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Date ~~MAR 15 1949~~

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303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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E. A. BRUNAS, Lt. Col., AG
F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
MAR 15 1946

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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.

- ORGANIZATION: Locati Molesworth ; Command or Air Force VIII A.F.
Group 303rd ; Squadron 359th ; Detachment -----
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Diagram
Intended Destination Bois-Coquerel, France ; Type of Mission Bombardment.
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
6-8/10ths cloud - visibility 1-2 miles in haze.
- GIVE: (a) Date 28 Feb; 44 ; and Location 49° 55'N - 01° 47'E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows Left Wing seen to come off and A/C to go down out of control.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5306
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97A ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-58704
(b) 43-57857 ; (c) 42-78576 ; (d) 43-64931
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____ ; (b) _____ ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____
(e) _____ ; (f) See attached sheet. ; (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

5 KIA
3 E US
2 POW

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	SHOUP, NOEL E.	1st Lt.	0-672887 490
2. Co-Pilot	LITHERLAND, JAMES (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-741917 490
3. Navigator	CLARK, BYRON F.	2nd Lt.	0-685539 RTD
4. Bombardier	McCLAIN, CHARLES J.	1st Lt.	0-681549 RTD
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6. Ass't Eng. - R.W.G.	GRIBBLE, ROBERT T.	S/Sgt.	33354347 KIA
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10. Tail Gunner	ROSS, HARRY C.	S/Sgt.	35681877 KIA

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

Name in Full (Last name first)	Serial Rank	Contacted			Saw	
		By	Last	Saw	Forced	
		Radio	Sighted	Crash	Landing	
1. -----						
2. -----						
3. -----						

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- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report 29 February 1944.

Jesse M. Barrett
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JESSE M. BARRETT, Major, A.C., Group S-2.

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2. -----	-----					
3. -----	-----					

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INSTALLED WEAPONS - Make, Type and Serial Number of A/C #42-5306F.

224014	F.D.G.M.
88495	"
630692	"
630557	"
89444	"
89208	"
130532	"
79070	"
89061	"
143009	"
140611	"
145797	"

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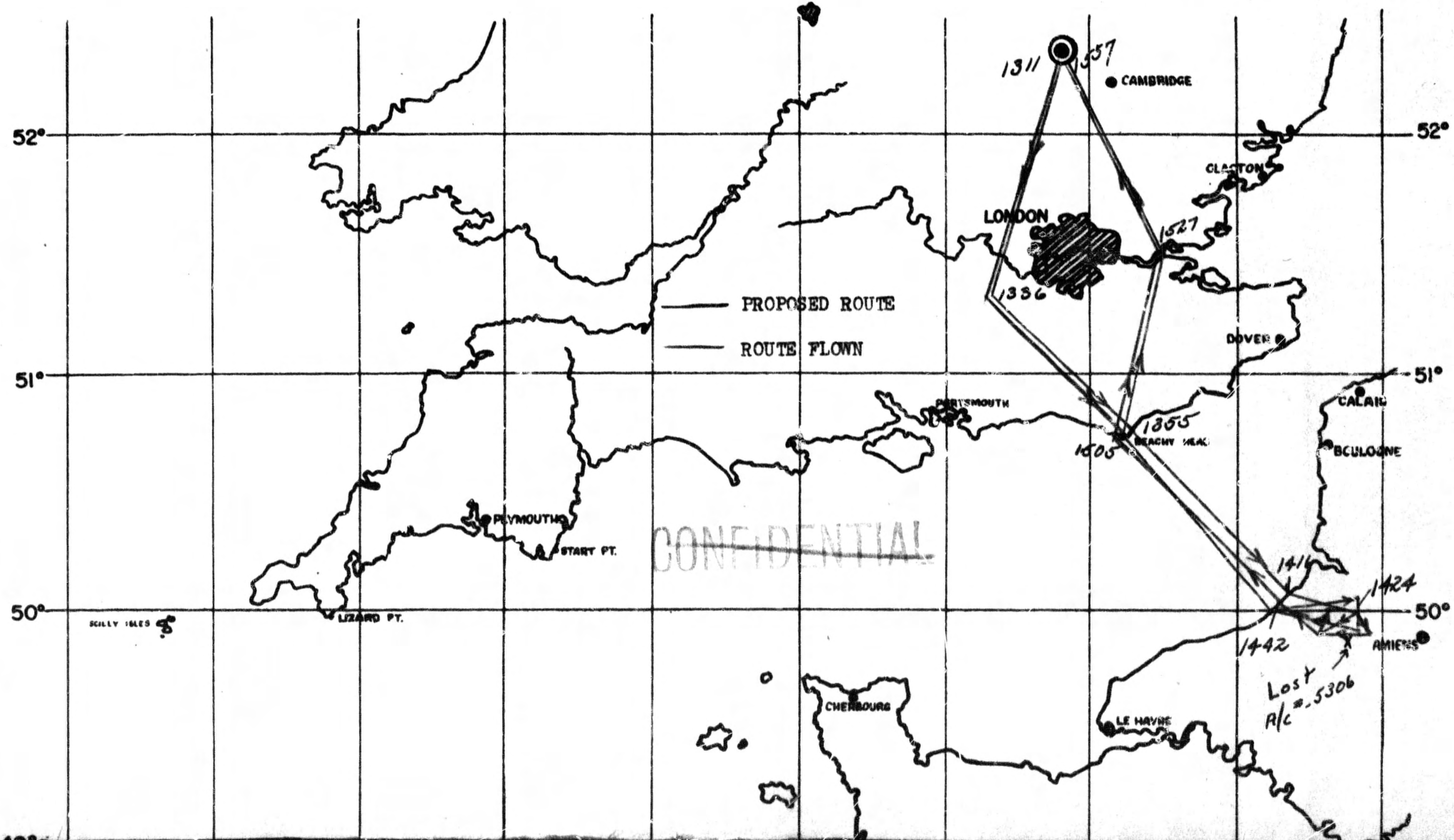
TRACK CHART

TARGET

Primary BOIS COQUEREL, FRANCE
Secondary _____
Last Resort _____

DATE 28 FEBRUARY, 1944

Route followed by			303RD BOMB GROUP (H)
_____	"	"	LOW SQUADRON
_____	"	"	_____
_____	"	"	_____
_____	"	"	_____
_____	"	"	_____



SR&D
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March 5, 1947
Box # 5102
Fountain City, Tenn.

Officer in Charge, SR&D Sub-Section,
Casualty Section, Pers. Acts.Br., A(10)
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to AGPO-CR 704 (28 Jan 47) I can give very little information. Because of my position as navigator in the plane I was never able to see Lts. Shoup or Litherland. Upon being hit our plane immediately fell into a spin and I lost consciousness from a blow on the head. I was fortunate enough to hook my parachute when I regained consciousness and was falling free of the plane. The only knowledge I have of the remaining members of the crew was given to me by Capt. Chas J. McClain upon my return to the states after being liberated. Capt. McClain was bombardier on our plane and no doubt you have his story. With reference to your questions I give the following information:

- a. I saw no one bail out of the plane. The plane exploded while the crew was aboard.
- b. To my knowledge Lts. Shoup and Litherland were in the plane. I have no knowledge as to whether or not they were wearing their parachutes.
- c. I know nothing as to whether they were killed or injured.
- d. Capt. McClain is the only crew member I have seen since leaving the plane.
- e. I received no information from the Germans concerning these officers.

I trust this is the information you desired.

Sincerely yours,

Byron J. Clark

SECRET

By authority of G. of S., G-2

~~TOP SECRET~~
Date 20 Mar 44 (Roll...)
E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

CHARLES J McCLAIN, 1st Lt, 0-681549
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

15 June 1944
(Date)

359 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group
(Unit)

E&E #752

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

28 February 1944; 1440 hours; 3 miles West of BLANGY-ON-SEVILLE.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc? A/C exploded; I was blown out; I did not know nature or extent of damage.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? Explosion at approx. 11,000 feet.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

I do not know.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

I saw one chute.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? No

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? No

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. I heard that 2 were captured and 2 were dead in A/C.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its conditions? No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

See above.

Mr. Lewis:

Sketch X449 A&B and X452
St. Andre are only possibilities.
Date of death for X452 is estimated
at ~~9/27/44~~ ^{9/27/44} while on X449 A&B it
is estimated at ~~9/27/44~~ ^{9/27/44}. These
estimates are based on cemetery
records of burial dates.

