Date : 7/17/44; 12.45
Place: Near Istres
south west Marseille
Type : Liberator
25259
742. (HB) Sqd
455Group; 304 Wing

Target: Airbase Hq.
Istres

Remarks: The dead are
buried on :
Cemetery Istres
on July 18, 44

Rank	Name	USA ASN.:	No. ME 1621	
1st/Lt.	BRIMAGE, Richard, Lewis	0-542524	.	
2nd/Lt.	SPIER, Joseph	0-700674	.	
2nd/Lt.	WICHSER, John H.	0-702061	.	
F/O .	MORRIS (Grave No. 134)			dead
T/S.	COWAN, Lacey, Lee	18015690	.	
T/S.	STINSON, Bobby, G.	18216593	.	
S/S.	GREEN, Harry, Walter	13098784	.	
S/S.	LEVERSON, Kenneth, Vernon	37659867	.	
S/S.	BLANCO, Rudolph J. Grave No. 133	12168737		dead
S/S.	EGINTON, S. William	19028709		dead

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 7057

Name of crew member: BLANCO, Adolph J.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 12168937
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~: Asst Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? ~~~~

If not, why not? Hit by Flak

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Acknowledge call to ~~stand~~ by to bail out

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In the waist

Any hearsay information: He was hit in the head, semi-conscious but not dead when radio operator bailed out.

Source: Radio Operator

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Was dead when recovered from wreckage

Total number of missions of above crew member: Est. 40 missions

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 7057

Name of crew member: BLANCO, Adolph Jr
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 12168937
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxFighter/Fighter~~): Asst Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? K.I.A.

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

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: S/Sgt. Stinson (Radioman) said he saw Sgt. Blanco after he was hit. He was bleeding freely through the mouth and nose and calling for help. Sgt. Stinson being injured so badly could not assist and had to bail out.

Source: Sgt. Stinson to myself.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Sgt Blanco was trying to assist Sgt Eginton (who was injured) out of the ball-turret. When the direct hit occured Sgt. Blanco was killed.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 45 (?)

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 7057

Name of crew member: BLANCO, Adolph J.
Rank: S/Sgt/
Serial number: 12168937
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Asst. Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? No.

Where?

If not, why not? WAS KILLED WHEN PLANE WAS Hit. SHRAPNEL.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WE WERE told to LIGHTEN THE PLANE

Was he injured? KILLED INSTANTY.

Where was he when last seen? BESIDE THE LEFT WAIST WINDOW.

Any hearsay information: NONE.

Source: SHRAPNEL.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No.

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN to ME.

Dates and destinations if possible: July 17, 1944. TOULON, FRANCE. DATE OF MISSING IN ACTION.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 7057

Name of crew member: BLANCO, Adolph J.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 12168937
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~: Asst Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? HE WAS KILLED IN THE PLANE

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

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen? on the ground dead, near the wreckage of the plane near Istres, France

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:

Total number of missions of above crew member: in the 40s

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 7057

Name of crew member: BLANCO, Adolph J.
Rank: S/Sgt/
Serial number: 12168937
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of Flight~~ (~~Fighter~~): Asst. Engineer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Killed

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

Was he injured? Fatally

Where was he when last seen? Waist section of plane.

Any hearsay information: Waist section of plane struck by enemy flak, killing S/Sgt Blanco.

Source: T/Sgt. Bobby G. Stinson

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 42 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 7057

Name of crew member: EGINTON, William S.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 19028709
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xx Bbigkt (Fighter)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? ——

If not, why not? Dead

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Acknowledge call to stand by to bail out.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In the waist

Any hearsay information: Appeared to be dead when Radio Operator bailed-out

Source: Radio Operator

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Same as above

Total number of missions of above crew member: Est 38

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE **File # 7057**

Name of crew member: **EGINTON, William S.**
Rank: **S/Sgt.**
Serial number: **19028709**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Engineer)~~: **Armorer Gunner**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? K.I.A.

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Sgt. Eginton was injured in the BALL-Turret. He needed ASSISTANCE to get out Before he could be Released the FLAK hit Killed him instact.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 45 (?)

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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Name of crew member: EGINTON, William S.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 19028709
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~[illegible]~~ Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? KILLED WHEN PLANE LAST HIT. SHRAPNEL.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: told to LIGHTEN LOAD.

Was he injured? KILLED INSTANTLY.

Where was he when last seen? NEAR RIGHT WAIST WINDOW.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: FLAK.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN to ME.

Dates and destinations if possible: July 17, 1944 TOULON, FRANCE. DATE OF MISSING IN ACTION.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: EGINTON, William S.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 19026709
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Engineer~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where?

If not, why not? HE was killed in the plane

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

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: He came out of his ball turret, hooked on his chute, and just then a direct hit of flak in the waist caught him

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:

He rode the plane down to Earth, and his body was found near the wreckage and identified, it occurred near the town of ISTRIS, FRANCE

Total number of missions of above crew member: over 40

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 7057

Name of crew member: EGINTON, William S.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 19028709
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Killed

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None.

