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perfect drop and ten or fifteen minutes later when he saw his wingman Lt Marley in trouble, stuck with him, lead him as far as he could and when Lt Marley's ship crash-landed, he circled around, took a fix, landed at a nearby field and sent an ambulance to pick them up. This is beyond doubt an outstanding example of undaunted gallantry and excellent comradeship and team work among our forces.

AIRCRAFT 099:-- This aircraft flew on Lt Dobbins' right wing, and was piloted by 2d Lt Wallace G. Marley, O-814508, with 1st Lt Myron L. Guisewitte, O-758802, co-pilot, 2d Lt Howard P. Wilson, O-701358, navigator, Corporal Benedict D. Caruso, 3264317, radio operator, and Corporal Morris B. Askew, 34671899, crew chief. Lt. Marley's plane effected a perfect drop despite the intense enemy ground fire and headed for home without noticing anything unusual, even though he knew he had been hit, until about fifteen minutes after he pulled out of the DZ when he noticed that the oil pressure on his left engine dropped to zero and the engine had to be turned off. However, the feathering mechanism is dependent on the oil pressure, which was down to zero, and therefore the prop would not feather. He flew on the single engine for about twenty minutes but could not maintain altitude with 47 inches of mercury and a violent vibration occurred in the left engine due to his inability to feather the prop. It was therefore necessary to crash/and Lt. Marley, with unparalleled skill brought his plane down and belly landed safely on a ploughed field some 16 miles north of Reims, without injury to him or any of his crew. They were later picked

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