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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

William R'HITZTALER, 1st Lt, 0-524956 (Name) (Rank) (ASN) 21 June 1944 (Date)

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14. Troop Carrier Squadron, 61 Troop Carrier Group
(Unit)

E&E #780

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Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
6 June 1944; 0315 hours; North west of VALOGNES

Nature and extent of damage to plane whon source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
Shot up a lot; it was on fire; left engine and trail edge of left wing near fuseinge were burning.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

between 1000 and 1500 foot.

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

One paratrooper injured; crew unknown.

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

Navigator - chute opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? I don't know.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crow members were identified by name or otherwise.

I did not hear about or see any members of crew until by return to UK.

Did source exercine the wrockage of the plano? If so, what was its or dition?

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from lend and by 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 navigator, E&E #761.

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

6 June 1944; 0315 hours; NY of VALOUNES.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

Loft engine burning; right engine unknown; many Tlak holes in plane. Tail section shot up.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 2500 feet

Were any of the crow injured or killed before the pland crashed? Believe one EW was killed; I paratrooper was injured.

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

Pilot, co-pilot, navigator and one Es; chutes opened; injured paratrooper unknown.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Unknown

Did source see any other members of the crow dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by mane or otherwise.

Heard that two aviators were captured by Germans at time of landing. Believed to be Co-pilot and EM who bailed out.

Did source examine the wrockage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by 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? Heard that Co-pilot and one EN were captured. Saw both bail out one EN was hit by flak, believed killed. Paratropper unknown.

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WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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INFORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air chaft is fofficially reported missing.

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IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK AP ROPRLIFE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASES FOR SAME: Check only one column.

Contacted Name in full .. Serial Last By. Forced Saw de (last Name First) Rank Number Radio Signted Crash Landing 1. Middlebrooks, Berlin T. 1st Lt. 0 524 954 3.

IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED. ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _-- (b) Persone were seen waling away from scene of crash - - - : or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Aircraft No. 42-23638 last seen entering clouds at approximately 10 49° W. 490 28° N. ATTACH AERIAL POTOTGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMEDE

LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FOR GED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

ATT.CH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFIER IN CHARGE HERE ____ NONE

> D.TH OF REPORT 7 June 1944

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Incl 1. - Eyewitness report from

It. Middlebrooks (trip)

Incl 2. - Map showing approximate location aircraft last sighted. (trip)

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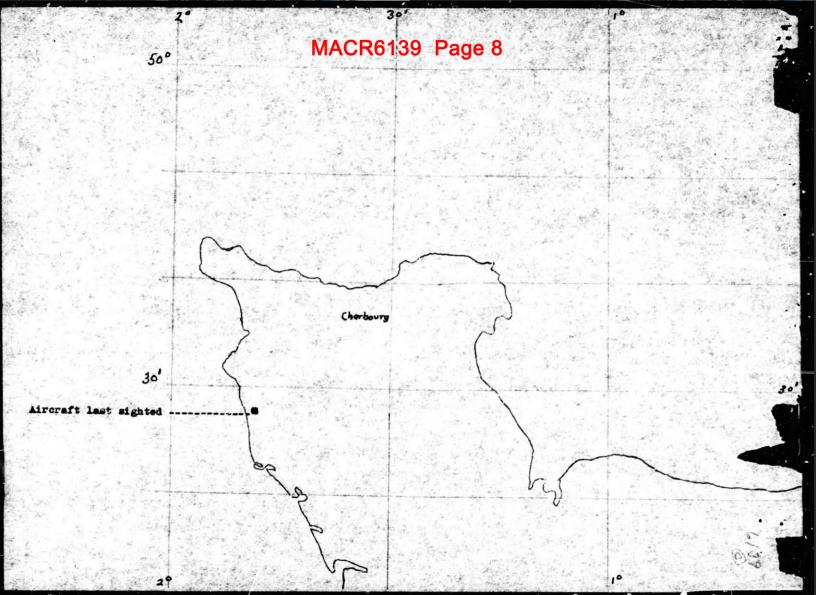
7 June 1944.

