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to
by E. A. BRADNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MURPHY, Capt., AC
Date 10/10/1948

HEADQUARTERS
439TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

- ORGANIZATION: Location Wentworth, Devon, Eng. Command or Air Force IX TCC
Group 439th Troop Carrier Squadron 1st Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Wentworth, Devon, Eng. Course see other side
Intended Destination see other side Type of Mission Para-Drop
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Broken clouds at 1400 ft., visibility five miles.
- GIVE: (a) Date 6 June 44 Time 01:12 P. and Location 1 mi. S. of Barnardale on
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane. Charbourg Peninsula, France
(b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; () Last contacted by Radio; () Forced
down; () Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
- AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF: (Check
only one) (X) Enemy Airplane; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circum-
stances as follows: _____
- AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series C-47a; AAF Serial No. 42-92695
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series RAF R1430-32; AAF Serial No. (a) CP-355243
(b) CP-355245 (c) _____ (d) _____
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No.) (none)
(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty NA
(b) Non Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 5 Passengers 17 Total 22
(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
K1A1. Pilot	CAPELLI, HAROLD ANDREW	1st Lt	0530935
DED2. Co-Pilot	FRANZELLI, JOHN JOSEPH	2d Lt	0696844
DED3. Navigator	WILSON, BERNARD (HAI)	2d Lt	0698426
DED4. Engineer	Millotock, Jr., Albert Ray	Sgt	18201054
DED5. Radio Operator	Thompson, Norman Elbert	Sgt	36476582
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7.			
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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)	Serial Rsnv Number	Contacted		Saw	
		By	Last	Crash	Landing
1. SAVERCOOL, CLIFFORD L. 2d Lt. 0805687			X		
2.					
3.					

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used yes; (b) PERSONS WERE seen walking away from scene of crash _____ or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SECTION, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYE-WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND CIVIL NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE WERE (none)



Date of Report 8 June 64

Charles E. Baumister
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 CHARLES E. BAUMISTER,
 2d Lt, AG.
 Personnel O.

All personnel listed on this report will be shown as MIA after a minimum absence of 72 hours as prescribed by regulations.

IDENTIFYING MARKS OTHER THAN SERIAL NO.

- 1 4 (Squadron Insignia) on nose of plane.
- U (Field Order) on tail section of plane.

SEARCHED _____
 INDEXED _____
 SERIALIZED _____
 FILED _____
 May 20 1964
 Air Force Office of Aerospace and Astronautics, Room 3111, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202

REMARKS: _____

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AFD No. 132,
7 June 1944.

Subject: Missing in Action.

TO : [REDACTED] of my command.

On the morning of 3 June 1944 I was flying formation over the Chagossou Islands, France, with the 439th Troop Carrier Group. We entered an overcast about one and one half miles from Barnville and about six minutes from our destination, when a plane to my left flown by Lt CAPELLINO of the 91st Troop Carrier Squadron veered to the left and dropped out of sight in the overcast. I didn't see anything hit Lt CAPELLINO'S ship but when we cleared the overcast he was missing and Paratroopers, who evidently had bailed out, were sighted. I didn't see Lt CAPELLINO'S ship any more after this and I couldn't say for sure that the Paratroopers were from his plane.

Clifford L. Sawyer
CLIFFORD L. SAWYER, LT,
2d Lt, AG,

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2nd Lt. Harold A. Capellano

Mrs. Margaret L. Capellano, (wife)
1199 Highway Street,
Colorado City, Texas.

2nd Lt. John J. Fanelli

Mrs. Frances L. Fanelli, (wife)
Auboy, Illinois.

2nd Lt. Edward Friedman

Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Friedman, (parents)
244 East 134th Street,
New York, New York.

Sgt. Albert R. Tillston, Jr.

Mr. Frank L. Tillston, (brother)
237 Saint Paul Street,
Brookline 44, Massachusetts.

Sgt. Norman E. Thompson

Mrs. Mary C. Thompson, (mother)
28 West Elm Street,
Hartford, Illinois.

S/Sgt. Murray H. Roberts

Mrs. Nancy L. Roberts, (wife)
1106 East Curtis Street,
Tampa, Florida.

Pvt. Levent L. Oate

Mrs. Della F. Oate, (mother)
Norvan Star House,
Wana, Arkansas.

PFC Sergio G. Noya

Mr. James C. Noya, (father)
613 Cypress Street,
South San Francisco, California.

Pvt. Elmer L. Tolsted

Mrs. Mary Tolsted, (mother)
1911 Spahn Avenue,
Madison, Wisconsin.

PFC Gerald B. Snider

Mrs. Dorothy E. Snider, (wife)
1604 Fourth Street,
Berkeley, Calif.

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Pvt. George L. Elliott

Mrs. Nelson M. Elliott, (wife)
137 Armstrong Drive,
Susan, Virginia.

Pvt. Thomas W. Warren

Mrs. Della F. Warren, (mother)
611 Deuster Road,
Brookhaven, Georgia.

Pvt. Jerry A. ^{Hanson} ~~Wheeler~~

Mrs. Marion S. Allabaugh, (mother)
Gardner, Montana.

Pvt. William T. McConigal, Jr.

Mrs. William T. McConigal, (mother)
18 Eastern Parkway,
Devoe, Connecticut.

1st Lt. Thomas Kuchan

Mrs. Anne G. Kuchan, (wife)
5553 Logansia Avenue,
Philadelphia 44, Pennsylvania.

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1st Sgt. William S. Swann

Mr. Thomas L. Evans, (father) ✓
106 Stanford,
Houston, Texas.

Sgt. Elmer L. Murray, Jr.