In view of fact that X449B
is comprised of only parts of right
arm bones and right pelvic bone
it is possible that these bones were
from some of the other crew
members. Inasmuch as this body
was buried a week later it may
have been that it was found when
the wreckage was cleared away
and all the fragments were
put in the one grave.

This is all conjecture but
seems the only solution as there
is nothing else in QM 40 at
present that can be associated
with this crew.

Loug 12/3/47

X 492 St. Audre.

B/R:

Place of death: Abbeville, Fr.

Date of death: 09a 29 mar 44.

Place of burial: Plot 4, Row 4, grave 71

Prev buried Civ Cem, Brit Sec,
Abbeville, Fr. Grave G-1

T/C impossible, body decomposed,
head, arms, teeth & legs missing.

Processing reveals:

Remnant of: wool knit sweater, wool
undershirt, 06 Pink Trousers, wool
socks, 1 left 0's low cut shoe (10 1/2)
elec heated flying suit, 2 fleece lined
flying coats, summer flying coveralls.

Sumner records show Harrison
was interested in G-1

X449 A. St. Andre.

B/R.

Place of death: Abbeville, Fr.

Date of death: 9 Mar 44.

Place of burial: Plot B, Row 4, grave 68

Prev buried ~~in~~ grave H 7, Civ Cem
Brit Sec, Abbeville, Fr.

X449 was segregated into two
bodies upon reprocessing due to
differences in bone structure.
Teeth & clothing found were a mass
common to either case & have
been placed w/ case A.
15 lbs remains recovered.

Date of death based on date of burial
as shown on cem records.

X 449 B. Lt. Andre.

B/R:

Place of death: Abbeville, Fr.

Date of death: Est 9 Mar 44

Place of burial: Plot 2, Row 2, grave 22

was buried in cem Abbeville Fr.

Brit Sec - H 7.

See remark for X 449 A.

1 lb remains recovered
right arm bones & part of pelvic bone.

Letherland, James O 741 917
NO BR, NO info
TR in 293 file

Shoup, Noel E 0672 887
NO BR, NO info

Bragg, Ken W. 6 288 092

B/R:

Place of death: Abbeville, France.

Date of death 28 Feb 1944

Place of burial: Plot H, Row 6, grave 116 (St Andre)

Previous burial as UNK X477 (St Andre)

Identified by (1) T/Sgt Chevrons on coveralls of X477.

(2) Est. date & place of death of X477 in agreement with
for AK 42-5306 of which T/Sgt Bragg was a crew
member. (3) X477 disinterred from same cemetery
by S/Sgt H.C. Ross, S/Sgt P. Tuberville, & S/Sgt W.L.
Hostetter, crew members of A/C 42-5306.

(4) T/Sgt Bragg only T/Sgt of crew of ~~UNK~~ A/C
42-5306 MIA.

Current Report status ^{Discrep}

prev. Bureau Discrep

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for R
Civ Cen British Sec
Abbeville

Heatletter, William L., Jr. 17031940

B/R:

Place of death: Abbeville, France

Date of death: 28 Feb '1944

Place of burial: Plot H, Row 1, grave 7 (Standard)

Ident by tags

Previously buried in sol grave ^{DN-3} 8-5, Civ
Cem, British Sec., Abbeville, France.

Ross, Harry C. 35681877

B/R:

Place of death: Abbeville, France

Date of death: 28 Feb '1944

Place of burial: Plot H, Row 1, grave 2, (Standard)

Ident by tags

Previously buried in sol grave ^{DN-4} 8-3
Civ Cem, British Sec., Abbeville, Fr.

Grobble, Robert T. 33 354 347,

B/R:

Place of death: Abbeville, France.

Date of death: 28 Feb 44

Place of burial: Plot H, Row 1, grave 8. (St. Andre)

Ident tag on body.

Previously buried in grave ⁱⁿ⁻² G-4, Civ. Cem., British Sec, Abbeville, France.

Harrison, Donald B. 15 324 895

B/R

Place of death: Abbeville, France.

Date of death: 28 Feb 44,

Place of burial: Plot H, Row 1, grave 3 (St Andre)

Ident by tag on body.

Previously buried in grave ⁱⁿ⁻¹ H-6, Civ. Cem., British Sec, Abbeville, France.

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Somme 47°06'N 2°12'E 705

(One copy)

CASE NO. 795

INVESTIGATOR: Flora I. Lewis

MEMO FOR: MR. LONG, ROOM 2326, TEMPO "B" BLDG.
c/o MISS CLEMENTS.

(DATE) 5 September 1947

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO PERSONNEL PRESUMED DEAD.

DATE MIA 28 Feb 44 MACR NO. 2863 (MACR TO ACCOMPANY THIS REQUEST)

TYPE OF PLANE & NO B-17 42-5306 REFERENCES TO GERMAN RECORDS (Include Vol.No.)

KU 1034 (KU 1002-1899) (KU 1027 - 1049)

COMPLETE CREW OF AIRCRAFT: (Single space)
(If more space required, use back of this paper)

BURIAL INFORMATION

(Include date & Place of death & place of interment)
*10 crew
3 EUS
7 PDD/KIA
5 A/R
2 to find*

CREW POS.	(last)	NAME (first)	(initial)	GRADE	ASN	PRESENT STATUS	BURIAL INFORMATION
Pilot	Walt SHOUP	Noel	E.	1st Lt	0672 887	PDD	Burial Reports on file indicate that 5 KIAs were disinterred from English W. W. I Cometary Honor at Abbeville, Somme, Fr. & reburied at St. Andre.
Co-pil.	Litherland	James		2nd Lt	0741 917	PDD	
Nav.	Clark	Byron F.		2nd Lt	0685539	EUS	
Bomb.	McClain	Charles J.	J.	1st Lt	0681 549	EUS	
Engr.	Bragg	Ben W.		T Sgt	6288092	KIA	
Lft.W.	Asvestos	Nick		S Sgt	12181065	EUS	
Rt.W.	Gribble	Robert T.		S Sgt	33354347	KIA	
Rad.O.	Harrison	Donald B.		T Sgt	15324895	KIA	
Ball	T. Hostetter	William L. Jr.	Jr.	S Sgt	17031940	KIA	
Tail	G. Ross	Harry C.		S Sgt	35681877	KIA	

LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS. (LIST GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS, NOT COORDINATES, WHICH MAY SERVE AS A LEAD TO PLACE OF DEATH AND/OR BURIAL. THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM RETURNED CREW MEMBERS, GERMAN RECORDS, ETC.)

German records reveal that a fortress was downed about 1439 hours on 28 Feb. 1944 at Le Transloy, south of Abbeville, France and that six (6) of the crew were buried on 2 March 1944 in the English World War No. 1 Memorial Cemetery at Abbeville, Somme, France. Two of these six men were not identified but four were identified by name and serial number as: Gribble, Harrison, Hostetter and Ross. The 2 Unknowns were burnt & recovered at

GENERAL. (INCLUDE ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MIGHT BE OF VALUE IN RESOLVING CASE. SUCH AS PERSONS SEEN TO BAIL OUT OVER WATER OR PLANE EXPLODED IN THE AIR, NO CHUTES SEEN)

*Abbeville (48°20'N 2°10'E
50°06'N 1°50'E)*

Viammeville, France. Am. Graves Reg. ETC advised that five crew members were reburied from Abbeville, Somme and disinterred from following graves: Bragg (Prev. X-477) Gr. G-2 Gribble G-4, Harrison G-6, Hostetter G-5, Ross G-3, remains found in Grave C-1 at Abbeville have been reburied as unknown X-452 in St Andre. Remains of Unknown X-452 and A-Z Records checked: 11 Sep 47 293 Files Requisitioned: 11 Sep 47 Returned: _____

Typing & Checking Unit: Reg 9/9/47 Non-Recoverable Unit: _____

IMPORTANT. WHEN MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS OF ONE CREW ARE DEAD (PDD OR KIA) COMPLETE A-Z LIST AND 293 FILE REQUISITION AND ATTACH TO THIS REQUEST. DO NOT COMPLETE A-Z LIST OR 293 FILE REQUISITION FOR LESS THAN THIS NUMBER.

Note: In Ground Force cases it is desirable, whenever possible, to associate the individual who is PDD with any other members of his organization who were killed in the same action, and furnish the same information as outlined above.

