

## Translation of Supplemental Missing Aircraft Report Telex

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Supplemental Missing Aircraft Report B-17G 43-39338, Naples Italy to Bovington England, November 1946, Pilot Colonel Hudson H. Upham 019467.

A. 1 November 1946, approximately 0530Z, 92 miles East of Lyon France, 45 degrees 47 minutes North Lat, 6 degrees 48 minutes East long.

B. B-17G # 43-39338, 61st Troop Carrier Group, 51st Troop Carrier Wing, USAFE, Eschborn Air Base Germany.

C. Col Hudson H. Upham 019467, 51st Troop Carrier Wing, APO 633, USAFE, Missing.

D. Same

E. Command Pilot Col Ford L. Fair 017029, 51st Troop Carrier Wing, APO 633, USAFE, Missing. Co-Pilot Major Lawrence L. Cobb 024736, 51st Troop Carrier Wing, APO 633, USAFE, Missing. Navigator 2nd Lt. Alfred D. Ramirez 02082524, 61st Troop Carrier Group, 51st Troop Carrier Wing, USAFE, Eschborn Air Base Germany, Missing. Engineer Master Sgt John R. Gilbert 6990531, 61st Troop Carrier Group, 51st Troop Carrier Wing, USAFE, Eschborn Air Base Germany, Missing. Engineer Staff Sgt William A. Hilton 38515193, 61st Troop Carrier Group, 51st Troop Carrier Wing, USAFE, Eschborn Air Base Germany, Missing. Radio Op Tech Sgt Zoltan J. Dobavich 33835227, 61st Troop Carrier Group, 51st Troop Carrier Wing, USAFE, Eschborn Air Base Germany, Missing. Radio Op Tech Sgt William S. Cassell 348966920, 61st Troop Carrier Group, 51st Troop Carrier Wing, USAFE, Eschborn Air Base Germany, Missing

F. Aircraft collided with mountain at altitude of approximately 11800 feet, approximately 300 feet from the top of mountain. Aircraft exploded and was scattered over glacier. Aircraft was 92 miles right of course. Local residents report weather was clear and visibility good on morning of 1 November 1946. Cause of

accident undetermined. Aircraft apparently completely demolished. Fragments of aircraft, oil and personnel widely scattered. Fragments of human remains not repeat not yet identified.

G. Unknown

H. Unknown

I. Instrument Flight Rules 10500 feet direct to Lyon France, 8500 direct to Orly Field France, 6500 feet direct to Bovingdon England. Pilot cleared his own flight.

J. S-2

K. No repeat no official weather reports in the immediate area, local residents report weather good.

L. None.