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To: Commanding General,
Ninth Air Force.
ATT: 26 Stat. Control Unit.

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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to ~~RESTRICTED~~
by ~~C. H. BRIDGES~~, Lt. Col., AG
by ~~S. M. MURPHY~~, Capt., AG
Date: 15 MAR 1946

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.

- England Command
1. ORGANIZATION: Location Saltby, Lincolnshire/~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ IX TC
Group 314th Troop Carrier Squadron 62d Troop Carrier Detachment -----
 2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Saltby Air Base Course 235° 183° 212° 213° 125°
Intended Destination Etienville, France Type of Mission Paratroop 112° to DZ
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED Weather good Visibility clear Scattered clouds
 4. GIVE: (a) Date 6 June 1944 Time 0206 B and location Etienville, France
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: ()
Other circumstances as follows: Plane was observed making a 360° turn for a second approach to drop zone. Plane was receiving machine gun fire from ground.
 6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series C 47A A.A.F. Serial No. 42-93002
 7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R1830-92 Serial No. (a) CP355056
(b) CP357063 (c) none (d) none
 8. INSTALLED WEAPON (Specify make, type and Serial No)
(a) none (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) ARE BEING (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
 9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW ~~XXXX~~ WERE CASUALTY AS: (a) Battle Casualty yes
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
 10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 5 Passengers 18 Total 23
(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

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	X <u>CARTWRIGHT, CHARLES S.</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>0731943 #</u>
2. CO-Pilot	X <u>MAGLEBY, ALMA M.</u>	<u>Flt O</u>	<u>T926 #</u>
3. Navigator	X <u>OSBORNE, EDWARD I.</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>0805327 #</u>
4. Crew Chief	X <u>Farris, Raymond H.</u>	<u>S Sgt</u>	<u>15114703 #</u>
5. Radio Operator	X <u>De Luca, Frank A.</u>	<u>S Sgt</u>	<u>32453728 #</u>
6. Paratrooper	X <u>SIMONDS, GEORGE W.</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>01284410 *</u>
7. Paratrooper	X <u>Hagers, Robert F.</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>15337478 *</u>
8. Paratrooper	X <u>Irby, William H. Jr</u>	<u>Pfc</u>	<u>38459546 *</u>
9. Paratrooper	X <u>McGee, Ralph P.</u>	<u>Tec 5</u>	<u>14120386 *</u>
10. Paratrooper	X <u>Sanders, Raymond J.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>01298442 *</u>

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1.	Paratrooper	Nordwall, Stanley A.	Tec 5	17155401	*
2.	Paratrooper	Hobbs, Robert T.	S Sgt	20411184	*
3.	Paratrooper	Zezza, Lawrence T.	Pvt	17050929	*
4.	Paratrooper	Taylor, Sidney G.	Pfc	34457627	*
5.	Paratrooper	Prestigiacomo, Joseph T.	Pfc	15068350	*
6.	Paratrooper	Lowery, Vincent	Pvt	32469374	*
7.	Paratrooper	Rodriguez, Salvador S.	Tec 5	19116424	*
8.	Paratrooper	Martin, Dean E.	Pvt	36564944	*
9.	Paratrooper	Benjaminson, Daniel W.	Pvt	32344322	*
10.	Paratrooper	Mackrell, Albert J.	Pvt	33594308	*
11.	Paratrooper	Crook, Roy H.	Pvt	14085183	*
12.	Paratrooper	Mangus, LeGrande T.	Pvt	20949524	*
13.	Paratrooper	Neighbors, Melvin H.	S Sgt	18135686	*

62d Troop Carrier Squadron * Hq Company, 2d Battalion, 508th Infantry.

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	Contacted		Saw	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. WALTER E. STARK	1st Lt	0518967		X		
2. WILLIAM C. MORGAN	2d Lt	0687258		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) See Incl No. 3

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 METHOD OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HEREIN. No search made by Squadron.

Date of report 7 June 1944

Robert T. Larkin
 ROBERT T. LARKIN, Capt, AC, Adjutant
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)

4. Incls:

- Incl 1, Statement of witness (Lt Stark)
- Incl 2, Statement of witness (Lt Morgan)
- Incl 3, Supplementary Statement (Capt Larkin)
- Incl 4, Map overlay



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62d Troop Carrier Squadron,
APO 133, US Army,
7 June 1944.

STATEMENT OF 1st Lt WALTER E. STARK, 0518967, CONCERNING AC NO. 42-93002.

I was pilot of C 53D, AC No. 42-68721, flying right wing position on C 47A, AC No. 42-93002 flown by Capt Cartwright and Flt O Magleby.

