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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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.

1. ORGANIZATION; Location USAAF Sta 474 Command or Air Force IX TCG
Group PA 35th TC CGP Squadron 77th TC SQ Detachment None
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure USAAF Sta 474 Course 82
Intended Destination USAAF Sta 474 Type of mission parachute drop
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED Mist, Low Ceiling
4. GIVE: (a) DATE 6 June 1944 Time 0120 hours E and Location E. of Greenville, 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; (X) Enemy anti-aircraft;
() Other circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series C-47A A.A.F. Serial No 42-10577
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800-22 A.A.F. Serial No (a) 02-30001
(b) 10007 (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 WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 4 Passengers 17 Total 21
(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	KONALSKI, JAMES J.	1st Lt	0-675423
2.	Co-pilot	KONALSKI, JAMES J.	1st Lt	0-600511
3.	Special Engineer	WILSON, WALTER E.	S/Sgt	5270143
4.	Radio Operator	WILSON, WALTER E.	Sgt	5270143
5.	Passenger	WILSON, WALTER E.	Sgt	5270143
6.	Passenger	WILSON, WALTER E.	Pvt	5270143
7.	Passenger	WILSON, WALTER E.	Pfc	5270143
8.	Passenger	WILSON, WALTER E.	Pvt	15176175

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(Appendix No 1A, Memo No 25-6, HQ, Ninth Air Force, 15 Feb 44, Contd.)

- 9. Passenger DEINZIG, EDWARD Pvt 32601458
 - 10. Passenger YOUNG, JAMES M. Cpl 1522779
- See attached sheet.

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		Last Seen	Forced Landing
			by	Radio		
1. <u>GIACOMINI, ROLLO J.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>33290043</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. _____						
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) unable to answer.
- 13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN.
- 14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CAUSE, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE.
- 15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND FIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE HERE no search.

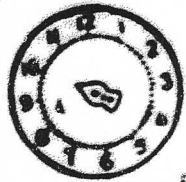
Date of Report 8 June 1944

Jack Mims
 (Signature of preparing Officer)
 JACK MIMS,
 2d Lt. Air Corps,
 Unit Personnel Co.

IDENTIFYING MARKS ON PLANE OTHER THAN SERIAL NO.

THE LETTERS "ID" ON NOSE JUST BEHIND PILOT'S WINDOW.
 THE LETTER "J" ON TAIL FIN.

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PARAGRAPH 10: (cont'd) - NUMBER PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE:

11. Passenger	✓ Edwards, Melvin D. ✓	Cpl	30673071	MIA
12. Passenger	✓ Simons, Walter A. ✓	Pfc	10170506	MIA
13. Passenger	✓ Brown, Leonard L. ✓	Pvt	10170097	MIA
14. Passenger	✓ Flourco, Donat M. ✓	Pvt	31147943	MIA
15. Passenger	✓ Jones, Edward L. ✓	Pvt	10004200	MIA
16. Passenger	✓ Lopez, Manuel R. ✓	Pvt	30070520	MIA
17. Passenger	✓ Giriani, Joseph C. ✓	Pvt	30070005	MIA
18. Passenger	✓ Crouch, Everett G. ✓	Sd Lt	O-120531	MIA
19. Passenger	✓ Berlin, John C. ✓	T/5th Cr.	10010004	MIA
20. Passenger	✓ Marlow, Jack L. ✓	Pvt	30000000	MIA
21. Passenger	✓ Goodall, Frank W. ✓	Pfc	10010003	MIA

ALL PASSENGERS WERE MEMBERS OF 501 PARA. INF. REG., 101 AIRBORNE DIV.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

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AG 360.33

APO 871.
7 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Force, Washington, D.C.
ATTENTION: Statistical Control Division.

1. Forwarded herewith, Missing Air Crew Report of the Ninth Air Force.
2. This headquarters has been unable to obtain any supplementary information as all the Paratroopers who were passengers aboard subject aircraft are shown on records of this headquarters as missing or killed in action.

