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MISSING AIR CRAFT 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.

Station No 488

9th T.C.C. #

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Fulbeck, Lincs, Eng or Air Force IX A.F.
Group 442d T.C.Gp. Squadron 303rd TC Sq Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of departure Fulbeck, Lincs, Eng 108° *
Intended destination Cherbourg, France Type of mission Paratroop
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR TIME REPORTED: Restricted Visibility, Overcast from 1100 to 900 feet
4. GIVE: (a) Date 6/6/44 Time 0242 B and location Half way Between Peoria &
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane. DZ on course.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; () last contacted by radio;
() Parachuted; () other; or (X) Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT TYPE, MAKE, MODEL AND SERIAL NO. IF KNOWN, OR IF UNKNOWN, AS APPLICABLE:
(Check one) () Enemy Airplane, (X) Enemy Unit-Aircraft; () Other
circumstances as follows:

6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Serial No. C-47A; A.A. Serial No. 42-92415
7. ENGINE: Type, Model and Serial No. R&W 1830-92 Serial No. (a) CP 350833
(b) CP 352201 (c)
8. INSTALLATION: (a) () (b) NONE (c)
9. TYPE OF SERVICE: (a) Battle Casualty; (b) X **
or (c) Non Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD: Crew 4 Passengers 16 Total 20
(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	<u>Prince, John Jacob</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>0-696801</u>	<u>RTD</u>
2.	Co-Pilot	<u>Loeb, Joseph Kahn</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>T-1349</u>	<u>RTD</u>
3.	Aerial Engineer	<u>Schultz, Francis Hugo</u>	<u>P/W T/Sgt</u>	<u>32093342</u>	<u>RTD</u>
4.	ROM,AAF	<u>Charlton, Ralph Earnest</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>35216327</u>	<u>RTD</u>

SEE ATTACHED LIST FOR PASSENGERS

*Course: Fulbeck, Lincs, Eng. to BILL of Portland to Cherbourg Peninsula & return.
**Will be reported as MIA after a minimum of 72 hours, as prescribed by regulations.

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11. IDENTIFY ALL PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST VIEWED OR APPROXIMATELY, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR LIST:

(Name in Full) (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Radio	Last Sighted	See Cross.	Forced Landing
1. HARRIS, CLIFFORD F.	Capt.	0411308		X		
2. DEWOLF, NORBERT E.	2nd Lt.	0702823		X		
3. WOHR, WILLIAM H.	2nd Lt.	0686682		X		

12. IF PERSONS 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) No Information Available

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN. See Attached Sketch

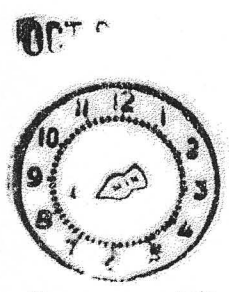
14. ATTACH ANY OTHER DESCRIPTION OF GROUND, WATER, LAND, OR OTHER OBJECTS WHICH MIGHT BE HELD TO BE NEAR TO MISSING AIRPLANE. No Information Available. *

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND NAME AND RANK OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE. No Information Available

Date of Report 8 June 1944

J. A. Burnett
Major, Air Corps
Group Personnel O.

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



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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT CONTINUED

The following persons were passengers aboard the missing Air Craft Number 42-72417, 303rd Troop Carrier Squadron, 442nd Troop Carrier Group on 6 June 1944:

NO.	ASN	RANK	NAME	UNIT
1	19073282	S/Sgt	^Y Farrington, Carl H.	Hq Co 1st Bn 507 P.I.
2	20312302	Cpl	Vavro, Joseph J.	" " " " " "
3	12065811	Pvt	Wilbert, William J.	" " " " " "
4	33275058	Pvt	Popivchak, George.	" " " " " "
5	14099708	Pvt	McGlothren, Clarence	" " " " " "
6	34350035	Pvt	Stroud, Lewis M.E.	" " " " " "
7	38432336	Pvt	Corley, Nathan D.	" " " " " "
8	36613484	Pvt	Conger, Hobert	" " " " " "
9	15114128	Cpl	Bragg, Grady C.	" " " " " "
10	34304234	Pfc	Atkinson, Jesse V.F.	" " " " " "
11	34188494	Pfc	Keyes, Claude B.	" " " " " "
12	19083747	Pfc	Petrullo, John	" " " " " "
13	14073456	Pfc	Williams, Ted R.	" " " " " "
14	33059031	Pvt	Leptuck, Anthony P.S.	" " " " " "
15	34259335	Pvt	Trivett, Willard R.	" " " " " "
16	15076826	Sgt	Melnick, Stanley J.	" " " " " "

Date of Report 8 June 1944

J.A. Burrows Maj. ac
(Signature of Preparing Off.)

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH TROOP CARRIER WING

I/P/13

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.

