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 Date 15-11-1946

DEPARTMENT: This report shall be compiled and filed by each Army Air Force organization within 30 days of the time the aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location England; Command or Air Force RAF
 Group 157th Bomb Co (H); Squadron 750th; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Point of departure Station 130; Intended Destination La Bourgat, France; Type of Mission Objective Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF DEPARTURE OR LAST REPORTED: Good
- GIVE: (a) Date, Time, and Location Over Channel on Return to Base. 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 BE LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31618
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series B-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number(s) SN-001804
 (b) 13-61638; (c) 13-56123; (d) 13-61181
- INSTALLED HELICOPTERS (Punish below make, type and Serial Number) 892450; 892424;
 (a) 892690; (b) 892560; (c) 887674; (d) 561621; 650419;
 (e) 647661; (f) 647749; (g) 650558; (h) 892685; 892631;
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9
 (Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 20 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

| Crew Position | Name in Full | | Rank | Serial Number |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------|
| | Last Name First | First Name | | |
| 1. Pilot | P | LaFaze, James P. | 2nd Lt. | 0-719270 |
| 2. P | CP | McGranahan, Louis A. | F/O | 2-1865 |
| 3. B | N-B | Morgan, Keith W. | F/O | 2-1587 |
| 4. AG | CRG | Edgar, Chester V. | Sgt. | 15130166 |
| 5. ABG | TRG | Baker, Henry L. | S/Sgt. | 13110501 |
| 6. BOG | BO | Borers, Charles H. | S/Sgt. | 3454011 |
| 7. ABGG | BRG | Yelicer, Elmer E. | Sgt. | 16095281 |
| 8. AAG | LRG | Lightner, Oscar C. | S/Sgt. | 18176756 |
| 9. AAG | TG | Spookhart, Dalbert A. | Sgt. | 37048662 |

10. These men picked up by Air-Sea Rescue.

11. IDENTIFY EACH PERSON WHO WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME.

| Name in Full (Last Name First) | Rank | Serial Number | Check Only One Column | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| | | | Contacted By Radio | Last Sighted | Saw Crash | Saw Forced Landing |
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- IF PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reasons (Specify) _____
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. None
- ATTACH BREVITY DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO LOSS OF AIRCRAFT. None ~~BE FORWARDED AT LATEST DATE.~~
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE KIND OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE.

Date of Report 17 June 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
 GERALD H. GALLIGAN, 1st Lt., AC
 Group Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 457TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer
AAF STATION 130

A P O 557
21 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Information pertaining to Missing Air Crew of A/C 42-31618 on mission 14 June 1944 - Melun (airfield) France.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 634.
THRU: Channels) Attn: Statistical Control.

1. The following is a summary of facts of the men missing in action of A/C 42-31618:

- a. The entire crew was forced to bail out over the English Channel. All parachutes were observed to have opened. Four men were picked up by Air/Sea rescue. Two bodies were recovered. Of the three men missing in action, two were observed to have landed in the midst of a southbound convoy about ten to twenty miles off the enemy coast. It is not known where the other member landed.

James G. France
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