

This document published on : <http://www.6juin1944.com>

The following document is an extract from a microfilm I bought at Maxwell Air Force Base. The cost for each microfilm is \$ 30. Help me to buy more microfilms about the Troop Carrier and put more documents and information on the website.

**MAKE A DONATION – USE THE PAYPAL BUTTON – THANKS!**



Le document suivant est extrait d'un microfilm que j'ai acheté à la base aérienne de Maxwell aux Etats-Unis. Le coût par microfilm est de \$ 30. En m'aidant à acheter d'autres microfilms vous permettrez au site de diffuser encore plus d'informations sur le rôle des différents 'Troop Carrier Groups' lors de l'opération «Neptune».

**FAITES UN DON – UTILISEZ LE BOUTON PAYPAL - MERCI**



FOURTEENTH TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON, AAF  
Office of the Intelligence Officer

MISSION REPORT

1. 61st TC Gp.
2. 14th TC Sq.
3. NEPTUNE FREEPORT - Resupply mission, 9 C-47 A, 3 C-47, Serial 38
4. 0332 hours to 0915 hours, 7 June 1944
5. As briefed, upon leaving English coast. Weather was the cause of the change in route out.
6. 8/10 to 10/10 cloud cover. Over England the base varied from 0 to 500 ft, Top 8500. En route and over DZ the base was 1500 - 2000 ft. scattered clouds, three tenths, good visibility. Icing experienced at 4500 and 8000 feet by some pilots. Winds as briefed.
7. None.
8. Machine gun fire reported by five A/C in DZ. Weak and accurate.
9. None.
10. None.
11. None.
12. Time over DZ: 0604 - 0641  
speed: 110 - 120  
Altitude: 500 to 600 ft
13. Abortion due to weather. Pilot was lost from formation, landed at Oxford to orient himself. Pilot called 9th AF for permission to continue mission, which was refused. The call took 1 1/2 hours to contact 9th AF.
14. One radar ship reported radar equipment operated satisfactorily. The prescribed channel 5005 was jammed by WT. Many ships asked for QDM.
15. None.
16. Five A/C damaged. Four of which are not flyable. Damage to non-flyable A/C is as follows:  
833 - Holes in fuselage, wiring cut  
609 - Hits in engine, wings, and fuselage. Oil line and wind shield broke  
172 - Streamer in wing broken  
204 - Holes in gas tank, ailerons knocked out.
17. Ship that aborted returned all bundles.
18. Briefing as to weather information was inaccurate. Should have better weather information.
19. All planes dropped at DZ.
20. Bad weather caused flying on instruments which caused formation to break up. Complaints that QM men were generally useless. They were airsick and not acquainted with procedure of kicking bundles out of plane. Bundles were too heavy and unwieldy. In cases need an extra man to push them out. At this time only nine A/C have returned to base. There are three missing; of this number one is known to have ditched at (49 deg 40' N - 01 deg 12' W). This plane was identified by number. Presume all occupants had taken to dinghy. Another ship landed at Pershore. At this time A/C #325 is not accounted for.

ARNOLD H. NEWMAN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

Chalk No. 46, Frank Loni  
Chalk No. 52, Adamsen

FOURTEENTH TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON, AAF  
Office of the Intelligence Officer

Mission Report on Late Arrivals

1. 61st T C Gp.
2. 14th T C Sq.
3. Mission Freeport, Resupply, (12 C-47 A/C)
4. 0332 hours to 1235 hours, 7 June 1944.
5. Both A/C lost formation due to weather, 52 landed Pershore, 46 Exeter before homing.
6. Cloud coverage approximately 9/10, from 0' to 9000 ft.
8. Machine gun fire, probably 30 cal, located just beyond DZ. Much of the fire was inaccurate. At 0745 hours #52 experienced no A/A at all.
10. 30 seconds before DZ saw crashed C-47 100 yds to right on course.
11. Saw truck load of soldiers  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile beyond DZ; tank 3 miles from DZ.
12. #46 - 0619 hours; #52 - 0745 hours; Alt: 500 and 450 respectively; speed 125 and 120 mph respectively.
14. #46 saw ELKO occult only; saw amber flares just before hitting DZ from town to right; 2 amber flares just before reaching beach.
15. On #46 2nd Lt Ray Anderson (CP) had bullet ricochet through jacket into shoulder and arm; 2nd Lt W. S. Lyon, navigator on same ship received flak splinters.
17. One bundle returned because it couldn't be gotten out of the door. Over DZ #46 caught parachute from plane ahead on wing. Created a great deal of drag, but Capt Franciscini (P) shook it loose.
18. Yes, except for weather.
19. Both a/c dropped on DZ.
20. #46 landed at Exeter at 0755 hours. Got medical attention there; fuel-up and wired message to home base.

JAMES F. SHEARS,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Assistant Intelligence Officer.