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 by E. A. BRADONAS, Lt. Col., AC
 by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
 Date ~~15-5-44~~

Fulbeck, Lincs. IX AF
 Station 488 IXTCC
 442nd T.C. Gp. 504th T.C. Sq.
 Fulbeck, Lincs, Eng 108° IP to DZ *
 Cherbourg, France Paratroop

Overcast from 1100 to 900 Visibility Restricted
 6/6/44 0235 β 3 min after hitting French
 coast on course between IP
 and DZ.

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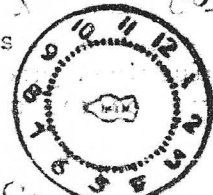
42-10874 C-17A 42-92462
 PW1330-92 CP 337319
 None

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Co Pilot	Killed	WILLIAMS JR, SAMUEL BILK	1st Lt.	0-800443
Navigation	Wounded	MONROE, WILLIAM JOHN	2nd Lt.	0-606833
Aerial Engineer	Killed	McPHERSON, PAUL MAX	2nd Lt.	0-707536
ACM AAF	Wounded	McCannless, Major McKinley	T/Set	58181944
	Wounded	Hudson, David Raymond	S/Set	SP124726

See attached List Of Passengers

15-5-1944
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11. IDENTIFY ALL PERSONS WHO WERE ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT, AND GIVE THE NAME, GRADE, AND SERVICE NUMBER OF EACH PERSON.

(Name in Full) (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Grade	Service Number	Remarks
WAILER, HAROLD W.	2nd Lt.	O-519364			X
COOPER, JEROME C.	2nd Lt.	O-200527			X

12. IF PERSONS ON BOARD WERE PARACHUTED, WERE THEY: (a) Parachuted, (b) Parachuted, or (c) by other reason (Specify) No Information Available

13. LIST THE NAMES OF ALL PERSONS WHO WERE ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT. See Sketch Attached.

14. LIST THE NAMES OF ALL PERSONS WHO WERE ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT. * No Information Available.

15. LIST THE NAMES OF ALL PERSONS WHO WERE ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT. * No Information Available.

Date of Report 8 June 1944

J. D. Burrows
 MAJOR A.C.
 GROUP PERSONNEL

*Because of restricted visibility aircraft was not seen to go down and no statements of witnesses can be submitted.

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT (Continued)

1. The following persons were passengers aboard the missing Air Craft Number 23-2402, 304th Troop Carrier Squadron, 412d Troop Carrier Group on 8 June 1944:

No.	ASI	RANK	NAME	ORGANIZATION
1	0-429448	1st Lt	✓ 1 Houck, Arthur J.	507 P I
2	337 457	Pvt	✓ 2 Crone, Chester R.	507 P I
3	3511376	T-5	✓ 3 Koenig, Frank W.	507 P I
4	14013714	Pvt	✓ 4 Wetherington, James D.	507 P I
5	1301455	Cpl	✓ 5 Williams, John D.	507 P I
6	3382817	Pfc	✓ 6 Sutton, Clifford R.	507 P I
7	33529347	Pfc	✓ 7 Myers, Lorenza	507 P I
8	33493896	Pvt	✓ 8 Klein, Wilbur W.	507 P I
9	33907496	Pvt	✓ 9 Wetzel, Dayrl F.	507 P I
10	36440981	Pvt	✓ 10 Glass, Harvey J.	507 P I
11	15068541	Pvt	✓ 11 Gray, Manis F.	507 P I
12	33828991	Pvt	✓ 12 Woodard, John R.	507 P I
13	1407410	Pvt	✓ 13 Brothers, Lawrence B.	507 P I
14	1407412	Sgt	✓ 14 Subalta, Franklin	507 P I

Date of Report 8 June 1944

J. H. Burrows Maj. ac
 (Signature of Reporting Off)
 MAJOR - A. C.
 GROUP PERSONNEL

HEADQUARTERS
50TH TROOP CARRIER WING

I/P/15

APO 133, U S Army,
13 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplemental Information on Missing Air Crew Report.