(OVER)

*Lat seen 49°05.5' N 1°47'E
18 m*

T Sgt Ben W. Bragg have been disinterred and reprocessed in an effort to resolve the case. The following information is submitted:

Unknown X-452 - weigh approximately 11 lbs; part of head; no teeth.
Bragg - identification tags on body. Approximate weight 20 lbs.

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March 5, 1947
Box #5102
Fountain City, Tenn.

Officer in Charge, SR&D Sub-Section,
Casualty Section, Pers. Acts. Br., AGO
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to AGPO-CT 704 (26 Jan 47) I can give very little information. Because of my position as navigator in the plane I was never able to see Lts. Shoup or Litherland. Upon being hit our plane immediately fell into a spin and I lost consciousness from a blow on the head. I was fortunate enough to hook my parachute when I regained consciousness and was falling free of the plane. The only knowledge I have of the remaining members of the crew was given to me by Capt. Chas. J. McClain upon my return to the states after being liberated. Capt. McClain was bombardier on our plane and no doubt you have his story. With reference to your questions I give the following information:

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 - d. Capt. McClain is the only crew member I have seen since leaving the plane.
 - e. I received no information from the Germans concerning these officers.
- I trust this is the information you desired.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ BYRON F. CLARK

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Mrs. Lewis;

Bragg, Ross, Griddle, Koster
& Harrison were disinterred from
Graves H-2 thru H-6 at Abbeville
in order given. X 452 was
disinterred from H-1. So it
appears that these are the 6
referred to in Her Records.
Nothing more has been known
this case to date.

There are no other associations
than the ones I gave you in Dec.

Long
9/21/48

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

PO-C

RRE 293.9 (IB)

19 August 1947

SUBJECT: Isolated Burials

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

(15) 089704

1. Reference is made to letter, your office, file AGPO-CR 704, subject "Determination of Status, Case SD 795", dated 17 March 1947, concerning 1st Lt Noel E. Shoup, 0672887 and 2nd Lt James Litherland, 0741917.

2. The remains of Unknown X-452 (St Andre US Military Cemetery) and T/Sgt Ben W. Bragg, 6288092 have been disinterred and reprocessed in an effort to resolve this case. The following information is submitted:

- a. Unknown X-452 - weigh approximately eleven (11) pounds; part of head; no teeth.
- b. Bragg - identification tags on body. Approximate weight twenty (20) pounds.

3. Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Walter B. Morrow
 WALTER B. MORROW
 Major, Infantry
 Actg Asst Adj Gen

(19 Aug 47)

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AGP-T 704 (Shoup) 3d Ind. HOB/GAJ/ml
Headquarters, European Command, APO 757, US Army, 24 April 1947.

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

Attention invited to preceding indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

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3. 2. 1947

H. O. BEETH
Major, AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

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ASST JG (SAS) 35 Inl. 1000/100
Headquarters, European Command, APO 757, 28 Army, D. April 1947.

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

Attention invited to preceding instructions.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

R. O. HUNT
Major, MG
Assistant Adjutant General

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IN REPLY
AGPC-CR 704 (17 Mar 47)WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

17 March 1947

SUBJECT: Determination of Status, Case SD 795

To: Commanding General
United States Forces, European Theater
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

Attn: AG Casualty Section

1. This office is conducting an investigation in an effort to resolve the casualty status of the personnel listed below, who were reported by ETO Shipment No. 004 as MIA over France on 28 February 1944 and were presumed dead under the provisions of Section 3, Missing Persons Act.

1st Lt	Noel E. Shoup	0672887	Pilot
2nd Lt	James Litherland	0741917	Co-pilot

The entire crew of ten men of the B-17F (Fortress), AAF No. 43-5306 (MACR 2863), was originally reported MIA. Five of this crew have been reported KIA and three have returned to the United States, as follows:

2nd Lt	Byron F. Clark	0685539	Navigator	EUS	1034 KU
1st Lt	Charles J. McClain	0681549	Bombardier	EUS	
S Sgt	Nick Asvestos	12181065	Left W. G.	EUS	
T Sgt	Ben W. Bragg	6288092	Engineer	KIA	
S Sgt	Robert T. Gribble	33354347	Right W. G.	KIA	dead
T Sgt	Donald B. Harrison	15324895	Radio Op.	KIA	-KU 1034 dead
S Sgt	William L. Hostetter Jr.	17031940	Ball T. G.	KIA	"
S Sgt	Harry C. Ross	35681877	Tail G.	KIA	"

Statements made by the returned crew members would indicate that the plane exploded at about 11,000 feet altitude and that they were blown clear of the plane.

2. Captured German records KU 1034 (KU 1002 - 1899) (KU 1027 - 1049) reveal that a fortress was downed about 1439 hours on 28 February 1944 at Le Transloy, South of Abbeville, France, and that six of the crew were buried on 2 March 1944 in the English World War No. 1 Memorial Cemetery at Abbeville, Somme, France. Two of these six men were not identified but four were identified by name and serial number as the following:

S Sgt Gribble
T Sgt Harrison
S Sgt Hostetter
S Sgt Ross

AGPO-CR 704 (17 Mar 47)

These records also disclosed the fact that the bodies of the two "Unknowns" were burnt and were recovered at Viammeville, France.

3. Burial Reports are on file for the five crew members, who were "killed in action". These reports show that these five men were disinterred from the English World War I Cemetery of Honor at Abbeville, Somme, France and have been reburied in the U.S. Military Cemetery at St. Andre. The Quartermaster General's Office advise that a sixth body was disinterred from this cemetery at Abbeville with the five, but this body could not be identified.

4. Information is desired as to whether any additional body has been disinterred from the English Cemetery at Abbeville, France, or surrounding area which could be identified as either of the officers named in paragraph 1, who have been presumed dead.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. E. Ewing
ADJUTANT GENERAL.

AGP-T 201 - SHOUP, Noel E. (O)
LITHERLAND, James (O)

1st Ind.

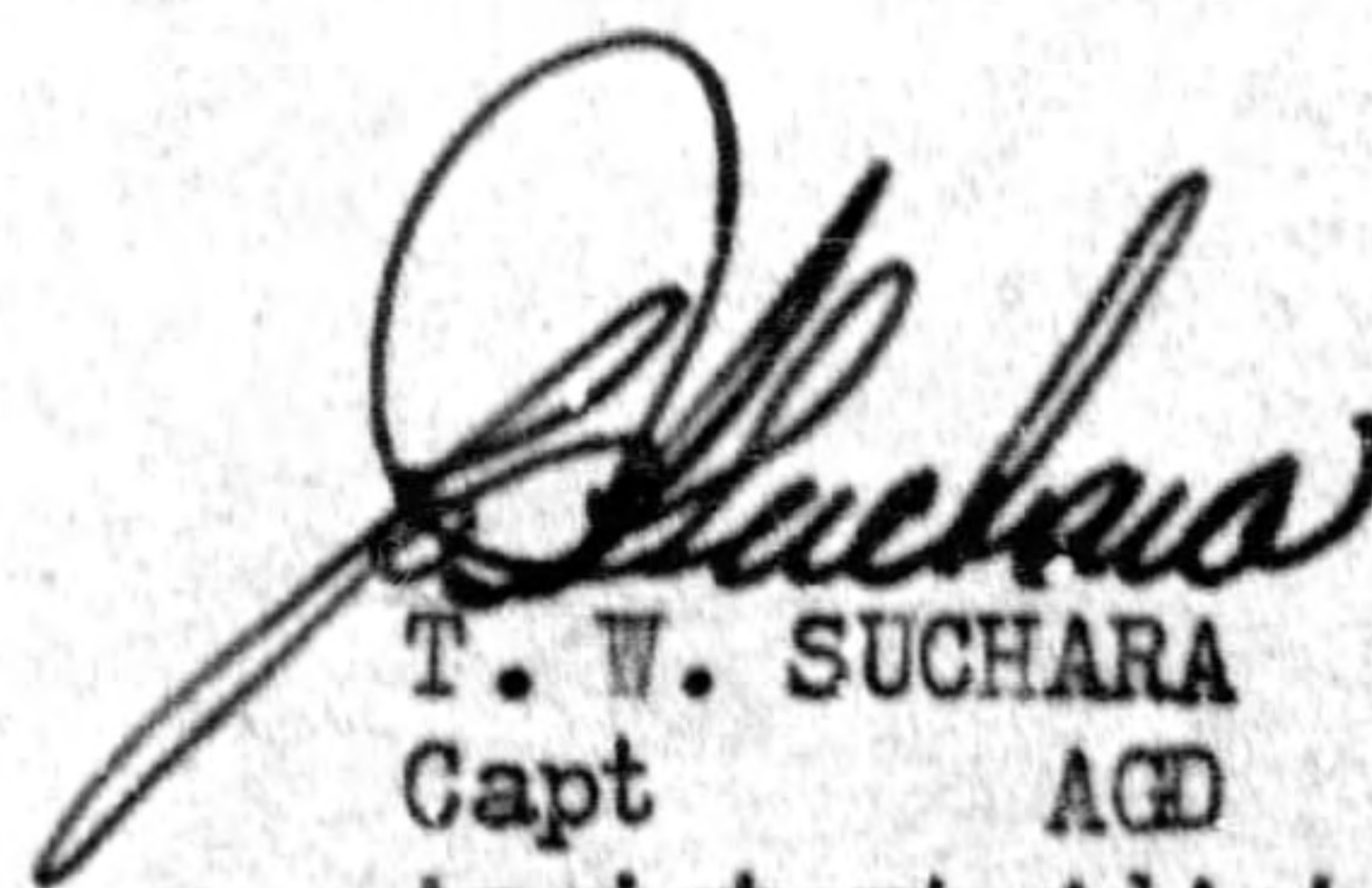
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Hq, European Command, APO 757, US Army, 2 April 1947.

