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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

15 MAR 1946

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. Organization: Location Decimomannu, Sardinia; Command or Air Force 12th Air Force
Group 320th Bomb Gp; Squadron 441st Bomb Sq.; Detachment _____
2. SPY/AFY: Point of Departure La Senia, Algeria; Course See other side
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear
Visibility 12 miles - winds 310° - 8 miles at 2000, 320° - 9 miles at 5000
4. GIVE: (a) Date 17 June 44 Time 1200; and Location 40 miles off S coast Sardinia
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST; OR IS IT BELIEVED LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
() Enemy Aircraft: () Enemy Anti-Aircraft: (X) Other circumstances as follows
Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-29B50; AAF Serial Number 42-96022
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R2800-43; AAF Serial Number (a) L. FP-060707
(b) R FP-060754 (c) _____; (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnished below make, Type and Serial Number MG Cal. .50
(a) 1077661; (b) 606362; (c) 1077137; (d) 1076066
(e) 1076117; (f) 1077132; (g) 1076629; (h) 1076653
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 4; Passengers 9

(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 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
1. Pilot	DILLON, JACK E.	1st Lt.	02056211
2. C. Pilot	GOODENOUGH, ELWIN C.	2nd Lt.	01702375
3. Bomb.	McFARLAND, WILLIAM H. V.	1st Lt.	0731208
4. Eng.	SMITH, LESLIE C. JR.	T/Sgt.	18077010

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- 5. Passengers - Wason Officer, ROBBINS, EDWARD H. 0918571
- * French Passengers - S/Sgt. ANDRE GARICAN, Pfc. MARCEL MALEUKRO
- * Pvt. HENRI AYMERIC, Pvt. MARCEL BONDE
- * Pvt. RAYMOND MARI, Pvt. VICTOR MUNOZ
- * Pvt. EDMOND MEKIES, Pvt. CLAUDE SOUQUET

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF A.I.C. AFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by radio	Check only one column	
				Last Sighted	Forced Landing
<u>Wason Officer</u>					
<u>ROBBINS, EDWARD H.</u>					
<u>Pfc. MARCEL MALEUKRO</u>					
<u>Pvt. HENRI AYMERIC</u>					
<u>Pvt. MARCEL BONDE</u>					
<u>Pvt. VICTOR MUNOZ</u>					
<u>Pvt. CLAUDE SOUQUET</u>					



- 12. IF PERSONS 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) Washed in Sea, Unknown
- 13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH, OR OTHER BEARING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE LAST AIRCRAFT WAS SEEN.
- 14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. None
- 15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE EUGENE B. FLETCHER, Colonel, Air Corps, O-22243

2. Course - The coast line of North Africa from Oran to C. De Fer then direct from C. De Fer to C. Sperone, Sardinia.

Date of Report 21 June 1944

George A. Jackson
(Signature of preparing officer)
GEORGE A. JACKSON,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

* - not U.S. Personnel.

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STATEMENT OF SEARCH

On 17 June 1944, at 12:00 hours B-26B50 aircraft #42 - 96022 was reported down at sea by SOR about 40 miles off South coast of Sardinia.

This group organized search patrols as soon as possible and initial take off time was at 12:55 hours 17 June 1944 and continued until 00:44 18 June 1944 with 29 aircraft participating. On 18 June 1944 16 aircraft patrolled the area from 07:45 hours until 18:20 hours. On 19 June 1944 14 aircraft patrolled the area from 07:55 hours until 16:51 hours.

During the patrol activity the following sightings were made. On 17 June 1944 at 14:00 hours about 20 miles South of Cape Teulada one man was seen holding a partially inflated dinghy around him, one man with life vest holding onto the dinghy, and ~~as~~ about one half mile another man with life vest was seen swimming toward the dinghy.

This aircraft dropped two additional life rafts, life vests, one smoke bomb, and sea marker packets. The rafts remained at this time floating unopened in the vicinity of the survivors. The aircraft last contact after the third pass over the men due partly to the speed of the aircraft and the necessarily large ~~turning~~ turning radius, and partly due to hazy visibility.