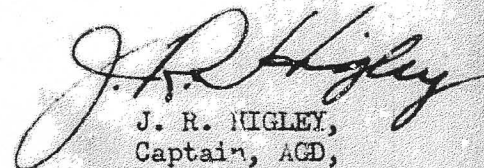
1. Additional local markings on aircraft C-47A 42-92415, shown in Missing Air Crew Report, previously submitted, are as follows:

a. Nose marking "J-7".

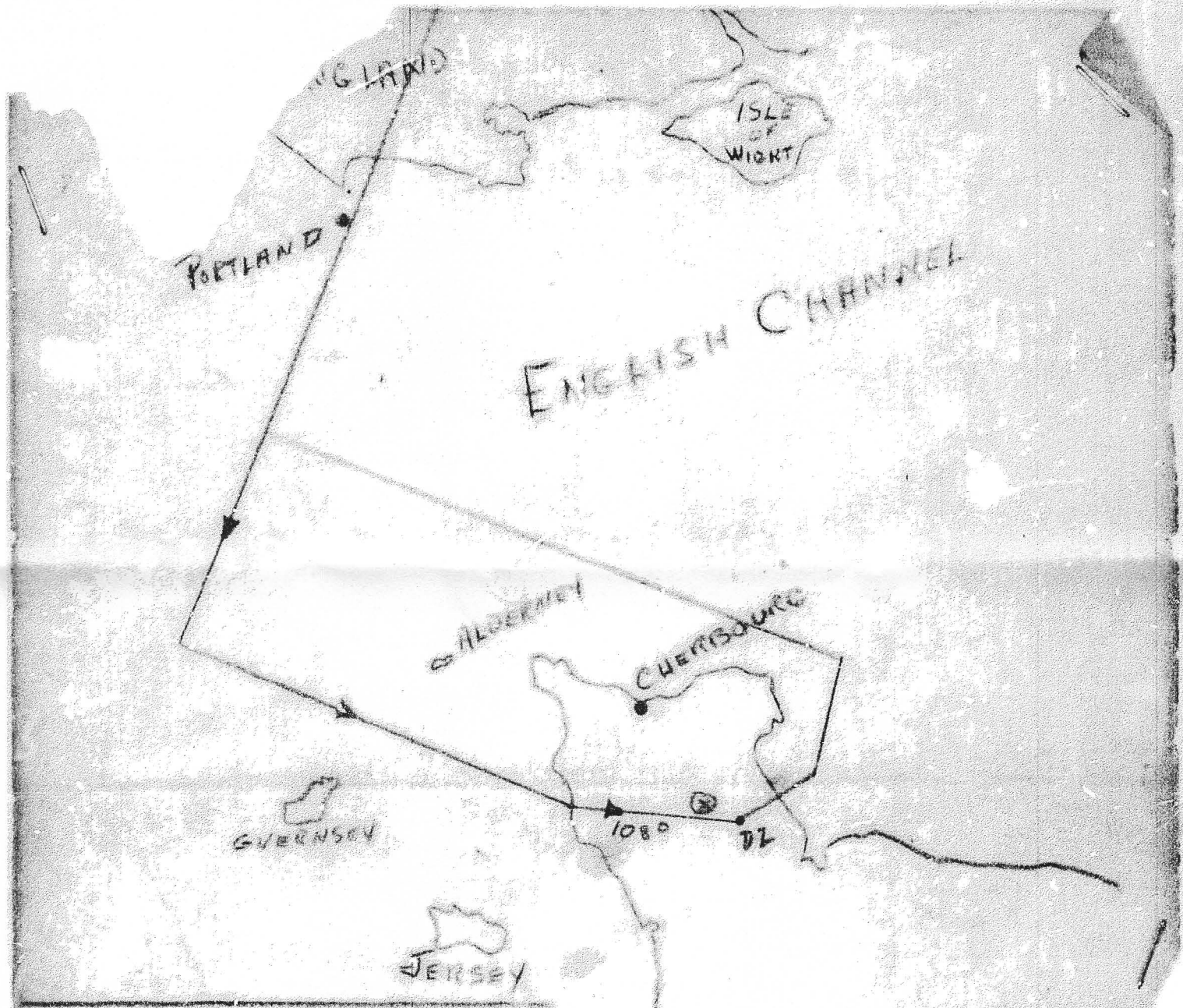
b. Tail marking "P".

2. To further identify this report, crew members were Prince, Leeb, Schultz and Charlton.

For the Commanding Officer:


J. R. HIGLEY,
Captain, ACD,
Adjutant.

AG 704 (13 June 44)



⊗ LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT
 WHEN LAST SEEN
 SCALE 1:1,000,000

Flight #1 Missing A/C
 202nd T.C. 57
 5TH GRADE

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HEADQUARTERS
442ND TROOP CARRIER GROUP

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AGO 133, U.S. Army
13 September 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Casualty Report.