Was he injured? Fatally

Where was he when last seen? Waist section

Any hearsay information: Waist section of plane struck by enemy flak, killing S/Sgt. Eginton

Source: T/Sgt. Bobby G. Stinson

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 37 (approximately)

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 7057

Name of crew member: GREEN, Harry W.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 13098784
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~: Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? 20 miles south of Avignon, France

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Bailing out the bomb bay after the war - also in France

~~Any hearsay information~~ Facts: He was captured and seen in France I also went with him to Germany, last seen When we arrivied in the U.S. June 20, 1945

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: 44 Est

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 7057

Name of crew member: GREEN, Harry W.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 13098784
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight Engineer~~: Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? SIX MILES WEST OF TOULON.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: TOLD TO LIGHTEN LOAD.

Was he injured? YES.

Where was he when last seen? IN LE HAVRE, FRANCE, AT CAMP FOR EX-P.W'S.

Any hearsay information: NONE.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: INJURED WHEN LANDING IN PARACHUTE. SPRAINED ANKLE BADLY.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 47.

Dates and destinations if possible: JULY 17,1944. TOULON, FRANCE. DATE OF MISSING IN ACTION.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 7057

Name of crew member: GREEN, Harry W.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 13098784
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR ISTRE FRANCE

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: (1) I helped him out of his turret, and then had to shove him out of plane. (over)

Was he injured? Yes, his ankle was sprained

Where was he when last seen? AFTER LIBERATION, in MAY, 1945.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: (2) In JAN 1945 he was EVACUATED TO MY camp - STALAG LUFT I, and remained there until liberation by the Russian Army on April 30th, 1945. On May 10th he was flown out of Bath to FRANCE. I was present and saw him lined (over)

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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(1) as he wouldn't jump. After clearing the plane, he opened his chute, and got down O.K. He hit the ground about 50 yards from myself, and was captured with me, immediately.

(2) up to board the planes. I am surprised that he is listed as missing

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 7057

Name of crew member: GREEN, Harry W.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 13098784
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Vis, S. FRANCE

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I SAW that he and the Engineer bailed out before I left myself.

Was he injured? yes (Foot injury)

Where was he when last seen? I SAW him AT SIAG Left I After liberation

Any hearsay information: —

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: —

Total number of missions of above crew member: 45 (?)

Dates and destinations if possible: —

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 7057

Name of crew member: GREEN, Harry W.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 13098784
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer~~ ~~Flight~~ ~~Navigator~~ : Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Toulon, France

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Together in bomb bay before bailing out.

Was he injured? Injured ankle when striking ground

Where was he when last seen? Camp Patrick Henry, Va. on June 21, 1945

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: 45 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: Have no record

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File #v 7057

Name of crew member: MORRIS, Herbert W.
Rank: F/O
Serial number: T-62342
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xx xxxxx~~ (~~xxxxxx~~): Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? ~~—~~

If not, why not? He was hit by flak

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He proceeded to waist position to give bail out order. - We had no inter phone

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In the waist

Any hearsay information: He was hit but unknow how bad it was, he ~~was~~ appeared unconscious but not known if dead

Source: Radio Operate - Tail Gunner

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: ~~Alone~~ He was ~~in the~~ alive when last man bailed out. Was dead when recovered from wreckage on the ground.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown 20 EST.

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File #v 7057

Name of crew member: MORRIS, Herbert W.
Rank: F/O
Serial number: T-62342
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xx xxxxxx~~ (~~Engineer~~): Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? K.I.A.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Saw F/o Morris proceed through Bombay just before direct flak hit to plane

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: F/o Morris was proceeding to the waist positions to inform the men of the ships condition. Interphone was out and we were preparing to bail out. About the time he arrived in the waist position a direct flak burst hit in our rear Bombay killing F/o Morris immediately.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16 (?)

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File #v 7057

Name of crew member: MORRIS, Herbert W.
Rank: F/O
Serial number: T-62342
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Engineer)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? NO.

Where?

If not, why not? WAS KILLED WHEN PLANE CRASHED

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE to My KNOWLEDGE.

Was he injured? Not to My KNOWLEDGE.

Where was he when last seen? IN THE WAIST OF PLANE

Any hearsay information: So it SEEMS to ME, HE Must HAVE LOST CENSUS FROM FRIGHT. HE WOULD Not BAIL out THAT is to My KNOWLEDGE.

Source: FRIGHT.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: KILLED IN PLANE CRASH.

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN to ME.

Dates and destinations if possible: July 17, 1944. TOULON FRANCE DATE OF MISSING IN ACTION.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 7057

Name of crew member: MORRIS, Herbert W.
Rank: F/O
Serial number: T-62342
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was struck by a direct flak burst in waist of ship.

(1) Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: F/O Morris told me he was going into waist of plane to get the other crew (over)

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? in waist of plane. Alive - then later on ground

Any ~~hearsay information~~: dead

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: While assisting other crew members into their chest parachutes, a direct burst of flak hit him and the other fellows. He was never able to leave the plane, and ~~he~~ stuck with it till it hit the ground. The plane hit the ground near a town called Isigny, France.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 20.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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members out - in case THEY were FRIGHTENED TO JUMP. AT THE SAME TIME, I was going into the nose of plane to help out the Nose Gunner, S/Sgt Green

I THINK THAT F/O Morris is entitled to some award posthumously for duty above and beyond call to duty for leaving his post in order to assist ~~others~~ some of the crew (~~as~~ since the interphone was shot out)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 7057

Name of crew member: MORRIS, Herbert W.
Rank: F/O
Serial number: T-62342
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? Killed before plane was abandonded

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

Do not recall

Was he injured? Instantly Killed

Where was he when last seen? On flight deck

Any hearsay information: Pilot sent F/O Morris to waist section of plane to order men to bail out. Waist section was struck by enemy flak, instantly killing F/O Morris.