TO: Commanding Officer, American Graves Registration Command, APO 887,
US Army.

1. For compliance with paragraph 4, basic communication.
2. Status for entire crew is agreement with records this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL CLAY:



T. W. SUCHARA

Capt AGD

Assistant Adjutant General

Tel: Frankfurt 2-1246
2-1356

SRIP

(Classification removed per authority TAG)

by *ccs* Date *17 July 44*

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C. C. GEBULDIG,
Lt. Colonel, ACD,
Adjutant General

AG 704

7th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 871, U.S. ARMY, 27 August 1944.

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

1. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 2nd Lt. James Litherland, O-741917 to be missing in action, 28 February 1944.

2. No information other than that contained in preceding correspondence is available.

For the Theater Commander:

H. M. Rund

H. M. RUND,
Lt. Col, ACD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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4:50 pm

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per authority TAG.

by *CCB* Date *29 Aug 44*

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C. C. GEDULDIG,
Lt. Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General
JWP/wbj

AG 704

7th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 871, U.S. ARMY, 27 August 1944.

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

1. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 2nd Lt. James Litherland, O-741917 to be missing in action, 28 February 1944.
2. No information other than that contained in preceding correspondence is available.

For the Theater Commander:

85 AGO
AUG 30 1944
Received
back

*PC
4-50 PM*

H. M. RUND,
Lt. Col, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

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Date *12 Aug 47*
4 August 1944.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY REFER TO AG 201 Litherland, James
(4 Aug 44) PC-5 0-741917

WASHINGTON



SUBJECT: Determination of Status.

TO: Commanding General,
United States Forces,
European Theater of Operations,
APO 887, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York.

1. Reference is made to your casualty shipment number 004, reporting Second Lieutenant James Litherland, 0-741917, missing in action over France since 28 February 1944.

2. Information has been received in this office from Lieutenant Litherland's wife that she learned from a reliable source that her husband is listed as a prisoner of war on the records at his base in England. Inasmuch as Lieutenant Litherland is still carried in a "missing in action" status, request that you advise if there is any basis for the report furnished by Mrs. Litherland.

By order of the Secretary of War:

[Signature]
Adjutant General.



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C. C. GEBULDIG,
Lt. Colonel

AG 704 1st Ind S: 5 September 1944 JWP/jwp
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 871, U.S. ARMY, 11 August 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634.

For Compliance with basic communication and return to this headquarters.

By command of General EISENHOWER:



M. Grano
M. GRANO,
1st Lt., AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

319.1

2nd Ind.

(S-1 Sept 44)

G-G-4

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634. 15 AUG 1944

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. For compliance with basic communication and return through this headquarters.

2. Attention is invited to suspense date for strict compliance.

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:



Burnis Archer
BURNIS ARCHER
Major, A. G. D.,
Ass't. Adj. General.

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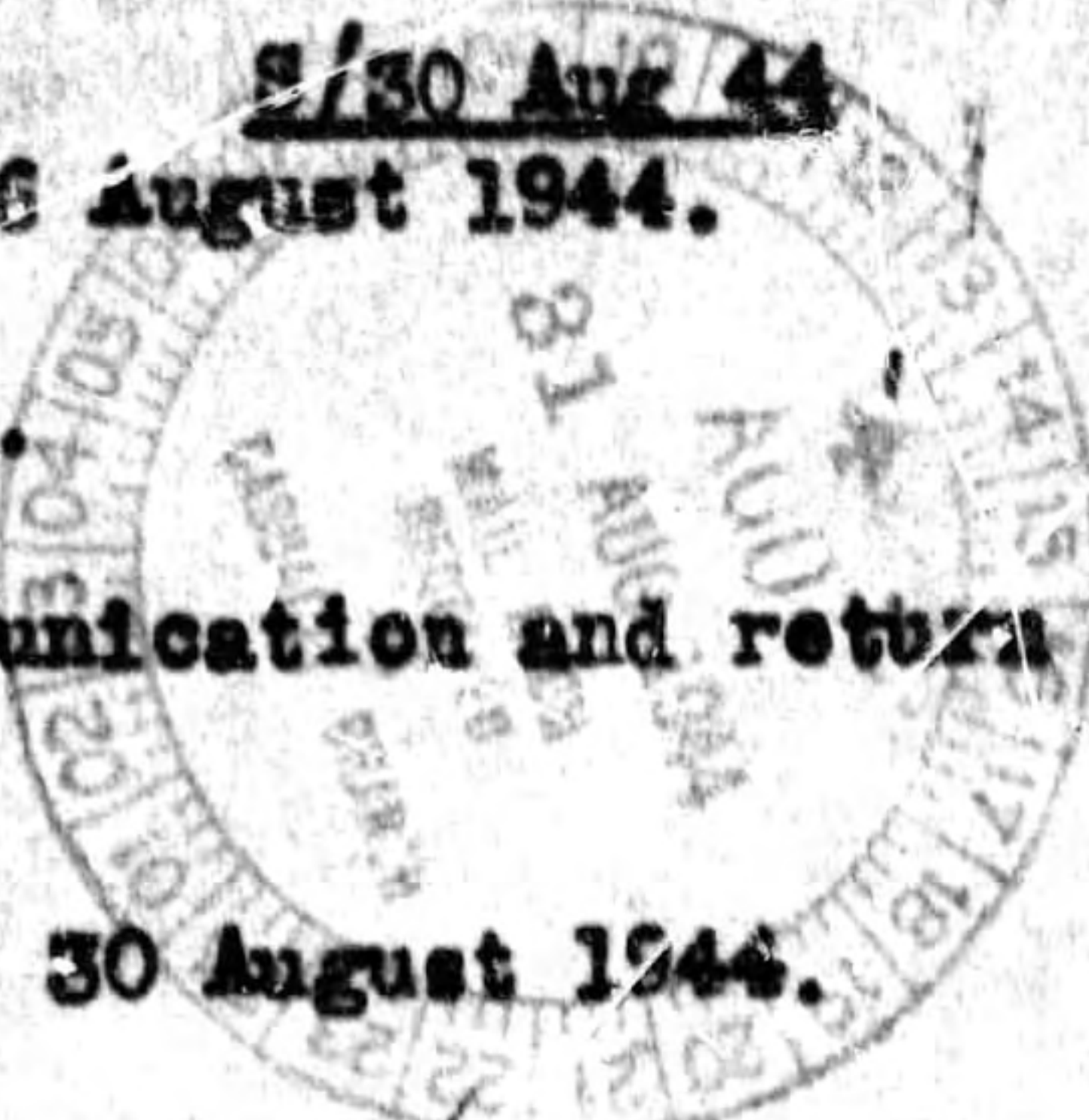
Basic: Ltr, War Dept, 4 Aug 44, Determination of Status, 2d Lt. James Litherland.

319.1 3rd Ind. 2/30 Aug 44 (G/D/2)
HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 16 August 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 107, APO 557.