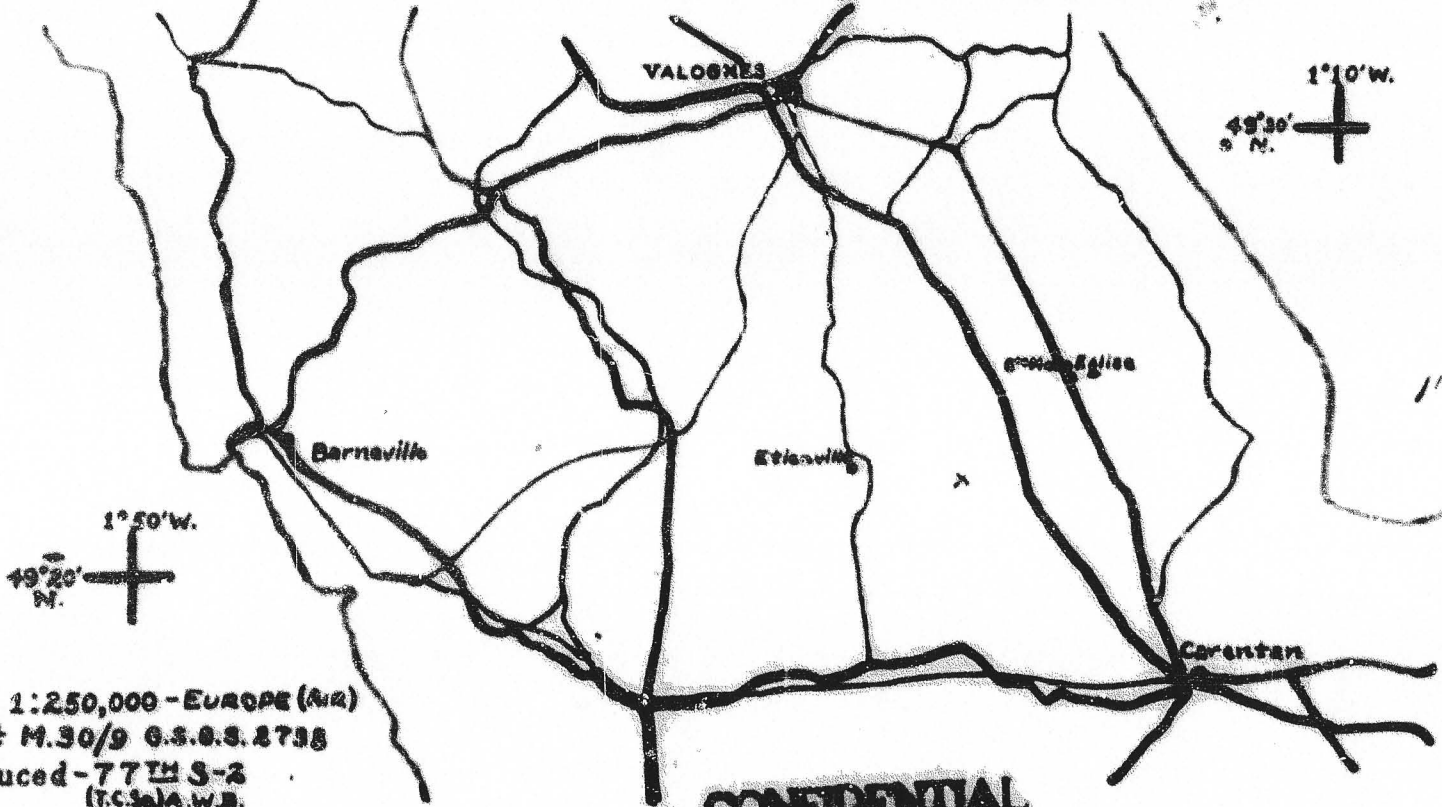
For the Theater Commander:

J. M. Reed
H. M. REED,
Lt. Col., AGS, 2
Asst. Adjutant General.

✓ 1 Incl:
Missing Air Crew Report, 435 Troop Carrier Sq.
C-47A, 42-24077, 6 June 1944.

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8 June 1944

Our ship was flying on the right wing of the third flight of the second wave. Lt Hamblin was flying on the left wing of the third flight of the second wave. I was in the rear of the ship waiting for the four airmen waiting when I noticed our lead ship begin to let down, at this time we were at approximately 1500 ft.

Visibility was very poor as we started down into the over cast. Lt. Hamblin did not follow the lead ship but continued at 1500 ft.

I did not see his ship after that and I also did not see anyone jump.

Emilio J. Diacomin
EMILIO J. DIACOMIN,
T/Sgt., Air Corps,
Crew Chief

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208-Humbila, James J. (S) 1st Lt W/Sec.
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, AND OSG, US ARMY 24 JAN 1945

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

Inclosed correspondence concerning 1st Lt James J. Humbila O-578428
is directed to this Headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

W. T. MORAN, Jr.,
Captain, ASG
Asst. Adj. General

1 Encl.
1-Dispensation Form, Sq, AAF
dat 19 Dec 44 with 2 Incls.

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201-Hamblin, James J. (O) 1st Lt/Inf.
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US ARMY 24 JAN 1945

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

Inclosed correspondence concerning 1st Lt James J. Hamblin O-675435
misdirected to this Headquarters.