TO : Commanding General, IX Troop Carrier Command,
AGO 133, U.S. Army. (1. G. CHARLTON)

1. Pursuant to telephone request of 50th Troop Carrier Wing, the following information is submitted in connection with 1/Cgt Francis H. Schultz, who was reported missing in action in France in Battle Casualty Report #3 of this headquarters dated 9 June 1944.

2. The pilot, co-pilot and radio operator of the aircraft of which 1/Cgt Schultz was a crew member, returned to duty with this organization 21 June 1944. They were interrogated by Major PAUL TISON, and the following is an excerpt from the report which was submitted to the Commanding Officer, 50th TC wing, (AFM: A-3), on 22 June 1944.

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"I was in my pilot's seat and the co-pilot was in his seat; the radio operator was in the ditching position with his back to the liaison set and I believe the crew chief was on the floor in the forward cabin. After the right engine stopped there was no time for any of us to bail out. Except for a few minor bruises and the chipping of one of Loeb's front teeth, none of us sustained any injuries.

The plane did not take fire and we all walked out the door. The right wing was torn off in landing but the fuselage was more or less intact. We immediately destroyed our IFF set by detonating it, our Radar with the Ax; Charlton destroyed the bomber code and the colors of the day; we ate the eatable paper overlays but we did not burn the plane for fear of detection.

We landed about 0245 June 6, 1944. We did not know where we were but thought we might be in friendly territory. It later proved that we were near a small village called Montaigne North of Valognes.

THE HIDE-OUT

Within three minutes of the time of landing all four of us were out of the plane with our equipment. We took the compass from the plane but no K-rations because the wooden box was not open. We headed for the East coast along a foot path by a creek bed which was dry. Ten or fifteen minutes later we saw three or four men in a nearby field. They ran one way and we ran the other. I don't know whether they were soldiers or civilians. In running away Schultz got separated from us and we never saw him again. The three of us,

Hq, 442d TC Gp, 13 Sep 44

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Loeb, Charlton and I, found a dry stream bed nearby which was like a ravine and full of brush and weeds. We hid there the rest of that night and slept there all the next day. Later we found a hollowed out bank, sort of a cave, where the three of us could lie down. We stayed there all the rest of the time until yesterday morning, June 21, 1944."

3. No further information has been received by this headquarters concerning T/Sgt Schultz.

For the Commanding Officer:

Frank B. Shannon Jr.
FRANK B. SHANNON JR.
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1st Ind. C/RB/13
HQ 50TH TR CARR WG, AAF, APC 133, U S Army, 19 Sept 44.

TO: CG, IX Tr Carr Comd, APC 133, U S Army.

Forwarded in compliance with telephone conversation your headquarters.

For the Commanding Officer:

R. E. Libby
R. E. LIBBY,
Lt Col, Air Corps,
Actg Adj.

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

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APO 871
6 October 1944.

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 to be as shown below:

Pilot	2nd Lt.	John J. Prince	0-696801	RTD	21 June 1944.
Co-Pilot	F/O	Joseph K. Loeb	T-1349	RTD	21 June 1944.
Aer.Gnr.	T/Sgt.	Francis H. Schultz	32093342	MIA	6 June 1944.
ROM AAF	Sgt.	Ralph E. Charlton	35216327	RTD	21 June 1944.

3. Information from the 82nd Airborne Division, reveals that all passengers aboard subject aircraft are present with or accounts for by that organization.

For the Theater Commander:


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

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Missing Air Crew Report, 442nd T.C. Gp.
C-47A, 42-92415, 6 June 1944.

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Classification changed
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 / E. A. [REDACTED], Lt. Col., AJ
 / F. M. MURPHY, Capt., AG
 to: [REDACTED] 15 1966

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 P/W and X Detachment
 Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

John J. PRINCE	1st Lt	0-696801	19 Nov 1944
Joseph K. LOEB	2d Lt	0-1996133	
Ralph E. CHARLTON	S/Sgt	35216327	
(Name)	(Rank)	ASN	(Date)
442 T.C. Gp., 303rd T.C. Sqdn.			REF 2685
(Unit)			REF 2686
			REF 2687

MEMBERS OF CREW				PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS
PILOT	0-696801	1st Lt	John J. PRINCE	RD
CO-PILOT	0-1996133	2d Lt	Joseph K. LOEB	RT
NAVIGATOR				
BOMBARDIER				
RADIO OPERATOR	35216327	S/Sgt	Ralph E. CHARLTON	RD
TOP GUNNER				
BALL GUNNER				
WHEEL GUNNER				
TAIL GUNNER				
ENGINEER	32093342	T/Sgt	Francis R. SCHLEZ	P/S

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
 6 June 1944 - 0245 hrs - MONTAGUE, FRANCE (NORMANDY)

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
 Two Engines shot out - Crash landed.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
 None

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
 None

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?
 No.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
 Yes.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.
 No.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?
 No.

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?
 Engineer could have been captured.

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