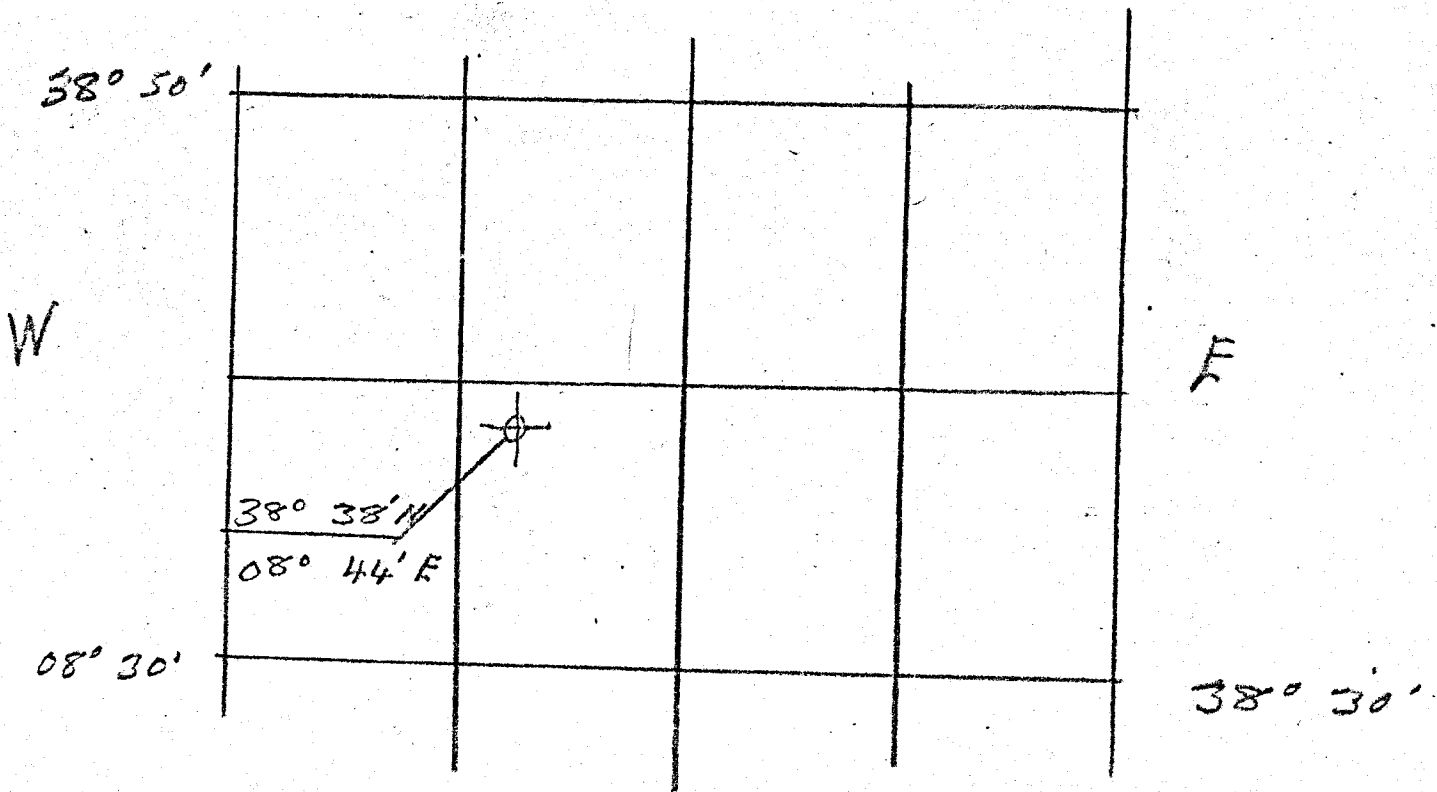
During 18 June nothing was sighted.

On 19 June 1944, at approximately 13:00 hours another search aircraft spotted empty life rafts and life vests.

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ROBERT N. DEATLY,
1st. Lt. Air Corps,
Asst. Gp. Operations Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
APO 650 US ARMY

21 June 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, 42nd Wing (US), APO 650.

1. Transmitted herewith Missing Air Crew Report on the following named personnel:

1st Lt. DILLON, JACK E. 02056211
2nd Lt. GOODENOUGH, ELWIN C. 01702875
1st Lt. McFARLAND, WILLIAM H. 0731208
T/Sgt. SMITH, LESLIE C. Jr., 18077010
Captain, ROBBINS, EDWARD H., 0918571

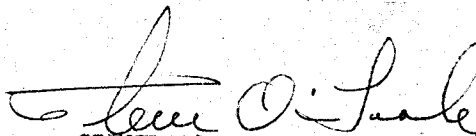
French Personnel

S/Sgt. ANDRE CARIGAN
Pfc. MARCEL BLEUXEQ
Pvt. HENRI AYERIC,
Pvt. MARCEL BONNE
Pvt. RAYMOND MARI,
Pvt. VICTOR MUNOZ
Pvt. EDMOND MEKIES,
Pvt. CLAUDE SOUQUET

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For the Group Commander:



CLEVE O'TOOLE,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Missing Air Crew Report (Seven copies)

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HEADQUARTERS 42ND WING (US), APO 650, US ARMY, 21 June 1944.

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

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HQ. TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 27 June 1944.

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TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534, US Army. Att: Battle Cas Section.

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.
2. Inasmuch as the personnel are non battle casualties, no ECR was submitted.

For the Commanding General:

D. S. Jackson
D. S. JACKSON, ¹²⁰
Major, A.G.D.;
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl; n/c

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1st Lt. Jack E. Dillon

Mrs. Frank E. Dillon ✓ (Mother)
1342 Washington Street,
Springfield, Missouri.

2nd Lt. Elwin C. Goodenough

Mrs. Elsie M. Goodenough ✓ (Mother)
723 Duck Street,
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

2nd Lt. William H. McFarland

Mrs. Helen C. McFarland ✓ (Mother)
Loda, Illinois.

T/Sgt. Leslie C. Smith Jr.

Miss Florence L. Smith ✓ (Sister)
1602 Avenue L,
Lubbock, Texas.

Capt. Edward H. Robbins

Mrs. Louise A. Robbins ✓ (Wife)
C/O Auchingloss,
50 Broadway,
New York, New York.