As we passed the Drop Zone, Capt Cartwright was putting his plane through violent evasive action. Machine gun fire from ground positions was moderate.

The paratroops from my plane jumped but I did not see troops leave Capt Cartwright's plane.

About one half minute after the troops left my plane I saw Capt Cartwright's plane go into an abrupt diving right hand turn.

It is my belief that Capt Cartwright's troops did not drop while over the Drop Zone and that he was making a 360° turn to the right to pass over the Drop Zone a second time to allow his troops to jump. This 360° turn would have been in conformity with Mission briefing instructions.

The last I saw of Capt Cartwright's plane was as it went into the diving right hand turn.

Walter E. Stark
WALTER E. STARK, 0518967,
1st Lt, AC.

62d Troop Carrier Squadron,
APO 133, US Army,
7 June 1944.

STATEMENT OF 2D LT WILLIAM C. MORGAN, 0687258, CONCERNING AC NO. 42-93002.

I was flying as co-pilot of C 53D, AC No. 42-68721 in the right wing position to the plane flown by Capt Cartwright.

As we approached the drop zone our flight received machine gun fire from the ground. Immediately Capt Cartwright's plane and our plane took evasive action.

Over the drop zone we dropped our load of paratroops but so far as I could see, paratroops did not jump from Capt Cartwright's plane.

After dropping our paratroops we continued flying in the right wing position to Capt Cartwright. He made a turn to the right and we followed him for 90° of a turn, when we discovered he intended making a 180° turn or more for another approach to the drop zone.

His turn seemed normal and the ship was functioning normally although it was receiving severe machine gun fire from the ground.

That was the last I saw of Capt Cartwright's plane.

William C. Morgan

WILLIAM C. MORGAN, 0687258,
2d Lt, AC.

62D TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON, AAF

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APO 133,
US Army,
7 June 1944.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT CONCERNING AC NO. 42-93002.

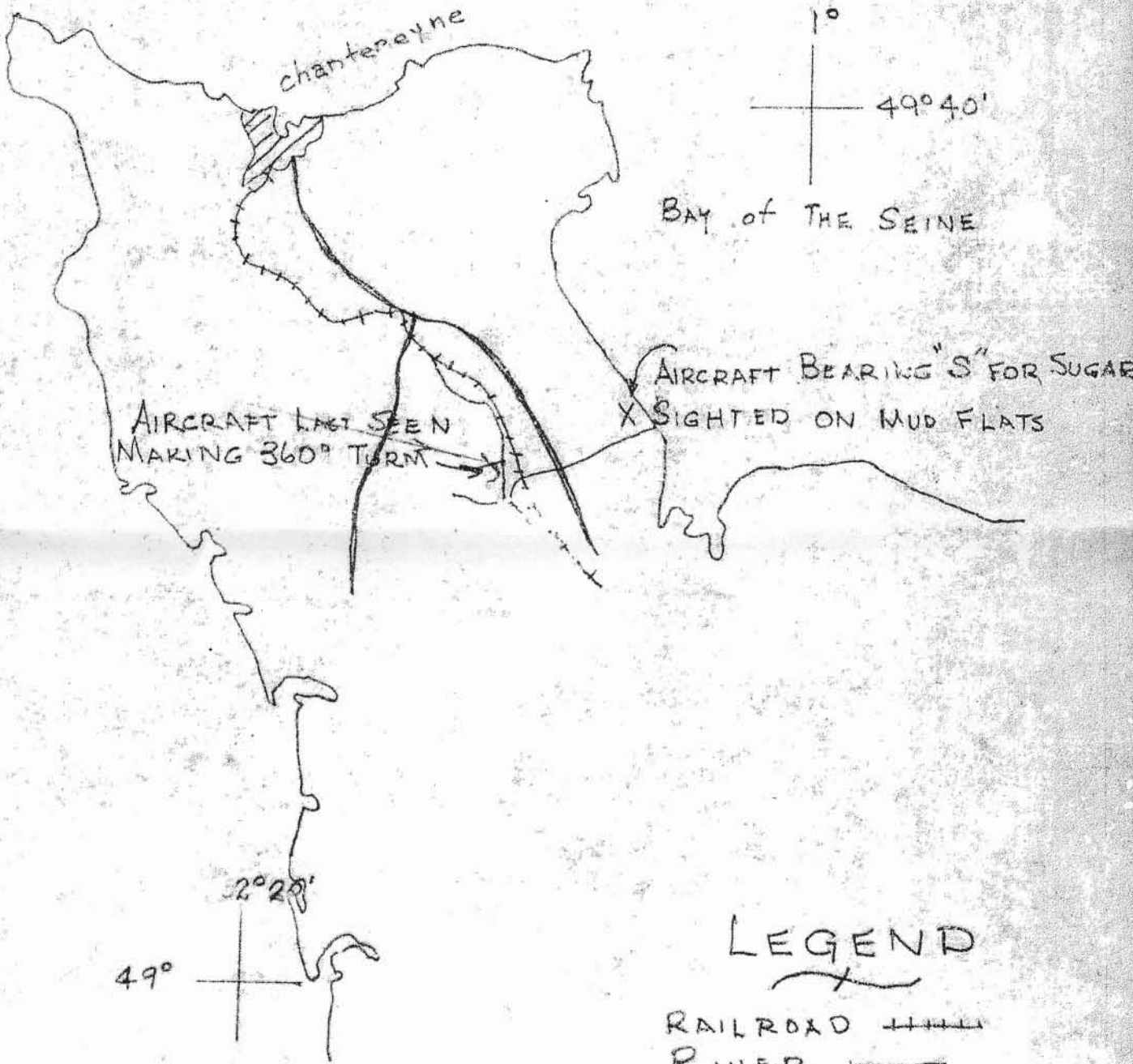
No search for missing aircraft was made.