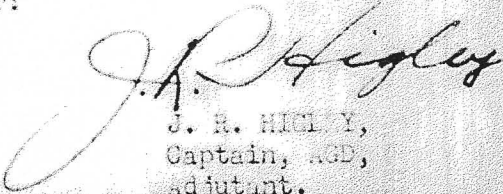
TO : Commanding General, IX Troop Carrier Command, APO 133, U S Army.
ATTN: Casualty Section.

1. Additional local marking on aircraft C-47A 42-92462, shown on Missing Air Crew Report, previously submitted, are as follows:

- a. Nose marking "V-4".
- b. Tail marking "P".

2. To further identify this report, crew members were Williams, Donohue, McPherson, McCanless and Madson.

For the Commanding Officer:


J. R. HIGLEY,
Captain, AGD,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
442ND TROOP CARRIER GROUP
A.P.O. 133, U.S. ARMY

JEF/316

26 June, 1944

SUBJECT: Erroneous Battle Casualty Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 50th Troop Carrier Wing, APO 133, U.S. Army.

1. Second Lieutenant Paul Max McPherson, ASN O-707526, 504th Troop Carrier Squadron, 442nd Troop Carrier Group, was erroneously reported Missing in Action 6 June 1944 per TWX 442TCGU150C dated 10 June 1944, and Missing Air Crew Report C-47A 42-92462 reported 8 June 1944 by this Headquarters, and B.C.R. Control #3 this Headquarters. This has been corrected per TWX 442TCGU320C dated 27 June 1944 and B.C.R. Control #5 this Headquarters.

2. Second Lieutenant Albert Charles Brooks, ASN O-814017, 504th Troop Carrier Squadron, 442nd Troop Carrier Group, should have been reported Missing in Action 6 June 1944 instead of Second Lieutenant Paul Max McPherson, ASN O-707526. This has been corrected per TWX 442TCGU190C dated 27 June 1944 and B.C.R. Control #6 this Headquarters.

3. The error occurred when the Casualty Reports were prepared from information taken from the Loading Manifest of the missing aircraft. There had been a last minute change in navigators, Second Lieutenant Albert Charles Brooks replacing Second Lieutenant Paul Max McPherson as navigator which was not reflected in the Loading Manifest.

4. Steps have been taken to preclude the possibility of such errors in future reports.

For the Commanding Officer:

John D. Burrows
JOHN D. BURROWS,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Personnel Officer.

1st Ind.

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BY 50TH TR CARR CO, APO 133, U.S. Army, 30 June 1944.

TO: CG, IX Tr Carr Comd, APO 133, U.S. Army.
ATTN: Casualty Section.

Request basic communication be considered as a supplement to Missing Air Crew Report.

For the Commanding Officer:

J. R. Hickey
J. R. HICKEY,
Captain, APO,
Adjutant.

6 JUN 1944

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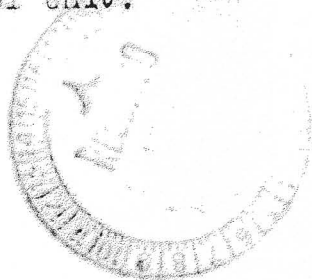
AG 704 (28 June 44)

2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, IX TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, APO 133, US ARMY. 4 July 1944

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Pearl), APO 695, US ARMY.
ATTN: 26th Statistical Control Unit.



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HEADQUARTERS
IX TROOP CARRIER COMMAND

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APO 133, US Army
2 July 1944

AG 704 (2 July 44)

SUBJECT: Initial Status Change Report

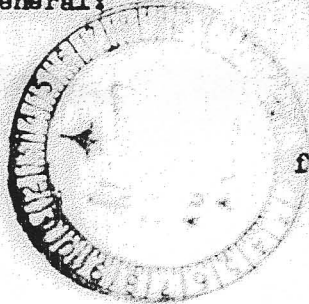
TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear), APO 696,
US Army. ATTN: AG, Casualty Section.

1. The following TWX received from the 442nd Troop Carrier Group is repeated for your information:

"Cite TWX 442 TCG U150C, dated 10 June 44 and Missing Air Crew Report C-47A 42-92462, reported 8 June 44 by 442nd Troop Carrier Group, 304th Troop Carrier Squadron, and B.C.R. Number three, 442nd Troop Carrier Group, dated 9 June 44. Second Lt. Paul Max McPherson, O-707537, 304th Squadron, 442nd Troop Carrier Group, erroneously reported MIA, 6 June 44. SMITH"

2. Lt McPherson's name was erroneously placed on loading list in place of 2nd Lt. Charles A. Brooks, O-814017, 442nd Troop Carrier Group. Lt Brooks has been reported Missing in Action on Initial Battle Casualty TWX from his group, dated 27 June 1944.