Source: T/Sgt Bobby G. Stinson

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

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ME-KSU-1621

DISPATCH (T E L E G R A M)

To: Evalustion Station, West, Oberursel

Report: To Flier's Camp Command, West France, IC/V.O.

To: Flier's Airfield Command, Area of Salon, IC

Evalustion Station West, Oberursel

Crash Report:

Date: 1.) On 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock

Place: 2.) Flier's Airfield at Istres, 60 kms S. W. of Marseille, South France

Result: Captured

Place of Capture: At the place of crash, the following were captured:

1.) 1st Lt. Dick Brimage - O-542 524

2.) 2nd Lt. Joseph Spier O-700 764

3.) 2nd Lt. John H. Wichser O-702 5C81

S/Sgt. Harry W. Green 13 098 784

S/Sgt. Kenneth V. Leverson 37 659 9867

Soldier Lacy Cowan 18 018 590

Soldier Bobby G. Stinson 18 216 593

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The following dead were recovered:-

Adolph I. Blanco - Rank unknown - Serial No. 12 158 257

F/Officer Morris (Ident. Number not found)

S. Eginton - (Rank not known) Serial No. 19 028 709

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Air Base Command E (U) 240/XII

TRANSFER

1.)	1st Lt.	Brimage, Dick
2.)	2nd Lt.	Spier, Joseph
3.)	2nd Lt.	Wichser, John
4.)	S/Sgt.	Leverson, Kenneth W.
5.)	S/Sgt.	Rodgers, Robert M.
6.)	S/Sgt.	Green, Harry W.
7.)	Sergeant	Ayer, Robert L.
8.)	Sergeant	Montgomery, Raymond
9.)	Sergeant	Bergmann, John F.
10.)	Sergeant	Blondek, Alex S.
11.)	Soldier-Cowan, Lacy	
12.)	Soldier-Stinson, Bobby G.	

WOUNDED 7057

Date and Time Aircraft was shot down: 17 July 44 - 12.45 Casualty-No. ME 1621

Place of Crash: near Istres

Type of Aircraft: Liberator

Reporting Office: Airbase Hqts. Istres

NAME	Rank	Serial-No.	Capt'd wounded dead	Place of Interment
BRIMAGE Richard Lewis 7 May 1922 Kingsville,Tex.	1st Lt.	O-542524	captured	Dulag-Luft
SPIER Joseph --- Rochester,Minn.	2nd Lt.	O-700674	captured	Dulag-Luft
WICKSER John Henry 1 Aug 1920 Bristol,Pa.	2nd Lt.	O-702081	captured	Dulag-Luft
GREEN Harry Walter 15 Febr 1920 Phila,Pa.	S/SGT	13098784	captured	Dulag-Luft
STINSON Bobby G. 23 Nov 1922 Tex.	T/SGT	18216593	captured	Dulag-Luft
LEVERSON Kenneth Vernon ?0 Jan 1924 Minneapolis,Minn.	S/SGT	37659867	captured	Dulag-Luft
COWAN Lacy Lee	T/SGT	18015890	captured	Dulag-Luft
MORRIS, HERBERT W.	F/O	0 42342	dead buried 18 July 44 on cemetery of Istres.	KIA
BLANCO Rudolph	S/SGT	J-12168937	same as above !	- KIA
EGINTON William B.	S/SGT	19028709	same as above !	- KIA

Dulag-Luft, 5 Aug 44 Wo.

KSU 1621

Downing: Liberator, 17 July 44, 1338, near Airbase HQ Istres, 50 km northwest of Marseille

1.	MORRIS	Flying-Offr.	HERBERT W.	-	062342	dead	KIA
2.	EGINTON	Wm.S.	-	19028709	T 42-43-4 A	dead	KIA
3.	BLANCO	Adolph J.Ø	-	12168937	T 42-3 B	dead	KIA

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Battle Headquarters - 18 July 1944

Air Base Commander E (U) 240/III

Statement of captured belongings of Prisoner of War, S/Sgt.

Kenneth V. Loverson, 37 659 807 - Liberator was shot down on 17 July 1944

at 13:38 o'clock, near Flier's Air Base at Istres, 50 kms N. W. of Marseille/

South France.

1 - Wrist Watch

1 - Pass Picture

1 - Identification Tag

By order

A. B.

Major and Chief Officer

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18 July 1944

Air Base Command E (U) 240/XII

Statement of the captured personal belongings of Prisoner of War,

Lt. John H. Wichser - O-702 081.

Liberator was shot down on 17 July 1944 at 13:35 o'clock, near Airfield

Base at Istres, 50 meters west of Marseille/South France.

