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LFOURTEENTH TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON  
APO 133, U.S. Army

7 June 1944.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I was flying on the left wing of 1st Lt. WILLIAM R. HITZTALER, O 524 956, who was pilot in Aircraft No. 42-23638 on the morning of the 6 June 1944.

As we approached 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 DZ, when I last saw him. This was about 0220 hrs and his position was approximately  $1^{\circ} 49'$  W. and  $2^{\circ} 28'$  N.

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