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by E. A. BRADYAS, Lt. Col., AC  
by F. M. WRENCH, Capt., AC  
Date FEB 6 1948

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AFATC/VS-3 330.28

23 October 1948

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident Information Concerning Corporal Jack T. Arnold

THRU: Commanding General  
Air Transport Command  
Washington 25, D. C.

Commanding General  
Army Air Forces  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTENTION: AG/AS-1, Personnel Affairs Branch

TO: The Adjutant General  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTENTION: Casualty Branch

1. Records in this office reveal that Corporal Jack T. Arnold was serving as radio operator on board a B-28 combat replacement aircraft which arrived in St. Margat, Iraq and upon the completion of an overseas movement from the United States. At LHASA on 1 February 1948, the plane was dispatched along with 16 other planes being ferried to Burtwood, their final United Kingdom destination. The flight was cleared under instrument conditions, with the visibility being reported between three and four miles. Twelve of the planes in the flight landed safely at Burtwood, two at R.A.F. airbases in the vicinity, and one at Valley. No report had been received from the aircraft in which Corporal Arnold was riding and, after its fuel supply should have been exhausted and it was still unreported, it was classified as missing.

2. On 2 February 1948, an unidentified aircraft was located in the mountainous area near Llanberis, North Wales by a British radio unit. The following day, a searching party identified the wreckage as that of the missing B-28 by fragments of personal effects of the crew. The aircraft accident investigating board went to the scene and found the wreckage strewn over an area of approximately 3000 square yards. The plane had flown into cloudy rising ground at an altitude of about 2000 feet and slightly below the summit of a mountain. It had disintegrated as it glided over the top of the mountain for a distance of 1000 yards. The tail of the plane went over a cliff on the far side of the mountain and plunged down about 500 yards into a ravine, where it came to rest and burned beyond recognition. All personnel on board were killed instantly.

3. Due to the complete destruction of the aircraft and the lack of any witnesses, it was impossible for the aircraft accident investigating board to determine whether or not the engines were functioning normally at the time of the crash. However, the condition of the propellers indicated that they were

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functioning at the time of impact. The altitude the aircraft was flying at the time of the crash indicated that the pilot apparently was not orientated as to his position.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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1948 w/1 inclosure

ALLEN G. HART  
Major, Air Corps  
Deputy Chief  
Accident Analysis Division



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SUBJECT

Corporal Jack D. Arnold, 37560830

TO

Headquarters, Flying Safety  
Service, AAF  
Langley Field, Virginia

FROM

Casualty Branch, ASD  
Operating Section  
Family Relations  
Room 1C 520  
The Pentagon

DATE

20 September 1946

COMMENT NO.

1. Forwarded for information upon which to base a reply regarding  
circumstances surrounding death.

2. Corporal Jack D. Arnold, 37560830, was killed on 2 February 1945  
in Llanberis, North Wales, in an airplane crash.

3. Letter has been acknowledged by WD AGO Form 0101 Card.

FOR THE CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH:

/s/ H. M. West

1 Inclosure

1st Ind. dtd 8 Apr 46 with 2 incls.

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SPQYB 293, Arnold, Jack D. SN 37 560 830

1st Ind.

ASF, OQMC, Washington, D. C., 8 April 1946

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

Forwarded for reply to so much thereof as pertains to your office.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl  
By ltr e/d

/s/ Wm. B. Christensen  
WM. B. CHRISTENSEN  
1st Lieut., QMC  
Assistant

COPY

704 4th Ave North,  
Wargo, North Dakota  
March 12th 1946.

T.B. Larkin, Major Gen'l,  
The Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Yours of February 12, 1946. Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy, and for the information as to where our son Corporal Jack D. Arnold, rests. Unless one has had such a bereavement as we, to have an eighteen year old son leave and see him just once again, the feeling of lonesomeness just isn't known.

We have as yet received none of Jack's personal effects, except his Sigma Chi Fraternity ring, and we feel quite badly that nothing else has been forthcoming, such as bill-fold and contents, watch, kodak, and other things including purchases we know he made enroute from the USA to overseas. While trying to trace, we were advised to write to an address as shown on the enclosed undelivered letter which postmarks show when mailed. About three weeks ago this letter was returned to us with some sort of notation not understood and with the air mail stamps torn off. This letter you are at liberty to read with our thought it may assist in tracing what we want.

Also last Sept 1945 we received a letter from one Sgt. E. E. Jones, Police Station, Llanberis, Caernarvonshire, North Wales, England, stating that he accompanied the rescue party to the crash and conveyed the bodies to waiting ambulances, and that we would be pleased to give us all the particulars of the crash etc. I wrote this party about the same time the enclosed was written, Sept 20th 1945, but to date have had no reply from him.

We have written about all the departments we know of, some of whom have replied they would assist in tracing, and from others no reply at all. We tried to ascertain the Officer's name, who was sent out in a plane and found the crashed plane the boys were in, but so far, no information.

Thank you again, and what you are able to do, am sure you know will be deeply appreciated,

Very sincerely,

/s/ W. A. Arnold

Re-Cpl. Jack D. Arnold,  
ASN-37560830



SPQTD 293  
Arnold, Jack D.  
SN 37 560 830

Address Reply to  
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
Attention: Memorial Division

8 April 1946

Mr. W. A. Arnold  
704 Fourth Avenue North  
Fargo, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Your letter concerning your son, the late Corporal Jack D. Arnold, has been received in this office.

Inasmuch as the Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri, has jurisdiction over all personal effects covering deceased military personnel, a copy of your letter with inclosure, has been forwarded to that office for direct reply to you.

A copy of your letter has also been forwarded to The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C. for information concerning circumstances surrounding his death.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Sincerely yours,

WM. B. CHRISTENSEN  
1st Lieut., QMG  
Assistant

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SUBJECT

Jack D. Arnold ASH 37 560 830

TO

Casualty Branch, AGO  
Washington 25, D.C.

FROM

Demob Pers Rec Br., AGO  
St. Louis 20, Missouri

DATE

16 September 46

COMMENT NO. 1

For disposition inasmuch as the information regarding the circumstances surrounding the airplane crash is not on file in this Branch.

3 Incls.

1. Ltr dtd 8 Apr 46 w/ incl
2. Enlisted Records
3. 201's

/s/ S. T. Halgren  
for E. C. GAULT  
Colonel, AGO  
Chief, DPREB



Aircraft B-26 - 44-68072 enroute from Morrison Field, Fla. to overseas station. Departed from St. Mawgan 1238Z 1st Feb. for Burtonwood over Reg. ferry route via St. David. Head. estimating 1 plus 30. News of crash of aircraft approximately five miles west of Llanberis North Wales entire crew fatal. All facilities alerted and conducting search. Found crashed nr. Coernarvan, England.

Crew List

2nd Lt. Kenneth W. Garty, 0721642	Mrs. Hazell P. Garty (mother) 569 North Sierra Bonita St. Pasadena, California
2nd Lt. William H. Cardwell, Jr., 02067278	Mrs. Laroyce Cardwell, ix. (wife) Route One Riverton, Utah
1st Lt. Nolen B. Soyell, 0807335	Mr. George M. Soyell, (father) 21 W. 17th St. San Angelo, Texas
Cpl. Jack D. Arnold, 37560803	Mr. William A. Arnold, (father) Hotel Grever Fargo, North Dakota
Cpl. Rudolph M. Aguirre, 18122754	Mrs. Ruth A. Aguirre, (wife) 1407 Isabella Street Houston, Texas

Cm In No. - All in Feb. 45

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Crashed into mountains while flying on instruments