On a re-supply mission flown 7 June 1944, one crew reported seeing a C 47 with its tail damaged, sitting in mud flats approximately 13 miles north-east of Etienneville. Crew also reported the tail of this plane bore the letter "S", this letter being the same as that painted on C 47A No. 42-93002. It is reported that the plane was in good condition. The only damage appearing to be in the tail. In this case, it is felt personnel may have survived.


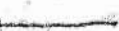
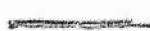
Whether or not paratroops were dropped from this plane is unknown.

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert T. Larkin
ROBERT T. LARKIN,
Capt, AC,
Adjutant.



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- RIVER 
- HIGHWAY 

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62ND TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON, AAF

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APO 133,
US Army,
11 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplement to Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 314th Troop Carrier Group, AAF, APO 133, US Army.

1. Reference, Missing Air Crew Report, 62nd Troop Carrier Squadron, 314th Troop Carrier Group, AAF, 7 June 1944, accomplished on C-47A AAF Serial No. 42-93002, the following supplemental information is submitted for completion of necessary records:

a. Personnel.

- 210.86
- A. Pilot- CARTWRIGHT, CHARLES S., Capt, O-731943, from MIA to RTD
 - B. Co-Pilot- MAGLEBY, ALMA M., Flt O, T-926, from MIA to RTD
 - C. Navigator- OSBORNE, EDWARD I., 2nd Lt, O-805327 from MIA to LWA
 - D. Crew Chief- Farris, Raymond H., S/Sgt, 15114703 from MIA to RTD
 - E. Radio Operator- DeLuca, Frank A., S/Sgt, 32453728 from MIA to RTD

b. Cause of Missing Aircraft.

- A. Plane made three approaches to designated Drop Zone, necessitated by failure of paratroopers to jump at proper time. On the third approach to DZ, both engines failed and the ship started burning as a direct result of enemy ground machine-gun fire.
- B. When engines failed all paratroops jumped from the plane with exception of one paratrooper who was seriously wounded when two grenades exploded in his pocket. Captain Cartwright and Flt O Magleby managed to land the disabled plane and remove the wounded paratrooper before the entire plane was afire. Name of wounded paratrooper is unknown.
- C. S/Sgt Farris and S/Sgt DeLuca received multiple lacerations of the face and legs in the crash landing. These injuries necessitated medical treatment. While making their way from the scene of the landing to the beach-head on 7 June 1944, Lt Osborne was slightly wounded in the buttock by a rifle bullet.

- [REDACTED]
- D. Lt Osborne was left on the beach-head under the care of Medical Corps personnel.
 - E. Capt Cartwright, Flt O Magleby, S/Sgt DeLuca and S/Sgt Farris were carried by a U.S. Navy LCVI from France to Southampton. From Southampton they were flown to Saltby Air Base, Saltby, Lincolnshire, England where they rejoined this unit at 2230 hours 10 June 1944.
 - F. Mission was accomplished, all para-packs seventeen (17) out of eighteen (18) paratroop were dropped at DZ.
 - G. Aircraft was totally destroyed by fire.

For the Commanding Officer:

Robert T. Larkin
ROBERT T. LARKIN,
Capt, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 314TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP, APO 133 U.S. ARMY. 11 June 1944.

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

Missing Air Crew Report referred to in basic communication was forwarded to your headquarters by letter of transmittal on 7 June 1944.

For the Group Commander:

E. J. Lovett
E. J. LOVETT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

