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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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name: Rosignano, Italy.
   Air Force: Twelfth Group: 64th Troop Carrier
   Squadron: 16th Troop Carrier Detachment: None

2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure: Rosignano AirdRome, Italy.
   Course: Unknown
   Target *Peedunk (44-51-55N : 09-16-27E)
   Type of Mission Re-supply Drop

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Ceiling and visibility umlimited.

4. GIVE: (a) Day: ~~22~~ 20 Month: February Year: 1945 Time: 20:30
   and Location: Rosignano Airdrome, Italy (Take-off) of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
   (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted ( ); Last contacted by radio (X); Forced down ( ); Seen to crash ( ); or Information not available ( ).

5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft ( ); Enemy Anti-Aircraft ( ); Other Circumstances as follows: Unknown

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series: C-47A
   AAF Serial Number: 42-100954

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If any: None

8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series: 1830-92 (Pratt and Whitney)
   AAF Serial Number: (a) Right-41-16200 (b) Left-CP-357942
   (c) _____ (d) _____.

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number): None
   (a) _____;(b) _____;(c) _____;(d) _____
   (e) _____;(f) _____;(g) _____;(h) _____
   (i) _____;(j) _____;(k) _____;(l) _____
   (m) _____;(n) _____;(o) _____;(p) _____

10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 7; Passengers 0 Total 7. (Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS
Pilot	Gallin, Robert E.	1st Lt.	0-1683423	Flight Leader MIA KIA
Co-Pilot	Faul, Donald R.	2nd Lt.	0-769409	Co-Pilot MIA KIA
Navigator	Focle, Lloyd C.	1st Lt.	0-701289	Navigator MIA KIA
Crew Chief	Rupnik, John V.	Sgt.	36461008	Crew Chief MIA KIA
Radio Operator	Peryk, Richard J.	Sgt.	16043611	Radio Operator MIA KIA

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	POSITION	NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	
6.	** Kicker	Ford, Edward J.	Driver	191599	**Kicker	MIA
7.	** Kicker	Saynor, David C.	Driver	90849	**Kicker	MIA
8.						
9.						
10.						
11.						

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

(Check only one column)

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Last contacted by Tower at Rosignano Airdrome, Italy at Take-off, 20:30, 22 Feb 1945.						
2.						
3.						
4.						

13. 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:
(c) Any other reasons: (Specify)
Unknown

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. - - - - -

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. NONE

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT:

All American fighter aircraft operating in that vicinity were notified by TAF to be on the lookout for the missing plane. In addition, all aircraft of this group operating in that area have been instructed to be on the lookout for the missing aircraft.

APR 18 1945

Date of report: 28th February 1945

Thomas A. Miller
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
THOMAS A. MILLER
Major, Air Corps,
Personnel Adjutant.

17. REMARKS: EYEWITNESS STATEMENT:

* Code name of Drop Zone.
** Employed as crew members. Responsible for prompt ejection of re-supply bundles over Drop Zone. Members of 352 Company, Royal Army Service Corps(General Transport).

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HEADQUARTERS 16TH TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON TAM/r1p
Office of the Commanding Officer
APO 650 US Army

12987 February 1945

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report. (Battle Casualty)

TO : Commanding Officer, 64th Troop Carrier Group, APO 650, US Army.

1. In compliance with Par 2, Sec III, Memorandum 35-2, cs, Twelfth Air Force the enclosed Missing Air Crew Reports are forwarded.

2. Battle Casualty Report was forwarded to Headquarters, Twelfth Air Force on 23 February 1945.

3. British personnel included in this report were not included in Battle Casualty report.

For the Commanding Officer:

Thomas A. Miller
THOMAS A. MILLER,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

1 Incl
Missing Air Crew Report, 8 copies.

1st Ind. D-SSE/hgt

Hq, 64th TC Gp, APO 650, 28 Feb 1945.

TO: CG, 51st TC Wg, APO 650.

RECEIVED
51 ST TC WING
MAR 1 1945

J.T.T.

1 Incl: n/c.

2d Ind. C-2-erg

Hq, 51st TC Wg, APO 650, 1 Mar 1945.