1. For immediate compliance with basic communication and return through this headquarters.
2. Attention is invited to suspense date of 30 August 1944.

By command of Major General WILLIAMS:



Charles E. Garvin
CHARLES E. GARVIN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

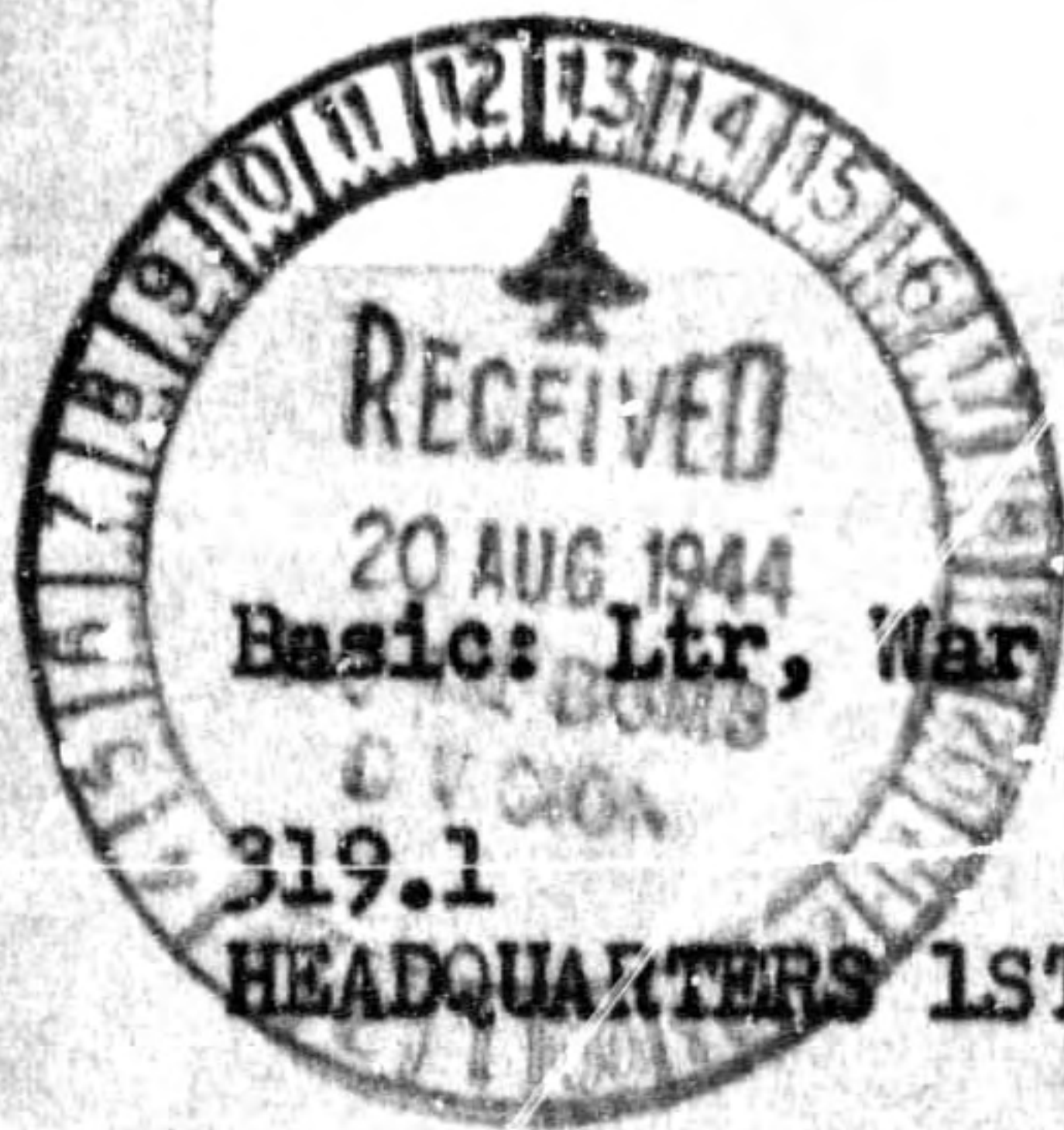
319.1 4th Ind. D-4-3
HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107, APO 557. AUG 19 1944

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

In reference to basic communication regarding status of subject officer, our records show him as officially MIA. There is no information on file at this headquarters either official or unofficial, to support the report received by Mrs. Litherland.

For the Commanding Officer:

Richard P. Vinal
RICHARD P. VINAL,
Captain, AC,
Asst Adjutant.



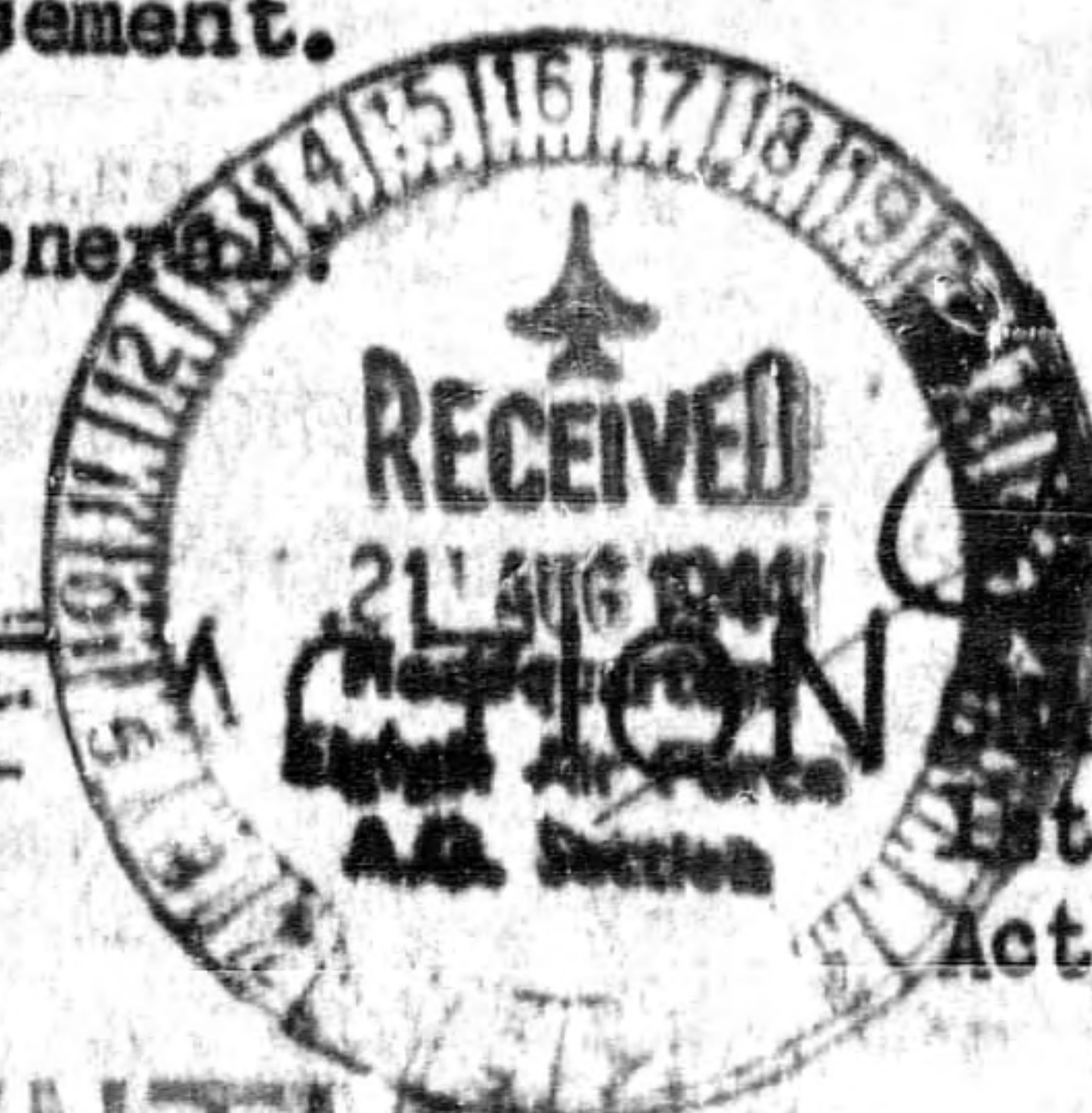
Basic: Ltr, War Dept, 4 Aug 44, Determination of Status, 2d Lt James Litherland.

