouds, weather-ground haze and light rain, visibility 1 mile, ceiling
4. GIVE: (a) Date 7 June 1944 Time 0325H hours and location Saltby Air Base  
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane.  
(b) Specify whether (x) Last sighted; ( ) Last contacted by radio;  
( ) 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, lost out of formation upon leaving Saltby Air Base.
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series C-47 : A.A.F. Serial No. 41-33679
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series C-47 : A.A.F. Serial No. (a) Left: CR-352019  
right: CP-351910 (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 being (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 4 Passengers 0 Total 4  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars. If more than 25 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>RISLEY JR., GEORGE</u>	<u>2d Lt.</u>	<u>0525178</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>STURGES, SYLVESTER H.</u>	<u>2d Lt.</u>	<u>0750479</u>
3. Crew Chief	<u>Fliarand, Howard E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>39019097</u>
4. Radio Opr.	<u>Barraco, Andrew J.</u>	<u>Opl</u>	<u>32560061</u>
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Dear Sir:

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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAID:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
			By Radio	Last Sighted		

1. No statements, information not obtainable.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER AS 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, see No. 5 on reverse side.

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

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

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE WHERE not applicable.

Date of Report 9 Jun 1944

*John C. Green*

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JOHN C. GREEN,  
1st Lt, AC,  
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32D TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON, AAF  
APO 133

A-W-O

27 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplemental Missing Air Crew Report.

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

1. Reference Missing Air Crew Report, submitted by this Organization, dated 9 June 1944; and Supplemental Missing Air Crew Report dated 20 June 1944. The following changes have been made on the casualty status as shown below, for Aircraft No. C-47, 41-38679:

BARRACO, ANDREW J. Cpl 32560061 from "MIA" to "KIA". ✓ 569

FLISRAND, HOWARD E. S/Sgt 39019097 from "MIA" to "KIA". ✓

RISLEY JR, GEORGE 2d Lt 0525178 from "MIA" to "KIA". ✓ 10.96

STURGES, SYLVESTER H. 2d Lt 0750479 from "MIA" to "KIA". KIA

2. Approximately 1700, 7 June 1944, as was stated by an eye witness, aircraft No. C-47, 41-38679 was found about one (1) mile northeast of a little village called Sebeville, France. The plane was badly demolished, and with the exception of the tail assembly, was burned. The tail assembly had been completely severed from the rest of the plane, but it was possible to identify the above numbered plane. It did not appear possible that anyone could have recovered. Trunks of three bodies were found, with parts of a body in or about the area of the plane where the Navigator and Radio Operator are stationed. There were two bodies found in the Pilot and Co-Pilot positions, and another body found near the back of the plane, (reference of bodies used herein implies the trunks of bodies). There were no other wrecked planes within that area which would have been confusing to the witness, and no combat action in the proximity of the wrecked aircraft. One dog tag, property of Cpl Andrew J. Barraco, was located near the trunk of the body at the back of the plane.

3. The information contained in paragraph 2 of this letter was obtained from Flt O. JACK C. TURNER, who together with Flt O. LUNDAY, members of the 73d T.C. Sq, were engaged in gathering supplies dropped by parachute.



*Halac G. Wilson*  
HALAC G. WILSON,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Commanding.

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

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

For the Commanding Officer:



Supplemental MACR on A/C No C-47, 41-38679 affecting Cpl Barraco, S/Sgt Flisrand,  
2nd Lt Risle, and 2nd Lt Sturges.

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Hq, ETUSA, APO 871. 12 July 1944.

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

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Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 41-38679 was forwarded to your headquarters by letter, this headquarters, AG 360.33, subject: "Missing Air Crew Reports", dated 29 June 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

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

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San Diego, California.

Cpl. Andrew J. Barraco.

Mrs. Nancy J. Barraco, (Mother)  
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