1 - Wrist Watch

1 - Pocket Knife

1 - Mechanical pencil

1 - Flier's Card (printed matter)

1 - Identification tag

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7. Asst Rad Oper Gun. Leverson, Kenneth V. S/Sgt. 37659867 Mrs. Clara B. Leverson (Mother) 1831 Evergreen St., Burbank, California RTD
8. Asst Eng. Gun. Blanco, Adolph J. S/Sgt. 12168937 Mrs. Mary Blanco (Mother) 16 Thompson St., Warren, Rhode Island
9. Armorer Gun Eginton, William S. S/Sgt 19028709 Mrs. Anita M. Eginton (Mother) 10127 Monfara Ave, South Gate, California
10. Gunner Green, Harry W. S/Sgt. 13098784 Mrs. Maria Green (Mother) 4607 Griscom St., Philadelphia, Penna.

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

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO.	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	saw forced landing
1. William G. McWard	1st Lt	O-803843		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
( ) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
(X) Any other reason (specify) Information not available
13. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAH: MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARC, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) None

Date of this Report:
20 July 1944

Robert E. Horton ane.
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
ROBERT E. HORTON,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive.

2 Incls:
Incl #1 Chart
Incl #2 Statement concerning MIA



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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be complied in triplicate by each Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an Aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location San Giovanni Fld, Italy. Command or Air Force 15th Air Force. Group 455th Bomb Group; Squadron 742nd Bomb Squadron: Detachment____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Fld, Italy; Course from San Giovanni Fld, Italy Direct, Target Avignon Marshalling Yards, France. Type of Mission; High Altitude Formation Bombing.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) Date 17 July 1944; Time 1330, and location lost known wherebouts of mi. missing aircraft Avignon, France. (b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted ( ) Last contacted by radio ( ) forced down ( ) Seen to crash; or ( ) Information not available.
5. 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_____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-H; AAF Serial Number 42-52259
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) CP-303938 (b) CP-303733 (c) CP-303824 (d) CP305236
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below make, type and serial number) All are Browning Air Craft Machine Gun M-2 (a) 1152911 (b) 1153021 (c) 1152307 (d) 1152246 (e) 1152815 (f) 1152804 (g) 1152495 (h) 1152542 (i) 1152569 (j) 1152630
9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS (a) Battle Casualty Yes or Non-Battle Casualty_____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers None Total 10 (Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars: if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on seperate sheet and attach to this form)

	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO.	Next of kin, Relation-ship and address
1.	PILOT	Brimage, Richard L	1st Lt	O-542524	Mrs Cora L. Brimage (Mother) RTD % Humble Oil Co. Freer, Texas
2.	CO-PILOT	Morris, Herbert W. KIA Condol	F/O	T-62342	Mr. Henry Morris (Father) 1507 Abbott Ann Arbor, Michigan
3.	NAVIGATOR	Spier, Joseph (NMI)	2nd Lt	O-700674	Florence S. Piacente (Sister) RTD 1133 Morrison Ave, Bronx, New York
4.	BOMBARDIER	Wichser John H. Jr.	2nd Lt	O-702081	Mrs. John H. Wichser Jr. (Wife) RTD 531 Linden St., Bristol, Penna.
5.	Rad Oper Gun.	Stinson, Bobby G.	T/Sgt.	18216593	Mrs. Nellie F. Stinson (Wife) RTD Saltillo, Texas
6.	Eng Gun.	Cowan, Lacy L.	T/Sgt	18015890	Mrs. Bernice Cowan (Wife) RTD 1349 Nojoia St., Denver Colorado

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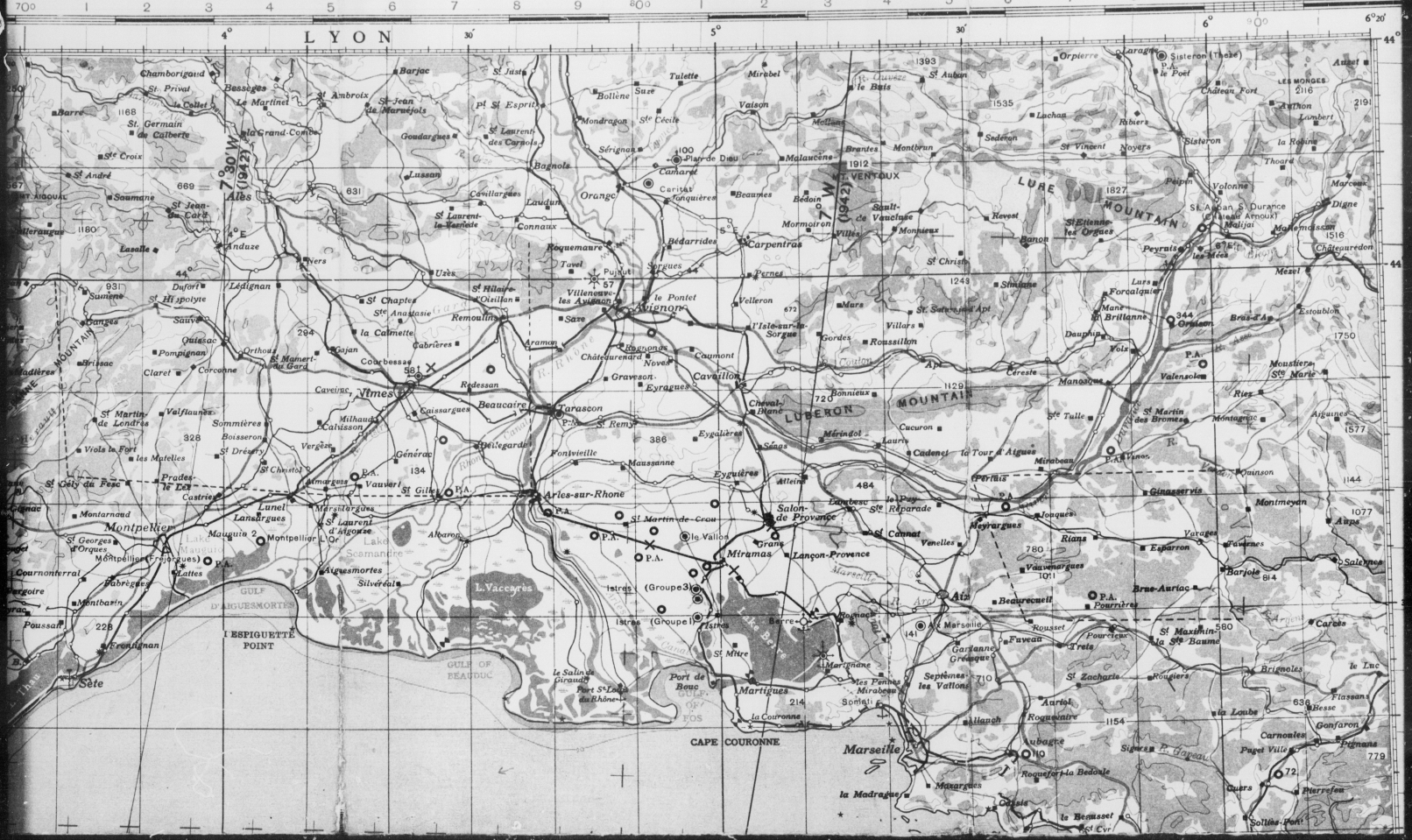