319.1 5th Ind. (G/D/17)
HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 21 August 1944

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 557.

Attention is invited to 4th indorsement.

For the Commanding General:



Charles E. Garvin
CHARLES E. GARVIN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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G-G-4

C. C. GEDULDIG
319.1 Lt. Colonel, ACD,

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634. 22 AUG 1944

TO: Commanding General, Communication Zone, European Theater of Operations,
APO 871, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters indicate 2nd Lt. James Litherland, O-741917,
MIA since 28 February 1944 with no change in status.

For the Commanding General:



H. S. Wilson, Jr.

H. S. WILSON, Jr.,
Captain, A. G. D.,
Ass't. Adj. General.

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MACR 2863

Km 1034 Feb. 28, 1944 ^v Fortress

Clark, Byron Franklin, 2nd Lt.
Ident. Tag: 0-685-539 EUS
Taken prisoner

^v Harrison, D.B., T/ Sgt.
Ident. Tag: 15-324 895
Dead KIA

^v Hostetter, W. L. Jr., 8/ Sgt.
Ident. Tag: 17 031 940 KIA
Dead

^v Scribble, Robert T., 8/ Sgt.
Ident. Tag: 33 354 347 KIA
Dead

^v Ross, Harry C., 8/ Sgt.
Ident. Tag: 35-681 877 KIA
Dead

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KU 1034

26. Febr. 1944 about 14,39 h
Le Transloy SO. of Abbeville
Type: Fortress

G. 4

ROSS Harry C

35681577

dead

KIA

G. 1

HARRISON, D. B. ^{Donald}

15324895

dead

KIA

G. 3

HOSTRITER W

L.

17031540

dead

KIA

G. 2

GRIBBLE Robert

Z.

17031347

dead

KIA

G. 5 and 6 2 Unknown dead

Buried in the English World War No. 1 Memorial
Cemetery Abbeville/ Somme 2. March 44.

MACR 2863

S.D. Case 795

3. 5. 44. ^{Boston}
Clark Brown T.

MACR 2863

10 man crew
 3 - EVS
 5 - KIA
 2 - PDD

CASUALTY REPORT ON ALLIED AVIATORS NO. 50

Time covered by reports: 1 March - 3 March 1946
 Distributed to Army Information Center, Berlin W 30

See KU 1034

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>A. S. NO.</u>	<u>Date of burial</u>	<u>Location of Grave</u>	<u>Place and Time Air- craft was downed</u>
1. Lt. Col.	Harrison	DONALD B. D. B.	155 84005 2-45 15324895	----- KIA	English Cemetery of Honor of World War I at ABBI VILLE/ France; Grave No. 6 1	VIENNE VILLE 20 Km south west of Abbeville; 28 February 1944
1. "	Griddle	Robert T.	155 84007 2-45	----- KIA	Same as above Grave No. 6 2	"
1. "	Reuther	W.A. L., JR. W. L.	17081000 2-45	----- KIA	Same as above Grave No. 6 3	"
4. "	Ross	Berry C.	155 84007 - KIA 2-45	-----	Same as above Grave No. 6 4	"
1. "	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	---	Same as above Grave No. 6 5	"
6. "	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	---	Same as above Grave No. 6 6	"

Sign: C 0

SD Case 795

FORM LEAF #1

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command
(B) 16/VI AF W. Z 35370 AGPD Brussels
OFFICE OR STATION: Abbeville-Dreux

DISTRIBUTOR: Air Corps Hqs. Belgium, North-
France, Ic. Transit Camp Air, Ocheruscel,
Area of Air Command

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Date: 2 March 1944

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:
Original

REGARDING: DOWNED)
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~)
~~XXXXXX~~)

of a Boeing Fortress QU Star BN

DATE AND TIME: 28 Feb. 1944, 1439 hrs.

AT: Le Transloy
Vianeville NEAR: appr. 80-km SW of Abbeville

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) **G R I B B L E**

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) **ROBERT**

RANK: **unknown**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE **33 35 43 47 T-42**

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE:
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: **28 Feb. 44**
CONDITION OF BODY: **normal** **Vianeville**

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG: **see Rem.**
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: **2 March 1944**
GRAVE LOCATION: **Engl. World War Cemetery
of Honor/Abbeville, Somme, single grave
No 23**

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: **ROBERT T. GRIBBLE 33 35 43 47 T-42**

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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28 Feb 44
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STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command
(E) 16/VI AP W/ L 55370 ACPD Brussels
OFFICE OR STATION: Abbeville-Dreucot

DISTRIBUTOR: Air Corps Hqs. Belgium, North
France, Ic. Transit Camp Air, Overursel
Area of Air Command

~~XXXXXXXX~~ 2 March 1944

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED) of a Boeing Fortress QU Star BN
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~)
~~XXXX~~) DATE AND TIME: 28 Feb. 1944, 1459 hrs.
La Transloy
AT: Vianeville NEAR: approx. 10000 SE-km SE of Abbeville

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) unknown
FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) unknown

RANK:

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE NO.

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE:
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: 28 Feb. 1944
CONDITION OF BODY: at Vianeville, burnt.

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?

See AV 656

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: 3 March
GRAVE LOCATION: Engl. World War Cemetery
of Honor/Abbeville, single grave No 65

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

Remarks: see special roster

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

Signature

Captain and Commander

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

mark 2863
see KU 1034 (1002-1899)

U.S. Army

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1.) ROBERT T. BRIDLE
25 05 43 57 T-45

KIA

2.) CL. ROSSITER JR
17 06 19 40 T-45
15 ROSSITER DR
MEMPHIS TENNESSEE

KIA

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3.) MARY CROSS
25 08 19 77 T-45
MIDDL MOSS
BOVER 2
GREENVILLE

KIA

4.) R.B. HARRISON
15 22 48 95 T-45
LATER HARRISON
245 HADWIN ST
EUREKA CALIFORNIA

KIA

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command
(R) 16/VI AF No 1 23370 ACPD Brussels
OFFICE OR STATION: Abbeville-Druocq

DISTRIBUTOR: Air Corps HQ, Belgium, North-
France, Ic. Transit Camp Air. Oberursel
Area of Air Command

RECEIVED Date: 2 March 1944

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:
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REGARDING: DOWNED) of a Boeing Fortress QU Star III
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~)
XXXX)
DATE AND TIME: 28 Feb. 1944, 1430 hrs.

Le Transloy
AT: Vianeville NEAR: appr. 20-km SE of Abbeville

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) unknown
FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) unknown

RANK:

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE None

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE:
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: 28 Feb 44
CONDITION OF BODY: burnt, Vianeville

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?

See AV 656

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: 2 March
GRAVE LOCATION: Engl. World War Cemetery
of Honor/Abbeville, Somme, single grave
66

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

Remarks: see special roster

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

Signature

Captain and Commander

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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See KU (1002-1899)
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STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command
(B) 16 VI AP No 1 35570 ACPD Bussac
OFFICE OR STATION: Abbeville-Dreucot

DISTRIBUTOR: Air Corps HQs Belgium, North-
France, Ie, Transit Camp Air, Oberursel,
Area of Air Command

DATE: 2 March 1944

Original
OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED) of a Boeing Fortress QU Star III
DATE AND TIME: 28 Feb. 1944, 1430 hrs.

AT: Le Transloy
Vienneville NEAR: approx. 20 km SW of Abbeville

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) HARRISON

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) D. B.

RANK: unknown

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE 15 32 48 95 2 45

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE:
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: 28 Feb 44
CONDITION OF BODY: normal Vienneville

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

See AV 656

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG: see Rem.
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: 2 March 1944
GRAVE LOCATION: Engl. World War Cemetery of
Honor/Abbeville, Somme, single grave
No 61

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

Remarks: see special roster

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

Signature

Captain and Commander

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: D.B. Harrison 15 32 48 95 2-45 A Lavina Harrison, 243 Herman, et. G.
North Canton Ohio

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command
(S) 16/VI AF Lt Col J. 35370 ACPD Brussels
OFFICE OR STATION: Abbeville-Druacat

DISTRIBUTOR: Air Corps Hqs, Belgium, North-
France, IG, Transit Camp Air, Oberursel,
Area of Air Command

LOCATION: ~~XXXXXX~~ Date: 2 March 1944

Original
OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
EMERGENCY LANDINGS) of a Boeing Fortress On Star BH
CRASH) DATE AND TIME: 28 Feb. 1944, 1439 hrs.