For the Commanding General:



/s/ J E Brice, Major AGD

for O. W. HOWLAND,
Colonel, A.G.D.
Adjutant General

A TRUE COPY:

W T Moran, Jr.
W T MORAN, JR.,
1st Lt. AC,
Asst Adj General.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

S: 25 September 1944.

JWP/eg.

APO 871.

5 September 1944.

AG 319.1

SUBJECT: Supplemental Information

TO: Commanding General, 82nd Airborne division, APO 469.

1. Records of this headquarters indicate that the personnel listed below are present for duty with the 507th Parachute Infantry:

Pvt. James C. Wetherington	14013714
Cpl. John D. Williams	13081455
Pfc. Clifford R. Sutton	35623817
Pvt. Lawrence A. Brothers	18097420

2. These men were passengers aboard aircraft number 42-92462 which is carried on Theater records as missing in action, 6 June 1944.

3. Statements by the above named enlisted men are requested concerning the loss of aircraft 42-92462. Statements should include the information noted below:

- a. ✓ If all passengers parachuted from aircraft.
- b. ✓ If plane encountered enemy aircraft, anti-aircraft or small arms fire.
- c. ✓ Condition, location and time when aircraft last contacted.
- d. ✓ Any information pertaining to the welfare or whereabouts of the crew members of subject aircraft.
- e. ✓ Additional information that is available or relevant to the loss of aircraft.

By command of General Eisenhower:

M. Grano
M. GRANO,
1st Lt. AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

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2d Ind.

Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 13 September 1944.

TO: Commanding General, 17th Airborne Division, APO 452.

Forwarded as a letter pertaining to our command.

For the Commanding General:

J. D. Gray
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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2d Ind.

JDG/rbw

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO 452, U. S. Army, 13 September 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 507th Parachute Infantry, APO 230, U. S. Army.

For compliance with paragraph 3 and return of correspondence through this Headquarters.

By command of Major General MILEY:

J. D. Gray
JOHN D. GRAY
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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3rd Ind.

EDR/wfm

HEADQUARTERS 507TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY, APO 230, U. S. Army, 19
September 1944.

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 971,
U. S. Army. (Thru: Commanding General, 17th Airborne Div.,
APO 452, U. S. Army.)

In compliance with basic communication, the following infor-
mation is submitted:

(a) All passengers parachuted from plane. Pvt. Lawrence
Brothers, next to last man, was interviewed and stated that he
saw all men in front of him jump and he was with the last man
after hitting the ground.

(b) Anti-aircraft encountered prior to jump and during jump
consisted of light flak and considerable small arms fire.

(c) Sticks jumped at 0244 hour close to Jogenville, France,
coordinate 329035 Map Cherbourg-Valognes, France, scale 1:100 000
sheet 6E. Plane had not been hit.

(d) No information on welfare of or whereabouts of crew.
None were hit prior to drop.

(e) No additional information relevant to loss of aircraft.

(f) The following named men, all members of plane in question,
were interviewed:

Cpl. John D. Williams	13091455
Pfc. Clifford R. Sutton	35623817
Pvt. Harvey J. Glass	36440981
Pvt. Lawrence B. Brothers	18097420

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Colonel, 507th Parachute Infantry,
Commanding.

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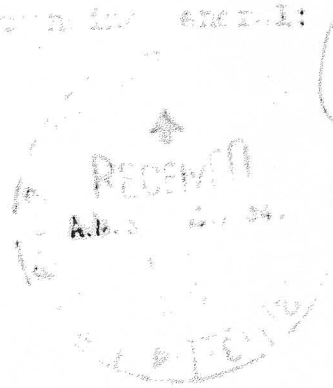
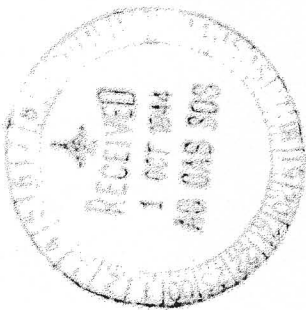
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17th Air Force, APO 871, US Army, 20 September 1944.

