

# Alvin S. McCarson

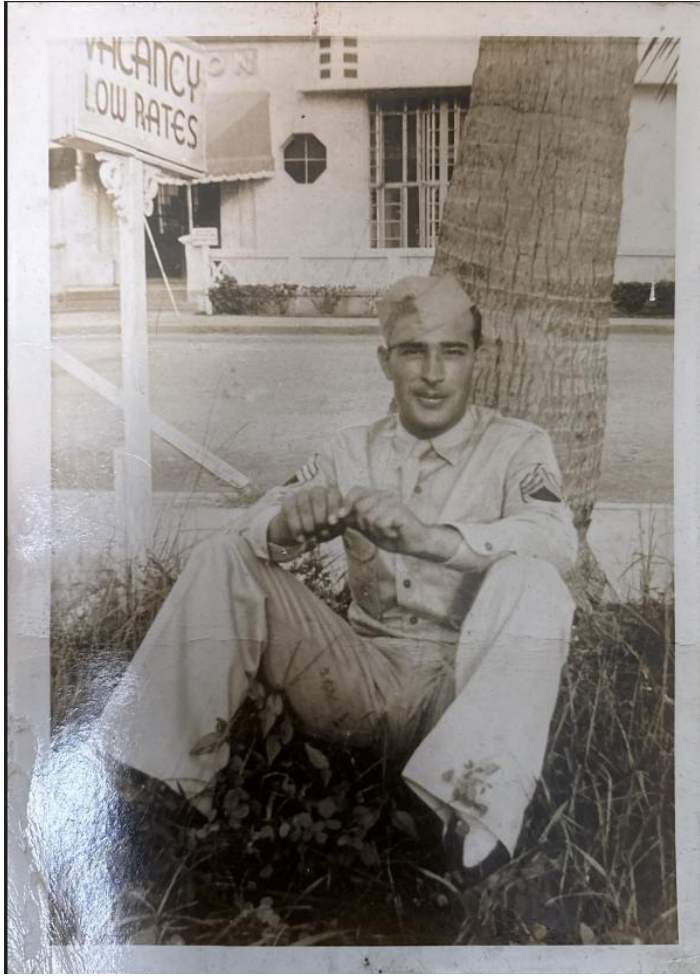
U.S. Army Air Corps – 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force  
 83<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Squadron  
 Staff Sergeant  
 Missing In Action – July 10, 1944 – Tunisia



Patch for 83<sup>rd</sup> Bombardment Squadron



	Purple Heart	
American Campaign Medal	European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal	WWII Victory Medal
<p>McCarson was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps, 83rd Bomber Squadron, 12th Bomber Group. He was listed as missing in action July 11, 1944, in a bombing mission over Italy. He is memorialized at the Tablets of the Missing at <i>North Africa American Cemetery</i>, Carthage, Tunisia. He was born in Henderson County, the son of Milton Sevier McCarson and Lora Emma Jane Corn. He was working as a painter in Henderson County when he enlisted in 1942.</p>		





WD, Hq AAF, Washington, Missing Air Crew Report.

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE 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) \_\_\_\_\_

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVEN NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report July 11, 1943

Jefferson Davis  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JEFFERSON DAVIS  
1st Lt., AAF  
Ass't Operations Officer  
83rd Bomb Sq. (M) AAF

REMARKS:

Airplane took off as scheduled from Hergla Field on a routine Night Mission that was the last seen of Aircraft.

T. B. F. has been notified and are conducting a search, the extent of which is unknown by this office. This squadron is conducting a local search as result of and unaccounted for friendly aircraft having been reported in the near vicinity.