TO: CG, XIIAF, APO 650.

R. S. J.

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report
(sextuplicate)

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360.39 3rd Ind. AAP-[illegible]-wgn-30
HQ, TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 3 Mar 45.

TO: CG, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army.

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.

2. Battle Casualty Report (B-302) was forwarded your headquarters on 1 March 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

D. S. JACKSON,
Lt. Col., AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl: n/c (trip)

AG 360.33/030 - C (28 Feb 45) 4th Ind. JKR/hk
HQ., MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 8 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Twelfth Air Force, APO 650, US Army.

1. Returned for verification of date of casualty.

2. Personnel were reported as MIA 23 Feb 45 on BCR B-302.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MC NARNEY:

MTO 2

JACK K. ROBERTS
1st Lt., AGD
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl: n/c

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AG 360.33/030-C 5th Ind. AAR-LHG-wgn-30
HQ, TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 19 Mar 45.

TO: CG, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army. Att: Casualty Branch.

1. Discrepancy in date of casualty was referred to the unit concerned. True copies of applicable radios are attached hereto.

2. Information is requested as to whether Corrected Battle Casualty Report is deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

D. S. JACKSON,
Lt. Col., AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

3 Incls:
Incl 1. r/c
Added 2 Incls:
Incl 2 - True Copy Radio, 12th AF, dtd 13 Mar 45.
(1 Lt Wallin and crew)
Incl 3 - True Copy Radio, 64th T.C. Gp, dtd 14 Mar 45.
(1 Lt Wallin and crew)

AG 360.33/030 - C 6th Ind. JKR/rh
(28 Feb 45)
HQ., MTOUSA, APO 512, U. S. Army, 8 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Twelfth Air Force, APO 650, U.S. Army.

1. If 22 Feb 45 is to be accepted as the official MIA date, a corrected BCR is desired through usual casualty reporting channels.

2. Request correspondence and MACR's be returned indicating action taken.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MC NARNEY:

JACK K. ROBERTS
1st Lt., AGD
Asst Adj Gen

3 Incls-
No change.

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AG 360.33/030-C 7th Ind AAF-[illegible]-agn-5
HQ, TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 19 Mar 45.

TO: CG, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army, Att: Casualty Branch

1. Official MIA casualty date has been accepted as 23 February 1945.

2. Unit concerned is being advised of accepted date of casualty this date.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

D. S. JACKSON
Lt. Col., AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

3 Incls: n/c

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS TWELFTH AIR FORCE

ORIGINATING STATION: 64th TC Grp OUR MESSAGE CENTER NO: 899

PRECEDENCE: Priority TIME OUT OF CODE ROOM:

ORIGINATOR'S REF. NO: M-75-D DECODED BY:

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ORIG. TOO: 141510A MONTH: March

TO : Commanding General 12th Air Force Rear

FROM: 64th Troop Carrier Group Cite M-75-D

Missing aircrew report of 1st Lieutenant Robert E. Wellin and crew, 16th Troop Carrier Sq stated in I4 that 22nd February was date of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. Due to nature of mission, aircraft was not expected to return to base until 23rd February. For that reason the date 23rd February was shown on Battle Casualty Report as date Gravy status began. Request reply as to whether above information clarifies apparent discrepancy or whether corrected Battle Casualty Report is still desired.

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A TRUE COPY

Lester H. Gorn

LESTER H. GORN
Captain, Air Corps.

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AAF-LHG-wgn-30

13 Mar 45

LESTER H. GORN, CAPT., A.C.

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CO, 64TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP

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A TRUE COPY

Lester H. Gorn

LESTER H. GORN,
Captain, Air Corps.

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1st Lt. Lloyd C. Poole	Mrs. Grace L. Poole (mother) 813 Edge Hill Road Richmond, Virginia
1st Lt. Robert Ernest Wallin	Mrs. Robert E. Wallin (wife) 10326 South Racine Avenue Chicago, Illinois
2d Lt. Donald R. Faull	Mrs. Doris L. Faull (mother) Angels Camp, California
Sgt. Richard J. Perzyk	Mrs. Anna M. Perzyk (mother) 2433 Sheridan Avenue Detroit, Michigan
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