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, 871, APO 871.

Attention: Operations Section, 1st Air Corps.

or via Commanding General:



A. S. S. S.
Capt., 1st Air Corps
1st Adj Gen

AG 704

5th Ind.

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Hq, UK BASE, Com Z, European T of Opns, APO 871, US Army

27 Sept 1944

TO: Commanding General, Com Z, European T of Opns, APO 887, US Army.

CEB
C.E.B. 27 SEPT 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY.

JWP/eg.

APO 871.

2 September 1944.

AG 360.33.

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

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

1. Forwarded herewith Missing Air Crew Report and allied papers of aircraft 42-92462 of the Ninth Air Force.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of the crew members of subject aircraft to be as shown below:

MIA	Pilot	1st Lt. Samuel B. Williams, Jr.,	0-800443	KIA	6 June 1944.
DED	Co-pilot	2nd Lt. William J. Donohue,	0-696839	MIA	6 June 1944.
DED	Navigator	2nd Lt. Albert C. Brooks,	0-814017	MIA	6 June 1944.
KIA	Aerial EngT/Sgt.	Major M. McCanless,	38181944	KIA	6 June 1944.
DEL	ROM AAF	S/Sgt. David R. Madson	19124726	MIA	6 June 1944.

3. Correspondence has been initiated by this headquarters to obtain additional information pertaining to the loss of subject aircraft, from the passengers who were aboard aircraft and who are now present for duty with the 82nd Airborne Division.

For the Commanding General:

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

3 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report, 442nd T.C.Gp.
C-47A, 42-92462, 6 June 1944.
- Incl 2 - Letter from Hq 442nd T.C.Gp. Sub:
"Erroneous Battle Casualty Report", dated 28 June 1944.
- Incl 3 - True copy of letter from Hq IX T.C.Command, AG 704.
Sub: "Initial Status Change Report", dated 2 July 1944.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO AFPPA-8-WLT/wac

22 July 1946

Case #117

SUBJECT: 2nd Lt. William J. Donohue, O-696839

TO: Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Office
Graves Registration Service Command
TSFET Rear
APO #887, New York, New York

Request that an investigation be made of the case of subject officer and the other members of his crew, and a complete report be forwarded to this Headquarters, ATTN: AFPPA-8

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls

1. Overlay of Map
2. 3rd Ind fr IX Troop
Carrier Command, dtd
31 October 1944

William H. Brandon
WILLIAM H. BRANDON
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

Basic: Ltr. from Hq. AAF, Washington, D.C., dtd 22/7/46, subj:
2nd Lt. William J. Donohue, O-696839.

AFPPA-8-WLT/wac

1st Ind.

MGL/mb

MISSING AIRCREW RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION OFFICE, HEADQUARTERS,
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND, EUROPEAN THEATER AREA,
APO 887 U.S. ARMY. 4 February 1947.

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, Army Air Forces,
Washington, D.C. ATTN: AFPPA-8-WLT.

1. In compliance with Basic Communication, investigation
was conducted and the following information was disclosed :

- a. Lt. Samuel B. WILLIAMS, O-800443 is presently
buried in U.S. Military Cemetery, Ste Mère l'Eglise
No.2, France, Plot: W, Row: 8 - Grave: 158.
- b. T/Sgt. Major M. Mc CANLESS, 38181944 buried
in U.S. Military Cemetery, Ste Mère l'Eglise
No.2, France, Plot: W, Row:8. Grave: 159.
- c. The other members of the crew: 2nd Lt. William
J. Donohue, 2nd Lt. Albert C. Brooks and S/Sgt.
David R. Madson are buried in Ste Mère l'Eglise
Cemetery No.2 as X-Unknowns will be disinterred
and processed thru the C.I.P. where identifica-
tion will be established.

2. Complete report of this identification will be for-
warded to your Office upon receipt.

M.G. LORANCE
M.G. LORANCE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Director.

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2d Ind

Hq, AAF, Washington 25, D. C.

12 Feb 47

TO: Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

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