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Le Grau-du-Roi
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GULF D'AIGUES-MORTES
LES ESPINOUS MOUNTAIN
LA SERRE MOUNTAIN
MONTAGNE DE L'ESCANDOLX
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Montpellier (Lattes) A.D.
Nîmes (Caveirac) A.D.
Carcassonne A.D.
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Millau A.D.
Alès (Deaux) A.D.
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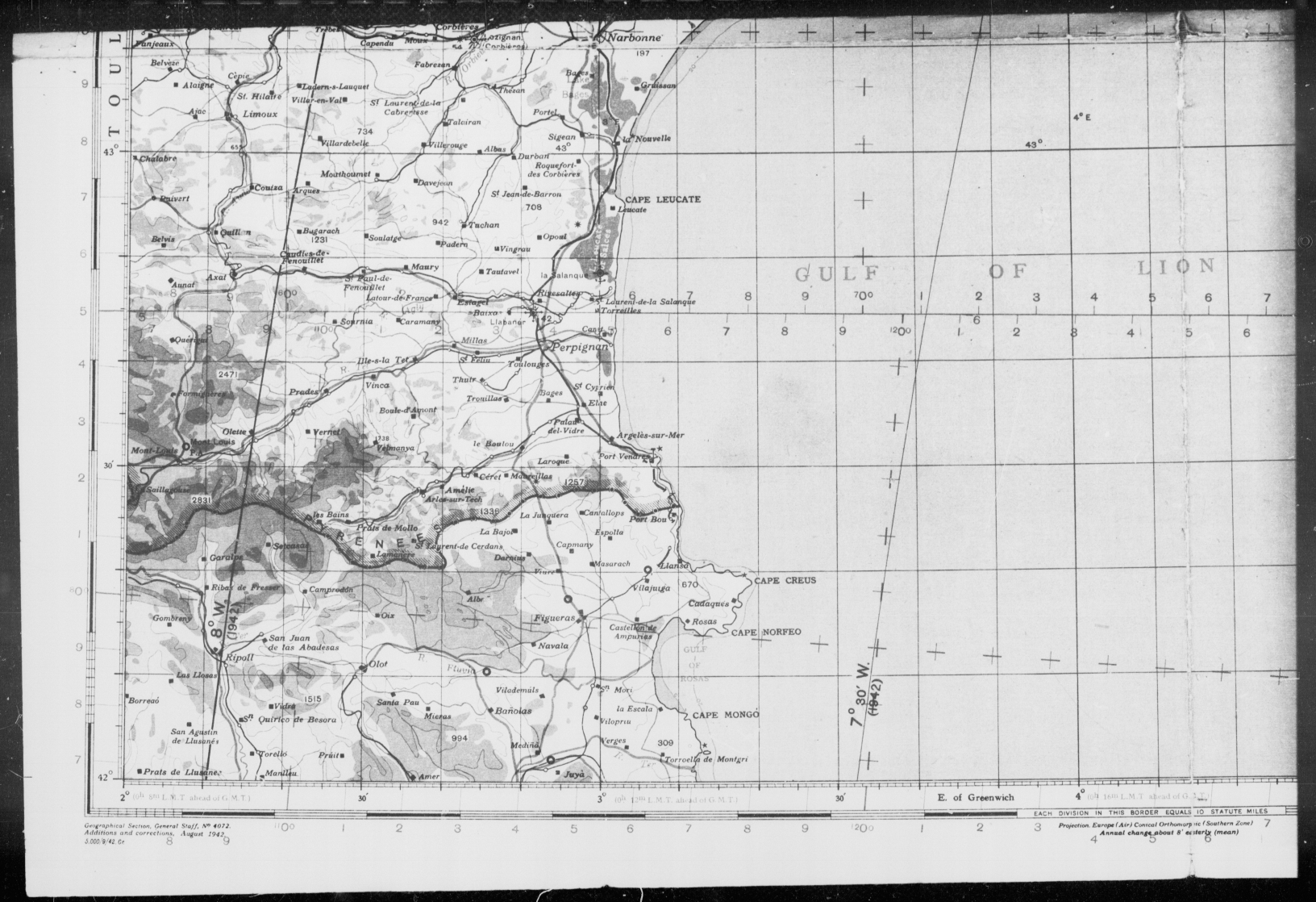
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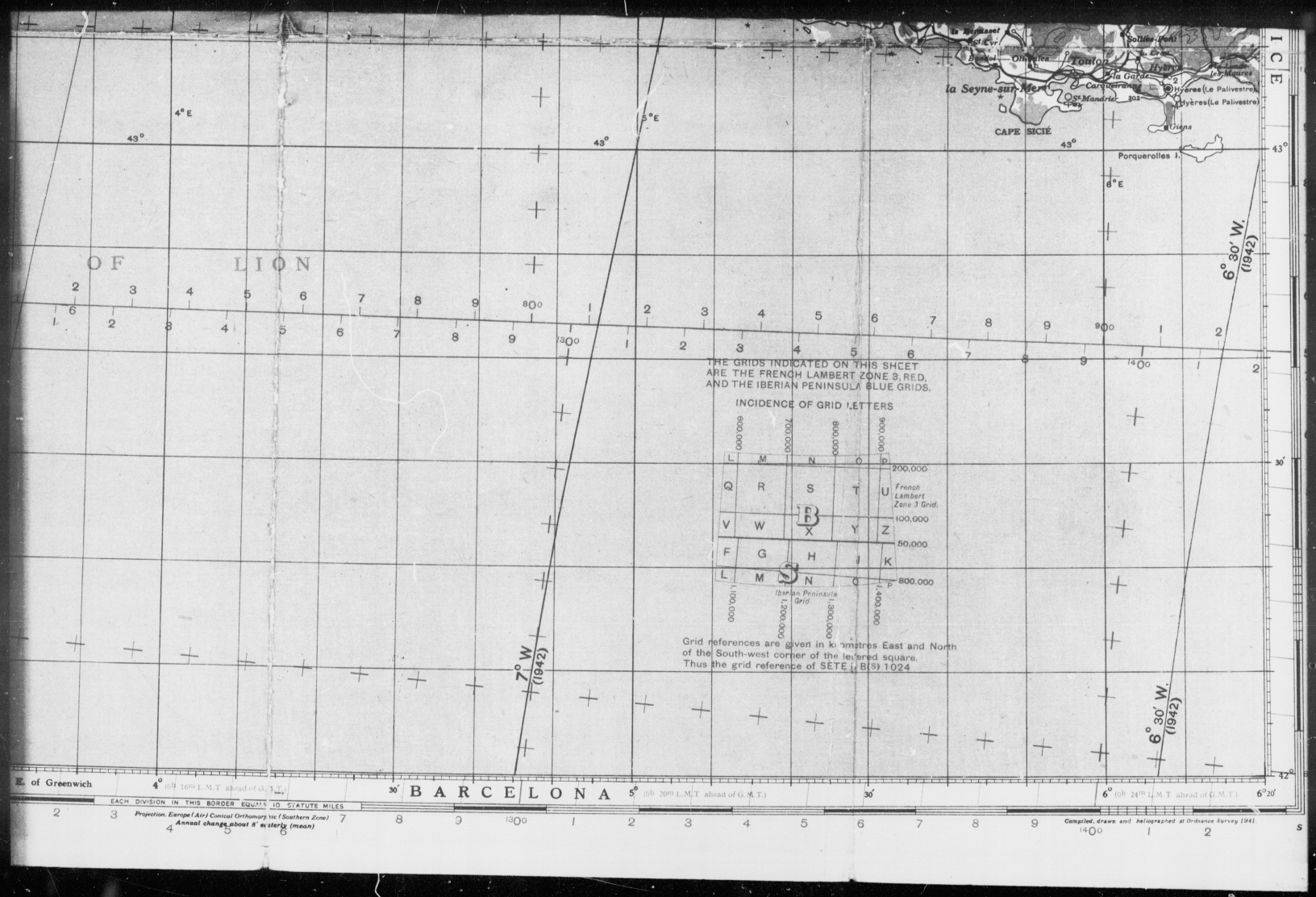
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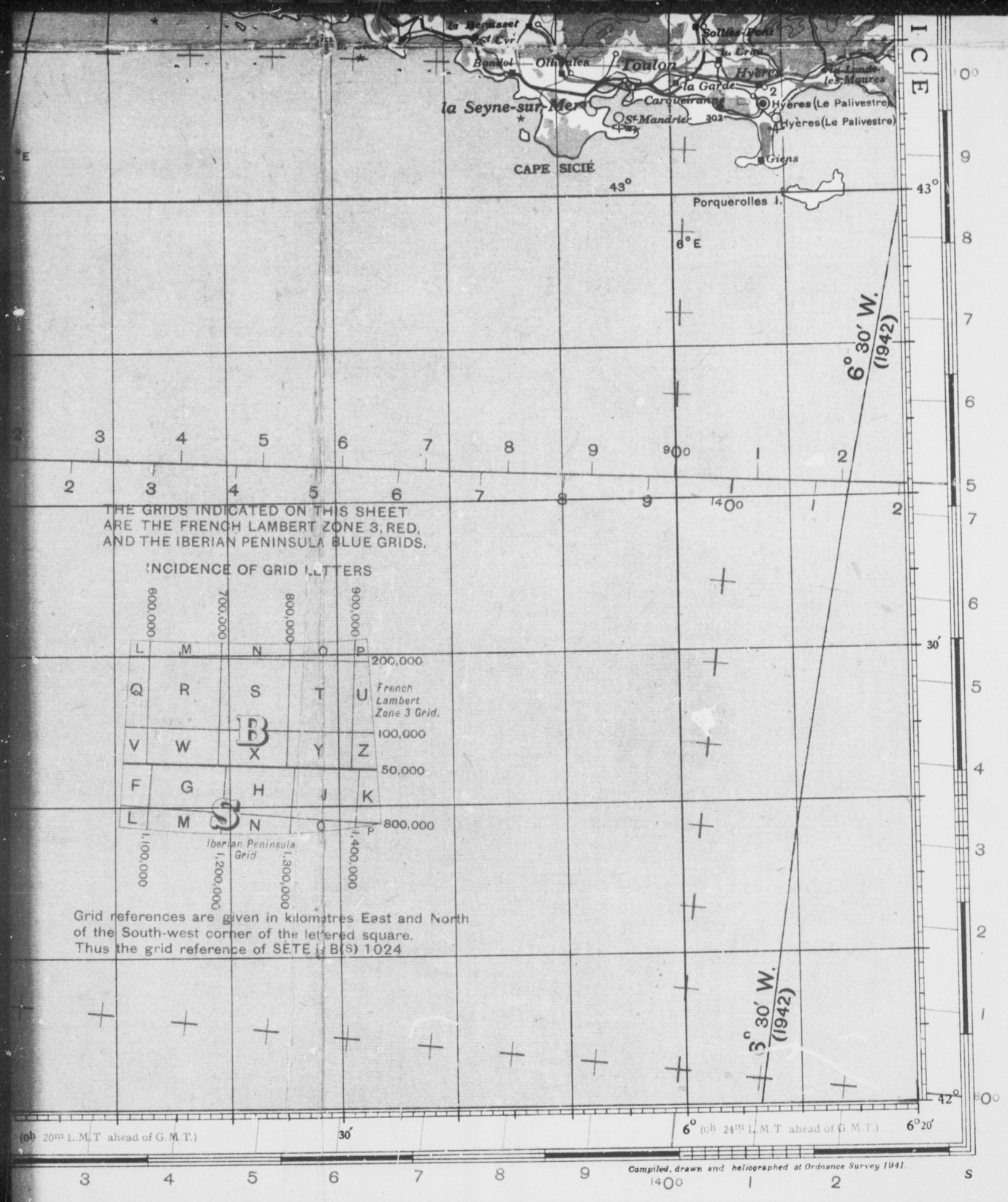
