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CASUALTIES, AC PERSONNEL  
OCT. 1944 - MAY 1945

COS

To see folio 16.

Col King was regional health officer of Piemonte Region; posted to ACC on 14 March 44.

COS aware of this - he was informed by K.C.(K) for 13/2.

13/2 Feb.

U. 13/2

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Ex. Com

To see folio 18 - re deaths of two Amer. Officers

Capt Moffatt - AMG - SIDA (Labor)

Capt Murphy - Lombardia Reg (Commerce)

19 May.

Very sat. 17/15/5

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Mr. Stearns

Mr. let Ex. Com. know

who is to be replacement

ref 20. Si 23/5

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Establishments

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imposed by E.O. 12812

4.13/12

Ex. Com

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To see folio 18 - re deaths of two Amer. Officers

Capt Moffett - AMG-SCLA (Labor)

Capt Murphy - Comandaria Reg (Commerce)

19 May.

*[Signature]*

Very sad. DR/15/5

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May Stearns.

M. let Ex. Com. know

who is to be replacement

ref 20. Si 23/5

Establishments

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Re min 21. Appropriate action - *[Signature]*

Mr. Commissioner: 23.

Colonel Thornhill (A.B.) 24/5 sent to  
Order traps has already been submitted for approval  
24/5  
Approved  
4.31/5



5 October 44.

M.S. Lush

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CAPT. ODEN

Are you in a position to do this now?

5 October 44.

G.W.I. Shipp

COL. SHIPP

On

1. G-1 (A) are investigating <sup>on</sup> cases of this nature procedure establishes a specific time lag before reports are issued. G-1 (A) investigation will bring this out.

2. Believe we should wait upon full information and data (as in para 1) before writing ATR.

3. I have asked G-1 for establishment (see folio at <sup>a statement</sup> 6)

7 October 44.

C.R. Oden

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Agreed. - Let me know on 12 October

G.W.I. Shipp

Col. has seen 6-11.

12/10

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Major Stearns: Do not see Jt. Col. Kerner mentioned in Regimental Report. Is this an oversight?

encl 10/10

(15)

Capt Oden: Lt Col Kerner was a member of the 2691st Reg. to which all personnel of Army Signal are assigned. Administrative things is handled by Col Kerner.

19/10 3373

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2Col Ref 1 Opposite.

Comm. S.C. sent off a wire to Reg Sardinia today asking for further particulars. Although the crash was on 19 Sep, the first they knew of Major Knauer's absence was this signal today. They are also taking up with MATS. I will let you know details later.

JL

4/10.

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Col Shipp:

The above is still being checked. Comm S.C. queried ATS Vittoria Airport yesterday whose only information was that a plane was reported lost between Naples & Cagliari about the time Major Knauer would have been going over. (19 Sept)

A.T.S. Naples confirm plane was lost on above date. They are now checking manifest & will report.

91 of 95 AFHQ (most likely channel to receive first report) have no information.

The three Italian civilians mentioned were accompanying Major Knauer on his orders. Two were employees Post & Telegraph, the other, Italian Telephone Co. The Italian minister has been advised of a possible accident.

IT Col Knauer was assigned to M.M.D.A. who are aware of above.

Further information is expected today.

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

From: AMB LIGURIA REGION  
To: HQ ALCON SITE AGENT.

MAY 23 1963

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Lt. Col JESSE E. CANTOR O-519174 (A) Provincial Commissioner  
SAYONA returned to General Hospital. Medical authorities insist on  
hospitalisation in U.S.A. American replacement urgently required.

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ACTION - ESTAB SER  
INFO - A/PRESIDENT  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
EX COMMISSIONER  
FILE 2  
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MAY 1963

See H. 21. to 23

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(Lt. Col. J. E. Cantor)

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
G-1 American  
APO 394

MAY 19 1945  
IWD/2p

## MEMORANDUM:

18 May 1945

SUBJECT : Motor Accident Resulting in Death of Captain Frederick C. Murphy  
and Captain John H. Moffitt.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. The Vice President, Establishment Section, has directed that the following be submitted to you for your information.

2. Information has been received from the Commanding Officer, Company "B", 2675th Regiment, dated 17 May 1945, to the effect that Captains John H. Moffitt, 0520154, and Frederick C. Murphy, 0521416, were killed in an automobile accident 15 May 1945. The accident occurred at 21:30 hours 15 May 1945 near Palazzolo. The vehicle suddenly stopped when approaching blown-out bridge and slid. Captain Moffitt died of a fracture of the base of the skull and Traumatic Shock. Captain Murphy died of internal chest injuries due to crushed chest. Captain Moffitt died at 2300 hours 15 May 1945. Captain Murphy was taken to the clearing station of the 10th Mountain Division, but was dead upon arrival. He had previously received first aid at the civilian hospital at Palazzolo.