For the Commanding General:

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W. F. MORAN
Captain, AGO
Asst. Adj General

1 Incl:
1-Disposition Form, Hq, AAF
dtc 19 Dec 44 with 2 incls.



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**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

ATTENTION:

19 December 1944.

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SUBJECT: First Lieutenant James J. Hamblin, 0675423

**TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, A.P.O. 696,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.**

1. Reference is made to request from this headquarters
23 October 1944, concerning details of death of subject officer.

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2. Request that this report be expedited.

For the Commanding General:

E. A. Bradunas

**E. A. BRADUNAS,
Major, Air Corps,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.**



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201 - Hamblin, James J. (C) 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, U. S. ARMY.

27 JAN 1945

**TO: Commanding General, European T of Opns USA, APO 887, U. S. ARMY.
(Attn: A. C. Casualty Division)**

1. Correspondence mentioned in basic communication forwarded to your Headquarters
by 3rd Indorsement dated 22 December 1944.

2. Status of 1st Lt. James J. Hamblin, O-675423 changed to killed in action on
BCR No. 2-17, your Headquarters, dated 3 September 1944.

For the Commanding General:



J. M. ...

**J. M. ...
Captain, AGD,
1st Adj. Gen.**

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HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN T OF OFCS, APO 807, US ARMY, 4 Feb 45

J/SP *[Handwritten initials]*
(22)

TO: CG, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, DC.

Subject correspondence was forwarded to your headquarters by our 4th indorsement, file as above, dated 4 Jan 1945, copy of which is attached.

For the Theater Commander:

[Handwritten signature]
H.M. READ
Colonel AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

1 Incl.:
Copy 4th Ind Hq ETOUSA
file AG 704 Cas dated
4 January 1945.

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K JH*

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COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



ATTENTION:

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

October 23, 1944

SUBJECT: First Lieutenant James J. Hamblin, 0675423, deceased.

**TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, A.P.O. 696,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.**

1. Reference is made to Missing Air Crew Report, 8 June 1944,
77th Troop Carrier Squadron, 435th Troop Carrier Group, aircraft
C-47A, serial number 42-24077.

2. Request information as to evidence of death found concern-
ing First Lieutenant James J. Hamblin.

For the Commanding General:

E. A. Bradburn

**E. A. BRADBURN,
Major, A. G. D.,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.**

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201 - Hamblin, James J. (O) 1st ind.
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, U. S. ARMY. **6 DEC 1944**

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TO: Commanding General, IX Tr Carr Comd, APO 133, U. S. Army.

Letter pertaining to your command.

For the Commanding General:

W. T. ...

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**W. T. ...
Captain, ADJ,
Asst. Adj. Gen.**

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3rd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, 1A TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, APO 103, US ARMY, 12 December 1944

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, US Army;
ATTENTION: AG Casualty Section.

1. This headquarters has no information concerning the death of Lieutenant HAMBLIN.
2. Casualty status of subject officer was changed from MIA to KIA based on casualty status change report number 15 received from your headquarters.
3. It is requested that your headquarters furnish necessary information for compliance with basic communication.

For the Commanding General:

J. E. B.
 J. E. B. BIRD
 Major, A. G.
 Acting Adjutant General
 0-16411



201-Hamblin, James J. (O) 3rd Ind.
 HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US ARMY 22 DEC 1944

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TO: Commanding General, European T of Opns USA, APO 887, US Army
(ATTN: AG Casualty Division).

Attention invited to basic communication and preceding indorsement. Subject officer reported KIA per BCR #2271, your Headquarters, dated 3 September 1944.

For the Commanding General:



W. T. Moran
 W. T. MORAN
 Captain, AGO,
 Asst Adj Gen.
 0-6109

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Approved
JM/SP
[Signature]

AG 704 Cas

4th Inf.

HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 867, US ARMY

4 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, DC.

1. Records this headquarters show that status of subject officer was changed to killed in action 6 June 1944 on the basis of Report of Burial received at this headquarters.

2. Burial Report indicates that Lt Hamblin was buried 16 June 1944 in Plasville Cemetery, France. *Temporary*

For the Theater Commander:

buried in Plasville, France

[Signature]
H. V. RINE
Colonel AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

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[Signature]

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1st Lt. James J. Khablin

Rev. J. Fred Khablin, (Father)
28 Garret Street,
Bordentown, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. Joseph E. Kowalski

Mrs. Florine P. Kowalski, (Wife)
140 McCullough Street,
Sabolis, Pennsylvania.

2/Sgt. Milton E. Jones

Mrs. Fay E. Jones, (Wife)
3008 Danna Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Sgt. Clarence A. Koveraki

Mrs. Mary Ann Koveraki, (Wife)
175 East Leonard Street,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.