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Port Vendres
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Latour-de-France
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St Jeande-Barron
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Caudiès-de-Fenouillet
St Paul-de-Fenouillet
Rennes-les-Bains
Serrabone
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Ille-s-la Tet
Millas
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Palau-del-Vidre
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Cape Norfeo
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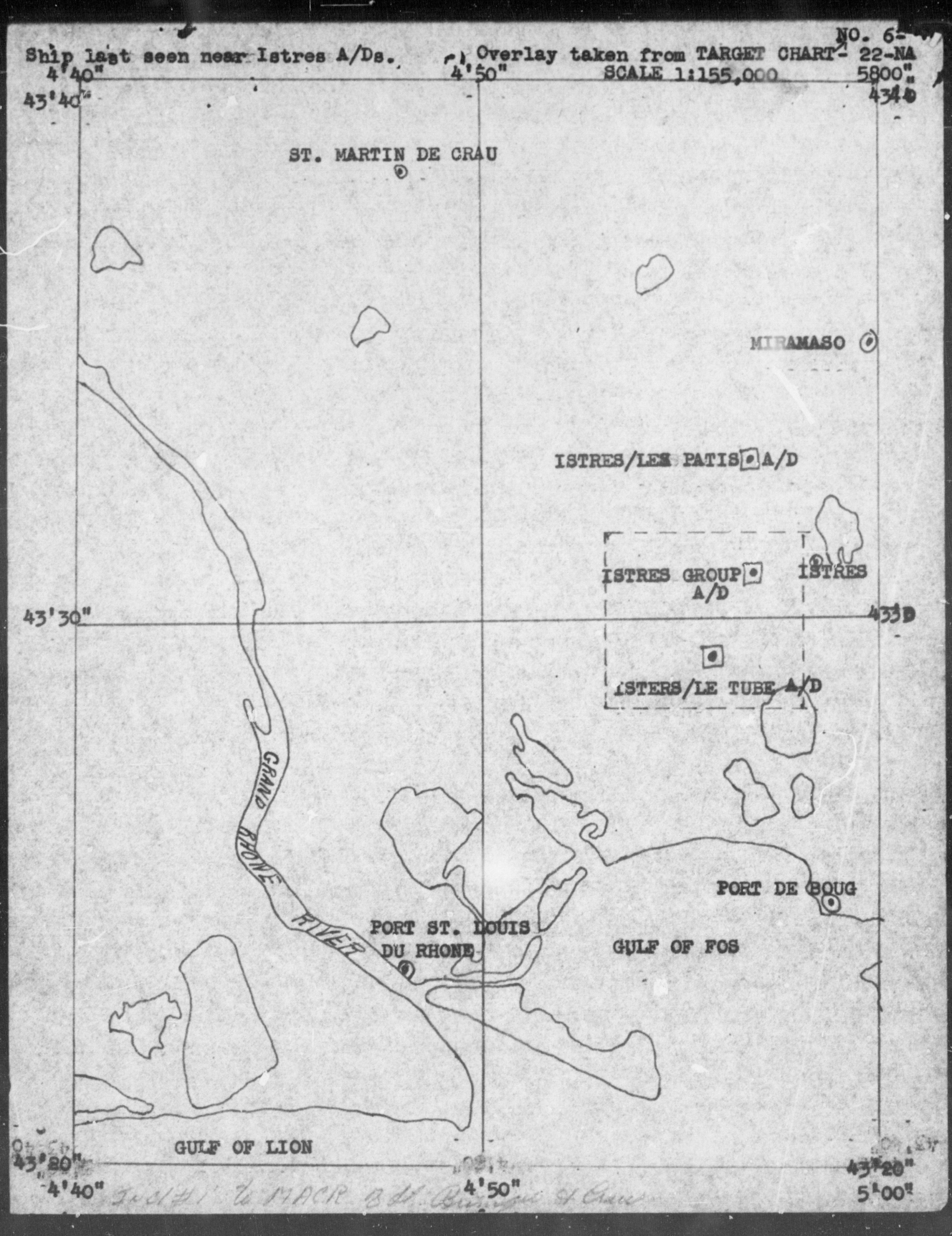