3. Captain John Turnbull, 0512473, was in the vehicle and suffered cuts and abrasions of the left hand and lower hip.

N. W. DRAGNETT  
Lt. Col., AGD  
Acting G-1 (A)

## DISTRIBUTION:

1 copy - Executive Commissioner

See M. 19.

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20/5

(MRS. STUMPS)

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C/S (16)

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ROUTINE

From: 2 BRIT GEN HOSPITAL

To: ACTION: CHQ 02N 0MF

INFO: HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

FEB 12 1945

IN CLEAR.

10752 Colonel KING MB AMB HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION brought in dead 9/2. At  
accident followed by immersion in water. Death due to shock and drowning

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INFO-ACTION: G-1 (B) (2)

INFO: A/PRESIDENT  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
COS  
EST SEC  
CA SEC  
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see M.17.

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HEA. CLARKERS  
123989  
A. C.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

n. 241 R

Rome, 11/10/1944

TO THE ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394

R O M E

cf. note of 6/10/1944

I was greatly distressed to hear about the tragical death of the functionaries who accompanied for service reasons Major G.W.Knauer during his visit to Sardinia.

I thank the Allied Commission for its kind expressions of sympathy which have already been communicated to the families of the victims, and I want to condole with you for the loss of Major G.W.Knauer, who also lost his life in Italy while he was fulfilling his duty, for the reconstruction of our country now liberated from nazi fascist oppression.

THE MINISTER

/s/ Cerabona

P/A *and*  
20/10

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Copy passed for 'A' Files 14/10  
and to Communication SC.

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IL MINISTRO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Roma, 11/10/1944

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
APO 394

R O M A

(rif. a nota del 6/10/1944)

Ho appreso con vivo dolore la tragica scomparsa dei funzionari che accompagnavano in missione di servizio il maggiore G.W. Knauer nella sua visita in Sardegna.

Mentre ringrazio codesta Commissione Alleata per le cortesi espressioni di cordoglio, che sono state già comunicate ai congiunti dei dispersi, partecipo con profonda commozione alla perdita del Maggiore G.W. Knauer, scomparso anche Egli nei cieli d'Italia nell'adempimento del proprio dovere per la ricostruzione del nostro Paese in via di liberazione dall'oppressione nazi-fascista.

IL MINISTRO

Cerabon

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

MESSAGEFORM

IMMEDIATE

HEADQUARTERS  
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
U. S. ARMY, APO 534

FILE NO. AG 201-Knauer, George (Off) -C

Date 5 October 1944

Office of Origin Hq NATOUSA, Casualty Branch, AGO  
Address APO 534, U. S. Army

JKR/hk

To:  
CG, Allied Armies in Italy,  
(US Contingent)  
APO 777,  
U. S. Army

17 OCT Recd

1. Information has been received at this headquarters that Major GEORGE KNAUER, O-521379, Hq. 2675th Regiment, ACC, was a passenger aboard British Transport Aircraft FD 865 enroute from Naples, Italy to Cagliari, Sardinia, which failed to arrive at destination..The name of this officer was reported to the War Department as Missing Non-Battle, 19 Sept 44, Mediterranean Sea, on information received from Air Transport Command.

2. It is desired that the provisions of NATOUSA Circular #10, c.s. be complied with at the earliest practicable date.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

s/Jack K. Roberts  
t/JACK K. ROBERTS  
1st Lt., AGD  
Asst. Adjutant General

AG 210.45 1st Ind WLS/ap  
Hq ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY ( U. S. Contingent) (Ovhd), APO 777,  
U. S. Army 7 October 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 2675th Regt ACC ( Ovhd) APO 394,  
U. S. Army.

For compliance with paragraph 2, basic communication.

By command of Major General LEMNITZER:

s/W. L. Steeber,  
WO (jg) U.S.A.  
Asst Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS  
2675th REGIMENT  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
(OVERHEAD)  
APO 394

NWD/wes

8 October 1944

File: 000.963  
x-201-Knauer, George W. (C)

13 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Report of Missing Personnel.

TO : The Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U.S. Army.

THRU : The Commanding General, Allied Armies in Italy, (U.S. Contingent)  
(Ovhd), APO 777, U. S. Army.