CERTIFICATE

I was flying on the left wing of lat Lt. WILLIAM R. HITZTALER, 0 524 956, who was pilot in Aircraft No. 42-23638 on the morning of the 6 June 1944.

As we approched the coast of France, we encountered large layers of clouds ranging from 1000 to 1500 feet. Our element which was led by Lt., Hitztaler tried to climb above the clouds. Lt., Hitztaler succeeded in getting over the top of the clouds and was heading straight for the LZ, when I last saw him. This was about 0220 hrs and his position was approximately 10 49. W. and 20 28: N.

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AFO 133, U S Axmy 28 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplemental Missing Air Crew Report.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U S Army., Attention: Statistical control Unit. (Thru Channels).

1. In compliance with Memorandum 35-6, your Headquarters, dated 20 May 1944, the following information is submitted to supplement Missing Air Crew Report, this headquarters, dated 7 June 1944.

a. 1st It William R. Hitztaler 0 524 956 (Pilot) and 2d Lt John H. Hendry 0 698 627 (Navigator), of aircraft C 47a No. 42-23638, have returned to this organization on 21 and 22 of June 1944 respectively.

b. Aircraft succeeded in getting over the DZ and dropping all Faratroopers, encountering much flak and anti-aircraft fire proceeding to and over the DZ.

c. All control cables were shot out of aircraft a nd Lt Hitztaler informed other crew members to bail out. Lt Hitztaler, after seeing that all members of the crew had abandoned the aircraft, bailed out.

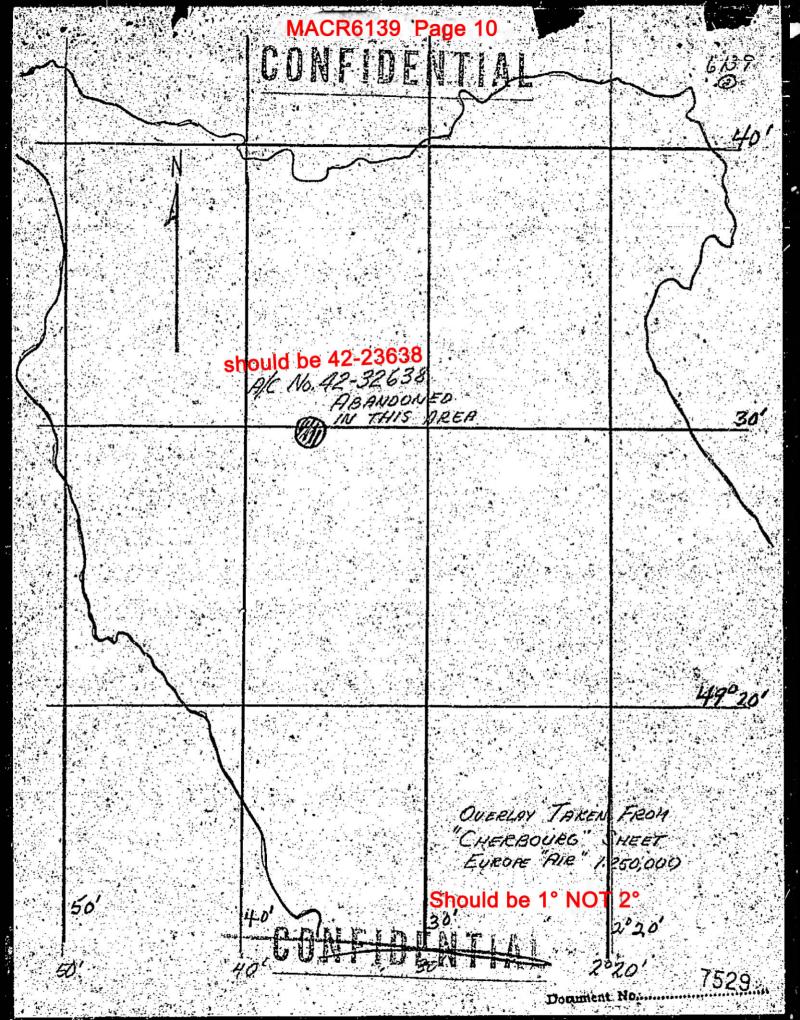
d. The aircraft was approximately 49° 29' N., 1° 37' W at this time.