Mrs. Irma S. Murray, (mother) ✓
715 South Fremont Avenue,
Inglewood, California.

T/5th Grade Herman F. Collins

Mrs. Clara Collins, (mother) ✓
Box 911,
Palm City, California.

Sgt. Richard H. Cook

Mrs. Kath V. Cook, (wife) ✓
120 First Cook Street,
Winchester, Virginia.

Sgt. Carl W. Riggs

Mrs. Katie M. Goshorn, (sister) ✓
815 Walker Street,
Watscoville, California.

T/5th Grade Ralph H. Wiser

Mrs. Lillie E. Wiser, (mother) ✓
Riverton, West Virginia.

Pvt. John N. Miller

Mrs. Dorothy N. Miller, (mother) ✓
2519 Cleveland Avenue,
New Orleans 19, Louisiana.

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PASSENGERS, ALL MEMBERS OF 2D BN, 506TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

1st Lt	M MEEHAN, THOMAS	0 437 484	KIA
1st Sgt	W Evans, William S	18 117 497	KIA
S/Sgt	W Roberts, Murray B	14 083 048	KIA
Sgt	W Murray, Elmer L. Jr.	19 126 297	KIA
Sgt	W Owen, Richard E	20 366 291	KIA
Sgt	W Riggs, Carl N	39 103 579	KIA
T/5	W Collins, Herman F	11 098 660	KIA
T/6	W Wimer, Ralph H	33 446 711	KIA
Pfc	W Moya, Sergio G	39 124 765	KIA
Pfc	W Snider, Gerald R	15 107 810	KIA
Pvt	W Elliott, George L	14 139 866	KIA
Pvt	W McGonigal, William T	11 102 116	KIA
Pvt	W Miller, John N. →	33 218 794	KIA
Pvt	W Oats, Ernest	15 331 144	KIA
Pvt	W Felstad, Elmer L	36 816 763	KIA
Pvt	W Warren, Thomas W	14 147 423	KIA
Pvt	W Wantzel, Jerry A	19 112 534	KIA

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W. J. E.
M. J. E.
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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

JWP/wcj

APC 871

22 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 of the Ninth Air Force.
2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of the crew members of aircraft number 42-93095 to be missing in action, 6 June 1944, with the exception of 1st Lt. Harold A. Capelluto, O-530935, who is carried as killed in action, 6 June 1944.
3. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of the passengers aboard subject aircraft to be missing in action, 6 June 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

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

Incl:
 Missing Air Crew Report, 439th T.C. Gp
 C-47A, 42-93095, 6 June 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

September 25, 1944

SUBJECT: Second Lieutenant Bernard Friedman, 0698426,
91st Troop Carrier Squadron, 439th Troop Carrier Group,
Missing in Action 6 June 1944.

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

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which the subject named was reported missing (in action) on the date shown.

2. A search of the records of this headquarters indicates that a Missing Air Crew Report, as required by A.G.O. letter, 23 May 1943, (AG 360.33 (5-21-43)CB-S-AF-M), has not been received to date in this case. It is requested that this report be forwarded with the least practicable delay.

For the Commanding General:



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E. A. BRADUNA,
Major, A. C. D.,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief Air Staff, Personnel.

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26TH STATISTICAL CONTROL UNIT, HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE,
APO 696, U S Army, 9 November 1944.

To: Commanding General, US Strategic Air Forces In Europe,
APO 633, U S Army.

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

For the Commanding Officer:

Edward Steuber
EDWARD STEUBER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst OPR's Officer.

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2nd Ind.
 HQ, U.S. STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE, APO 835, U.S. ARMY. NOV 14 1944
 TO: C.G., IX Troop Carrier Command, APO 133, U.S. Army.

REF

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AG 704. (25 Sept 1944)

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HEADQUARTERS, IX TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, APO 133, US ARMY, 17 November 1944

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, US Army, APO 887.
 ATTENTION: AG Casualty Division.

1. The following information is submitted concerning the circumstances under which 2nd Lt Bernard Friedman, O-698426, 91st Squadron, 439th Troop Carrier Group, was reported Missing in Action, 6 June 1944.

a. Missing Air Crew Report O-47A, 42-93095, 1st Lt Capeliuto, pilot, was forwarded to Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, ATTENTION: 26th Statistical Control Unit, 14 June 1944.

b. Aircraft departed from Upottery, Devon, England, 5 June 1944, on a paratroop mission, with intended destination, Cherbourg, Peninsula, France.

c. Last sighted at 01:12 hours, 6 June 1944, just before entering overcast about one and one half miles from Barnville, France, and about six minutes from destination. Subject aircraft veered to the left and dropped out of sight in the overcast.

d. Crew Members:

1st Lt HAROLD A CAPELIUTO	O-530935	Pilot
2nd Lt JOHN J PANELLI	O-696844	Co-Pilot
2nd Lt BERNARD FRIEDMAN	O-698426	Navigator
Sgt Albert R Tillotson, Jr	16201054	Crew Chief
Sgt Norman E Thompson	36476582	Radio Oper

e. Passengers consisted of 1 officer and 10 enlisted men of the 2d Bn 56th Parachute Infantry.

2. All members of the crew are still carried as Missing in Action by this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:



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O W HOWLAND
 Colonel A G D
 Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 27 November 1944

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

1. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of all crew members of aircraft number 42-93095 to be missing in action, 6 June 1944, with the exception of 1st Lt. Harold A. Capelluto, O-530935, whose status is killed in action, 6 June 1944.

2. Original Missing Air Crew Report of subject aircraft was forwarded to your headquarters by letter, this headquarters, 360.33, 22 September 1944.

For the Commanding General:

H. M. Rund
H. M. RUND,
Colonel, AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.



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