S/ JEFFERSON DAVIS  
1st Lt., AAF  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

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: Hergla, Tunisia Command or Air Force T B F  
GROUP 12; SQUADRON 83; DETACHMENT \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Hergla Landing Ground Course 35° 20'N - 12° 30'E  
Intended Destination Trapani Mile, Sicily; Type of Mission Indiv. Nite Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fair Visibility Good (25 miles)
4. GIVE: (a) Date 7/10/43 Time 21:45; And location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Hergla Landing Ground, Tunisia  
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last sighted; ( ) Last contacted by radio; ( ) Forced down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (Check only one: ( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows \_\_\_\_\_)
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-25 D; AAF Serial No. 41-29898
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2600-13; AAF Serial No. (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
41-28164 (b) 416889 (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, type and Serial Number)  
(a) 416267 (b) 416251 (c) 308144 (d) 392534  
(e) 219632 (f) 416889 (g) 50 Cal Machine Gun
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 6; Passengers 0; Total 6  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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	Status
1.	Pilot	Fredd, Paul Oscar	1st Lt.	0-727710	DED
2.	CP	Thompson, Robert Evans	2nd Lt.	0-734279	DED
3.	Nav.	Malm, John W.	2nd Lt.	0-569082	DED
4.	Bomb.	McCarson, Alvin Sevier	S/Sgt.	34176320	DED
5.	R. G.	O'Neil, Charles	S/Sgt.	11029680	DED
6.	G.	Battin, William Russell	S/Sgt.	10675365	DED
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

7. The course of the plane from Hergla Landing Ground to Trapani Mile, Sicily, was between two and three hundred miles over water, and, while it is reasonably certain that subject plane met with some disaster and fell into the sea and that the entire crew perished, the total lack of any information concerning the circumstances of the disappearance of the plane and the fact that no enemy planes were observed over the route which the plane would normally have pursued, precludes such conclusion.

8. In view of the lack of evidence shown above it is concluded that information of record in the Department of the Army at this time is insufficient to establish the place and fact of death, therefore, the issuance of an official report of death, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, as amended, for each of subject personnel, is not warranted.

*V. Gold*  
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Investigator

CONCUR:

*James A. Frix*  
JAMES A. FRIX  
Captain, AGD  
Asst. CIC, Determination Unit  
Casualty Section  
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

Copy Furnished: Central Files  
AG 201 and CQMG file of each individual  
named in par 1.

Source material obtained as a result of this investigation is filed in the AG 201 file of 1st Lt Paul O. Fredd, 0727710, Pilot, unless otherwise indicated.

3 June 1949

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance of Personnel Presumed Dead

1. The following named personnel of the 83rd Bomb Squadron, 12th Bomb Group, was reported missing in action in the Middle Eastern Area, between Tunisia and Sicily, 10 July 1943, in flying pay status, by Casualty Br. Message Number 198039, and was presumed dead as of 11 July 1944 under the provisions of Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended (SR&D Case No. 1002):

1st Lt	Paul O. Fredd	0727710	Pilot
2nd Lt	John W. Malm	0669082	Navigator
2nd Lt	Robert E. Thompson	0734279	Co-Pilot
S Sgt	William R. Battin	10675365	Gunner
<u>293</u> S Sgt	Alvin S. McCarson	34176320	Bombardier
S Sgt	Charles B. O'Neil	11029680	Rear Gunner

2. Missing Air Crew Report 55, 11 July 1943, furnishes the information that subject personnel constituted the entire personnel aboard B-25D, 41-29898 which departed Hergla Landing Ground, Tunisia, in an individual night bombing mission to Trapani Mile, Sicily 10 July 1943; weather - Fair, Visibility - Good, (25 miles) and was never seen or heard from after leaving Hergla Landing Ground at 2145 hours 10 July 1943 and no information available as to its disappearance. "TBF has been notified and are conducting a search.....This Squadron is conducting a local search as result of an unaccounted for friendly aircraft having been reported in the near vicinity."

3. Inquiry to the Field from this office 29 April 1944 brought the reply that no further information had been received concerning this crew.

4. None of subject personnel was ever reported prisoner of war, interned or as having returned to duty subsequent to 10 July 1943.

5. Examination of available pertinent records fails to reveal any additional information of value to this review.

6. The office of the Quartermaster General, Memorial Division, reports that there are no burial reports of record concerning any of subject persons and that all available records of identification have been compared with such records of unidentified deceased recovered from the area, without effecting association.

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G. W. Rogers  
Capt., GMC  
Identification Branch