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LEWIS S. FREDERICK; JR. M. Commanding.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: MONTGOMERY, Orlo A.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 17089122
Position: Crew (Bomber) xxxxiightxx/: Radio Operator

Did he bail out?
Where?
Il not, why not? He was killed before he could fail out
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
standing near him lower he screamed and fell
Was he injured?
Where was he when last seen? In the plane
Any hearsay information: 720
Source:
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:
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Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 musicoms
Dates and destinations if possible: Invasion of Sirile, Anvasion
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	Your name Alvin F. Thyria Rank I/5qt. Serial No. 39678875
•	Organization 6/2 Gp Commander Rank Sqn CO Treducks Rank Mayor (full name)
•	What year 1973 month white day b and you go down?
	What was the mission, Baratovers, target, Mannandy, target time, 300, altitude, 500 ft. route scheduled,
	Where were you when you left formation? Aver the Cherhung penning
	Did you bail out?
	Did other members of crew bail out?
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	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". It Colwards was taken precioned from a set of the others. I have no knowledge.
	I heard late that It. Hilytaler Bilot made it out ak.
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	Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Muan the little four refer
•	What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
	Where were they in aircraft? In the passage behing the gilat
	What was their condition? I flainh they were dead.
	When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? It Edwards was all except for a starning
	anchle He was taken prisoner.
	Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
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Position: Crew (Bomber) months to (Fighter): Radio Operator
Did he bail out? No
Where?
If not, why not? He was hit by flak and either badly wounded or killed
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: When hit, he was
tanding directly behind me, facing aft. As he fell. he turned and faced me.
le was bleeding badly, and seemed to be dying. Was he injured? Yes. In the stomach or chest.
Where was he when last seen? Lying on the floor of the companionway
Any hearsay information: Only that the aircraft had been found, and that two
bodies were in it. One was an injured paratrooper who didn't jump, and
the other was Sgt. Montgomery,
Source: Official.
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Probably he was
too badly injured to bail out and went down with the aircraft.
Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge. However, records of he Squadron may show it- 14th Troop Carrier Sqdn., 61st T.C.Gp., APO 133, N Dates and destinations if possible:
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WOHN H. HENDRY

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

		Your name John Herbert Hendry Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-698627
	Τ.	GI TCG Mitchell Fredericks
<u>;</u>	2.	Organization 14TCS Gp Commander Willis W. Rank Col. Sqn Colewis J. Rank Major (full name)
	3.	What year 1944 month June day 6th did you go down?
		What was the mission, Paratroop drop, target, Normandy, target time, 0232, altitude, 600' route scheduled, Around
Nor	mane	ly neninsula approachte flown/ Same- South from England, around Normandy
tar	get	from the South approach target from South, continue on cours Where were you when you left formation? Just over coast going in
	5.	where were you when you left formation: Oust over coast going
	6.	Did you bail out? Yes
	7.	Did other members of crew bail out? Yes- Lt. Hitztaler, pilot; Lt. Edwards, co-pilot; Sgt Vesina, Engineer.
	_	Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no
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		kive facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". 2nd Lt. Stanley Edwards and T/Sgt. Al Vesina bailed out together at about 0245 or 0350.
		Near Valognes, Normandy. I bailed out next, and then 1st Lt.
	0530	Hitztaler went out through the escape hatch on top of the plane.
	ō.	Where did your aircraft strike the ground? I don't know
	10.	What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) The radio operator.
	$\nu_{\rm s}$	S/Sgt. Orlo A. Montgomery
٠.	11.	Where were they in aircraft? Lying in the airle of the aircraft just behind the pilot's and co-pilot's seats
	12.	What was their condition? wounded, and probably unconscious
	13.	When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Lt. Hitztaler (Captain now) in England about July 19, 1945
	•	on the way back to the States. He was in good condition and back on
		flying status. Lt. Edwards, in Paris about the middle of May, 1945,
		had just been released from a German prison camp. He seemed to be in
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		The state of the s
÷	14.	Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None
		John H. Hendry
		1st Lt. A.C.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)