AT: Le Translay NEAR: appr. 20-km S of Abbeville
Vianeville

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) ROSS
FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) HARRY C.

RANK: unknown
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE
35 08 18 77 T 43

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE:
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: 28 Feb. 44
CONDITION OF BODY: normal Vianeville

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG: see Rem.
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?

See AV 656

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: 2 March 1944
GRAVE LOCATION: Engl. World War Cemetery
of Honor, Abbeville/Souss, single grave
No 0 4

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

Remarks: see special roster

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

Signature

Captain and Commander

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: Harry C. Ross 35 08 18 77 T-43-O Mindie Ross, Route 2, Grenville C P
(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:
INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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28 Feb 44
MAR-2863

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First Lieutenant Noel E. Shoup

Mr. Arthur W. Shoup, (Father),
Route Five,
Dublin, Texas.

Second Lieutenant James Litherland

Mrs. Wilma W. Litherland. (Wife),
328 Lowe Street,
South Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant Bryon F. Clark

Mrs. Beulah K. Clark, (Wife),
4220 Peytania Street,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

First Lieutenant Charles J. McClain

Mrs. Mary McClain, (Mother),
3226 100 Street,
Corona, New York.

Technical Sergeant Ben W. Bragg

Mrs. Ben W. Bragg, (Wife),
1521 West Lawrence Avenue,
Springfield, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Robert T. Gribble

Mrs. Sarah R. Gribble, (Mother),
27 Goeringer Avenue,
Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

Technical Sergeant Donald B. Harrison

Mrs. Lavina B. Harrison, (Mother),
243 Harmon Street,
North Canton, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Nick Asvestos

Mrs. Goldie K. Asvestos, (Mother),
2399 26 Street,
Astoria, Long Island, New York.

Staff Sergeant William L. Hostetter, Jr.

Mr. William L. Hostetter, Sr., (Father),
Tiehnor, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Harry C. Ross

Mrs. Mindie W. Ross, (Mother),
Rural Route Number Two,
Greenville, Ohio.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2863

Name of crew member: HOSTETTER, William L.Jr.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 17031940
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~EX-FLIGHT (FIGHTER)~~; Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? I DON'T KNOW

Where? -

If not, why not? THE SHIP EXPLODED

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: -

oxygen check approx five minutes before we were hit

Was he injured? I don't know

Where was he when last seen? -

Any hearsay information: None

Sources: -

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suppositions: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: Between 13-16

Dates and destinations if possible: I don't know

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HARRISON, Donald B. 2863
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 15324895
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Radio Operator

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? -

If not, why not? The ship exploded.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: -

approx five minutes before we were hit

Was he injured? I don't know

Where was he when last seen? -

Any hearsay information: None

Sources: -

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9 times 13 & 16

Dates and destinations if possible: I don't know

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GRIBBLE, Robert T. 2863
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 33354347
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~ Asst. Eng.-R.W.G.

Did he bail out? A don't know

Where? -

If not, why not? The ship exploded

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: -

Approx. five minutes before we were hit

Was he injured? A don't know

Where was he when last seen? -

Any hearsay information: None

Sources: -

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: Between 13 + 16

Dates and destinations if possible: A Don't know

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BRAGG , Ben W.

2863

Rank: T/Sgt.

Serial number: 6288092

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Pilot (Fighter)~~ Engineer- T.T.G.

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? -

If not, why not? The ship exploded

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Approx
Five Minutes Before we were hit.

Was he injured? I Don't Know

Where was he when last seen? -

Any heresy information: None

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: Between 13 & 16

Dates and destinations if possible: I don't know

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LITHERLAND, James (NMI) 2363
 Rank: 2nd.Lt.
 Serial number: O-741917
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? -

If not, why not? The Ship Exploded

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Agree

check Approx 5 minutes before we were hit

Was he injured? I don't know

Where was he when last seen? -

Any hearsay information: None

Source: -

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: Between 13 + 16

Dates and destinations if possible: I don't know

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SHOUP, Noel E. 2863
 Rank: 1st.Lt.
 Serial number: 0-672887
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? I Don't Know

Where? —

If not, why not? The ship exploded

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: APPROX

five minutes before we were hit.

Was he injured? I don't know

Where was he when last seen? —

Any hearsay information: None

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew members: Between 13 + 16

Dates and destinations if possible: I don't know

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name M^SCLAIN, CHARLES J. Rank CAPT. Serial No. 0-681549
2. Organization 303 GAWGp Commander ^{HERMIT} STEVENS Rank COL. Sqn CO RICHARD COLE Rank LT./COL.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB. day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, NO-BALL SITE, target, BOIS-COURET, target time, 14:30, altitude, 14,000 INDICATED scheduled, APPROX. 90°, route flown APPROX 260° WHEN HIT
5. Where were you when you left formation? LEADING FORMATION
6. Did you bail out? NO - I WAS BLOWN OUT
7. Did other members of crew bail out? TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE ONLY ONE CREW MEMBER BAILED OUT
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". SGT. NICK ASVESTOS - BAILED OUT WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS HIT IN TARGET AREA.
1LT. BYRON CLARK - WAS BLOWN OUT OF AIRCRAFT WHEN IT EXPLODED IN TARGET AREA.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NO KNOWLEDGE
11. Where were they in aircraft? NO KNOWLEDGE
12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I DID NOT SEE ANY CREW MEMBERS AFTER THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY FLAK.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OTHER CREW MEMBERS OF OTHER CREWS.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

OVER

ONE OF THE GERMANS, BY WHOM I WAS CAPTURED, TOLD ME THAT TWO OF MY CREW ESCAPED, TWO WERE CAPTURED, AND TWO WERE DEAD IN THE AIRCRAFT. I HAVE NO FURTHER KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE CREW. IF IT WILL BE OF ANY HELP I CAN FURNISH THE NAME OF THE GERMAN WHO GAVE ME THE ABOVE INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH I HAVE NO AUTHORIZATION OF IT BEING HIS CORRECT NAME I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT IT IS.

TWO WERE DEAD IN THE AIRCRAFT

THIS CREW WAS JUST MADE LEAD CREW IN OUR SQUADRON. BEING THE SQUADRON BOMBARDIER I FLEW WITH THEM ON THIS MISSION. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I FLEW WITH THE CREW.

AFTER WE WERE HIT THE SHIP MADE THREE TURNS AND EXPLODED. I DID NOT SEE OR HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH ANY OF THE CREW MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE EXPLOSION. I DID NOT SEE ANY OF THE CREW MEMBERS AFTER THE EXPLOSION NOR DID I SEE ANY AFTER I LANDED.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2863

Name of crew member: ROSS , Harry C.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 35681877
 Position: Crew (Barber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? I DON'T KNOW

Where? _____

If not, why not? THE SHIP EXPLODED

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

OXYGEN CHECK APPROX. FIVE MINUTES BEFORE WE WERE HIT

Was he injured? I DON'T KNOW

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any heresy information: NONE

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: BETWEEN 13 + 16

Dates and destinations if possible: I DON'T KNOW - IT WAS MY FIRST MISSION WITH THIS CREW.

The above data applies to all the following names

MAR 5
2063

HL-1034

1.) ROBERT GRIEBLE

33 55 43 47 P 43 O

P

2.) WL HOSTETTER JR

17 05 19 40 P 43 A

WL HOSTETTER SR

2108 HOLMAN ST P

3.) BETTY GROSS

35 68 1877 P 43 O

MINNIE ROSS

BOVER 3

GREENVILLE O P

4.) D.E. HARRISON

15 32 42 95 P 43 A

LAVINA HARRISON

243 HARMON ST S

KIRBY CANTON OHIO

G.W.W.

FORM LEAF #1

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command
(B) 16/VI AP No L 35370 ACPD Brussels
OFFICE OR STATION: Abbeville-Druacat

DISTRIBUTOR: Air Corps HQs, Belgium, North-
France, Ic. Transit Camp Air, Oberursel
Area of Air Command

Date: 2 March 1944

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:
Original

REGARDING: DOWNED) of a Boeing Fortress QU Star BK
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~)
XXXX) DATE AND TIME: 28 Feb. 1944, 1439 hrs.