1. Major GEORGE W. KNAUER, O-521379, Specialist Reserve, Headquarters 2675th Regiment, Allied Control Commission, (Ovhd), was officially dropped as "missing" this date by this organization.

2. Major GEORGE W. KNAUER was ordered to proceed to Sardinia on or about 17 September 44 per Travel Orders issued by Headquarters Allied Control Commission in connection with activities of the Communications Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission.

3. A report from Littoria Airport, Rome, shows that Major Knauer left Rome for Naples on 18 September 1944. Captain JOHN A. BRIDGEMAN, O-523510, SR, Company "C" 2675th Regiment, ACC (Tele Communications Officer, Southern Region, ACC at Naples reported to this headquarters 4 October 1944, that Major Knauer spent the night of 18 September 1944 with him.

4. Information was received from the Headquarters 1261st AAF Base Unit, NAEP-ATC, APO 396, that they received information from Headquarters 249 Wing, R.A.F., C.M.F. to the effect that R.A.F. plane number PD 865, which departed from Naples 19 September 1944, did not arrive at its destination, Cagliari, Sardinia, all passengers aboard the plane are believed to have been lost; and that Major Knauer was manifested as a passenger on the plane in question.

5. Officer was on duty status at time of disappearance traveling on competent travel orders.

For the Commanding Officer:

N. W. DRAGNEFF,  
Major, AGD. 3362  
Adjutant.

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6 October 1944

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TO: The Ministry of Communications

Mr. Funazzi Amleto      Societa Telefonica Tirrena  
 Mr. Giordano Almerico   P.P.T.T. Inspector  
 Mr. Sapienza Antonio    P.P.T.T. Inspector

It is with the deepest regret that we have to inform you that the three above-named officials who were accompanying Major G. W. Knauer on a visit to Sardinia in connection with the duties of their offices are missing and must now be presumed lost.

It has been confirmed that they were all included in the passenger list of an aircraft that left Naples for Cagliari on the 19th September and that the aeroplane failed to arrive and no trace has since been found.

Would you be good enough to convey to the relatives of the missing the sincerest sympathy of the Allied Commission in their sudden and tragic loss.

ELLERY W. STONE  
 Captain, USMC  
 Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: C of 5

See 13

Noted 8/10 12/10  
 (CAPT COEN)

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| Reg ACC  | 5           |
| DISPATCH | 6           |
| Date     | 6 Oct 1944  |
| Via      | Al. 1800    |
| Initials | C. J. J. J. |

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
CMF  
Office of the Chief of Staff  
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Ref: 7006/M/COS.

5 October 44.

SUBJECT: American Officers Reported Missing - Lt. Col. Kessner.  
Major Knauer.

TO : G-1 (A) (Major Stearns).

1. In a Sitrep received from Sardinia Region on 4 October 44, the two above-named officers were reported missing in an air crash 19 September 44. No further details have been received and a signal was immediately dispatched requesting additional information.
2. Lt. Col. Scudder, Communication Sub-Commission has ascertained today from ATS Naples that Major Knauer was on the manifest of the missing plane but did not check Lt. Col. Kessner's passage.
3. Three Italian civilians are reported missing. These men were employees of the Italian State Post, Telegraph and Telephone. They were accompanying Major Knauer. Lt. Col. Scudder is informing the responsible Italian Ministry.
4. The Chief of Staff would like to be kept advised of developments. When the situation has been clarified will you please forward a statement.

Chief Staff Officer,  
To the Chief of Staff.

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JJJJJ PASS TO HQ ACC

ACC SARDINIA REGION

NONE

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PRIORITY

OCT 3/1937

CITE: ACC 54.

SECRET. SITREP NUMBER 37 DATED 3 OCTOBER FROM SARDINIA REGION SIGNED PENNYQUICK.  
 ONE REDUCTION OF RATIONS CAUSING DISSATISFACTION IN SOME QUARTERS, SITUATION NOT  
 SERIOUS. TWO AMASSING LAST SEVEN DAYS 6038 GRAIN TOTAL WHEAT AND BARLEY 251842  
 QUINTALS. 34567 AND 8 MIL. MINE: FOLLOWING BELIEVED ACC PERSONNEL REPORTED MISSING  
 IN AN AIR CRASH 19 SEPTEMBER: LT COL KESSNER, MAJOR KNAUER AND ITALIANS FATNA,  
 GIORDANO, SAPIRETA. ONE ENEMY AGENT DROPPED 27 SEPTEMBER HANDED OVER TO CIC 29  
 SEPTEMBER

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