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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

John H HENDRY, 2d Lt, O-698627  
 (Name) (Rank) (ASN)

21 June 1944  
 (Date)

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

E&amp;E #761

	<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
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MEMBERS OF CREW

PILOT	O-524956	1st Lt	William R HITZTALER	RD
CO-PILOT	O-701914	2d Lt	Stanley E EDWARDS, JR	MIA
NAVIGATOR	O-698627	2d Lt	John H HENDRY	RD
BOMBARDIER				
RADIO OPERATOR	17089122	S/Sgt	Orlo A MONTGOMERY	MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER				
BALL TURRET GUNNER				
WAIST GUNNER				
WAIST GUNNER				
TAIL GUNNER				
ENGINEER	39678075	T/Sgt	Alvin F VEZINA	MIA

~~Carried 19 paratroopers; dropped 19 successfully.~~

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

6 June 1944; 0315 hours; NW of VALOGNES.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
 Left engine burning; right engine unknown; many flak holes in plane. Tail section shot up.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 2500 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? Believe one EM was killed; 1 paratrooper was injured.

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

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

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Unknown

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 details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name 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 wreckage 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 EM were captured. Saw both bail out.

One EM was hit by flak, believed killed. Paratrooper unknown.