Le Transloy
AT: Vienneville NEAR: appr. 20-km SE of Abbeville

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) unknown

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) unknown

RANK:

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE none

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE:
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: 28 Feb 44
CONDITION OF BODY: burnt, Vienneville

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: 2 March
GRAVE LOCATION: Engl. World War Cemetery
of Honer/Abbeville, Somme, single grave
66

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

Remark: see special roster

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

Signature

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

Captain and Commander

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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 OFFICE OR STATION: Abbeville-Brucast

DISTRIBUTOR: Air Corps HQ. Belgium, North-France, i.e. Transit Camp Air, Oserucsel, Area of Air Command

RECORDING Date: 2 March 1944

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES: Original

REGARDING: DOWNED) of a Boeing Fortress QU Star 28
 (CORRECTED))
 (CORRECT))
 DATE AND TIME: 28 Feb. 1944, 1432 hrs.

Le Transloy
 AT: Vianneville NEAR: appr. 80-km SW of Abbeville

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
 LAST NAME) GRIBBLE

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
 GIVEN NAME) ROBERT

RANK: unknown

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE 33 35 43 47 2-43

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE:
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: 28 Feb. 44
 CONDITION OF BODY: normal Vianneville

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG: Lt. Hon.
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: 2 March 1944
 GRAVE LOCATION: Engl. World War Cemetery of Honor/Abbeville, Somme, single grave No 6 B

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
 DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: ROBERT T. GRIBBLE 33 35 43 47 2-43

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH:

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: **Airbase Command (K)16**
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Base Com. Belgian N. France.
Transit Camp A.F. Oberursel.

LOCATION: **Abbeville - Ducat**

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

2 March 1944

REGARDING: **DOWNED**)
EMERGENCY LANDINGS) Boeing B17. DATE AND TIME:

28 February 44. 14.39

AT: **NEAR: Le Transloy**

Vlamerville - about 20km South West of Abbeville

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: **SURNAME**)
LAST NAME) **Hortetter**

FIRST NAME: **CHRISTIAN NAME**)
GIVEN NAME)

RANK: **W.L.**

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: **SERIAL**
SERVICE

NATIONALITY: **17031940 T 43**

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE:
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: **28. Feb. 1944**
CONDITION OF BODY: **Normal**

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

2.3.44
Eng. World War Cemetery of
Honor Abbeville-Somme
Siegel Grave G 3

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ~~Ident~~ **Hortetter** ~~DIRIT~~ **17031940 T 43** ~~ION~~ **OF** ~~W.L.~~ **Hortetter** ~~by~~ **Tichner** ~~Arkansas P~~

INVENTORY OF SECURED PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

FORM LEAF #1

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REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command
 (B) 16 VI AF No L 35570 ACPD Brussel
 OFFICE OR STATION: Abbeville-Drucat

DISTRIBUTOR: Air Corps 52e Belgium, North-France, Ie, Transit Camp Air, Oberursel, Area of Air Command

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Date: 2 March 1944

Original
 OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED) of a Boeing Fortress QU Star BN
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~)
XXXXX) DATE AND TIME: 28 Feb. 1944, 1439 hrs.
Le Trucelay
 AT: ~~Vianeville~~ NEAR: appx. 20 km SW of Abbeville

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
 LAST NAME) HARRISON
 FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
 GIVEN NAME) D. B.

RANK: unknown

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 15 32 48 95 T 43

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE:
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: 28 Feb 44
 CONDITION OF BODY: normal Vianeville

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG: see Rem.
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: 3 March 1944
 GRAVE LOCATION: Engl. World War Cemetery of Honor/Abbeville, Somme, single grave No 61

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

Remark: see special roster

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
 DATE:

Signature

Captain and Commander

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: D.B. Harrison 15 32 48 95 T-43 A Lavina Harrison, 243 Harmon, St. C. North Canton Ohio
 (ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

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 (E) 16/VI AF No 1 35570 ACPD Brussels
 OFFICE OR STATION: Abbeville-Dreucq

DISTRIBUTOR: Air Corps HQs, Belgium, North-France, IG, Transit Camp Air, Obeurnsel, Area of Air Command
Original
 OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

LOCATION: ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Date: 2 March 1944

REGARDING: DOWNED of a Beech Fortress on Star BN
EMERGENCY LANDING DATE AND TIME: 28 Feb. 1944, 1439 hrs.
~~CRASH~~

AT: Lo Transloy NEAR: Viannville appr. 80-km SW of Abbeville

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) ROSS

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) HARRY G.

RANK: unknown
 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE
35 68 18 77 2 43

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE:
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: 28 Feb. 44
 CONDITION OF BODY: normal Viannville

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG: see Rem.
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: 2 March 1944
 GRAVE LOCATION: Engl. World War Sanctuary
of Honor, Abbeville/Name, single grave
No 64

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
 G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
 PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

Remarks: use special roster

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
 DATE:

Signature

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
 PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

Captain and Commander

REMARKS: Harry G. Ross 35 68 18 77 2-43-0 Mindie Ross, Route 3, Greenville S C
 (ATTEMPTED ESCAPES. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

HEADQUARTERS

Chanute Field
Chanute Field, Illinois

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Building.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPRS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty James Litherlend 359th Sqdn
303 H Bomb Gp
41 Com Wing P. AF
- b. Rank 2nd Lt . c. Crew position Co-pilot .
- d. Date last seen 28 Feb 1944 . Place last seen _____

In aircraft over Blangy on Seville, France.

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Hit by flak. Exploded over Blangy on Seville, France.

g. Known information (eye witness only)

none

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
German soldier claimed five chutes opened. I only know of two others survivors of plane, Lt. Clark Byron, Navigator and S/Sgt Nicholas Asbestos.

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving any information requested above.)

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Rank and Name of reporter
Charles J. McClain Capt, A.C.

0-681549 Sqdn A-9
ASN Unit
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cc: CG, AFTRC
cc: Sub Comd Hq

Incl #1, TC Ltr 39-18, 23 Oct 45

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a. Name of casualty ----- Bragg 359th Sqdn
303 H Bomb Gp
41 Com Wing 8 AF

b. Rank Sgt . c. Crew position Engineer .

d. Date last seen 28 Feb 1944 . Place last seen -----

In aircraft over Blangy on Seville, France.

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Hit by flak.

Exploded over Blangy on Seville, France

g. Known information (eye witness only)
none

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
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- a. Name of casualty ----- Harrison 359th Sqdn
303 H Bomb Gp
41 Com Wing 8 AF
- b. Rank S/Sgt . c. Crew position Left waist gunner.
- d. Date last seen 28 Feb 1944 . Place last seen

In aircraft over Blangy on Seville, France.

- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Hit by flak.

Exploded over Blangy on Seville, France

- g. Known information (eye witness only)

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)

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following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty -- Hoffstetter 359th Sqdn
303 H Bomb Gp
41 Com Wing 8 AF
- b. Rank S/Sgt . c. Crew position Ball Turret or Tail Gunner
- d. Date last seen 28 Feb 1944 . Place last seen _____

In aircraft over Blangy on Seville, France.

- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Hit by flak.

Exploded over Blangy on Seville, France

- g. Known information (eye witness only)

none

h. Hearsay information (all other information about
above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
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a. Name of casualty unknown 359th Sqdn
303 H Bomb Gp
41 Com Wing 8.AF

b. Rank _____ c. Crew position Ball turret gunner

d. Date last seen 28 Feb 1944 . Place last seen _____

In aircraft over Blangy on Seville, France

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Hit by flak.

Exploded over Blangy on Seville, France

g. Known information (eye witness only)

none

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)

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- a. Name of casualty Noel Shoup 359th Sqdn
303 H Bomb Gp
41 Com Wing, 8 AF
- b. Rank 1st Lt . c. Crew position Pilot .
- d. Date last seen 28 Feb 1944 . Place last seen _____

In aircraft over Blangy on Seville France.

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Hit by flak. Exploded
over Blangy on Seville, France .

g. Known information (eye witness only)
None

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
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- 359th Sqdn
303 H Bomb Gp
41 Com Wing 8th AF
- a. Name of casualty unknown
- b. Rank _____ . c. Crew position Radio Operator .
- d. Date last seen 28 Feb 1944 . Place last seen _____

In aircraft over Blangy on Seville, France

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Hit by flak.

Exploded over Blangy on Seville, France

g. Known information (eye witness only)

none

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