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Ollioules
Sollies-Pont
Brégaillon
St. Cyr
Le Brusset
Les Mayons
Les Maures
Hyères
Giens
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6° 30' W. (1942)
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EACH DIVISION IN THIS BORDER EQUALS 10 STATUTE MILES
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Bj 20 Nov 44

1st Lt. Richard L. Brimage RTD	Mrs. Cora Brimage (Mother) c/o Humble Oil Company, Freer, Texas.
2nd Lt. Joseph Spier RTD	Mrs. Florence S. Piacenti (Sister) 1133 Morrison Avenue, Bronx, New York.
2nd Lt. John H. Wichser, Jr. RTD	Mrs. John H. Wichser, Jr. (Wife) 531 Linden Street, Bristol, Pennsylvania.
F/O Herbert W. Morris KIA	Mr. Henry Morris (Father) 1507 Abbott Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan. LD
T/Sgt. Lacy L. Cowan RTD	Mrs. Lacy Lee Cowan (Wife) 1349 Navajo Street, Denver, Colorado.
T/Sgt. Bobby G. Stinson RTD	Mrs. Nellie F. Stinson (Wife) Saltillo, Texas.
S/Sgt. Harry W. Green RTD	Mrs. Marie Green (Mother) 4617 Griscom Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
S/Sgt. Kenneth V. Leverson RTD	Mrs. Clara B. Leverson (Mother) 1831 Evergreen Street, Burbank, California.
S/Sgt. Adolph J. Blanco KIA	Mrs. Mary Blanco (Mother) 16 Thompson Street, Warren, Rhode Island. LD
S/Sgt. William S. Eginton KIA	Mrs. Edith Eginton (Wife) 191 David Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. LD

AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Richard L. Brimage Rank 1st Lt Serial No. O-542524

2. Organization 455 B.G. 742 B.S.Gp Commander Kool (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Edwin C. Ambroson (full name) Rank Maj.

3. What year 1944 month July day 17 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, 43rd, target, Marshing Yard, Avignon France, target time, 13:15 est., altitude, 19000 route scheduled, Italy to Corisea to S. France, route flown as scheduled

5. Where were you when you left formation? Over the target (Avignon, France)

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes - all except three

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". Eng., Bombardier, Navigator, & ass. radio operate bailed out though ~~boom~~ bomb bay at 13:30 o'clock at 15000 ft alt. about 20 miles south of Avignon, France! Radio operator tail gunner bail out the rear escape hatch - when No Knowledge

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 10 mile inland ~~due~~ south east of Avignon

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Co-pilot, Asst. Engineer Gunner and Armorer Gunner

11. Where were they in aircraft? In the waist

12. What was their condition? Co-pilot & Asst. Engineer - unknown Armore Gunner Dead

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name COWAN, LACY Lee Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 18015890

2. Organization 455th Gp Commander Cool, Rank Col. Sqn CO (Do not recall) Rank Major
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month July day 17 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Avignon, France, target, River bridge, target time, 13:27 (believe), altitude, 2100 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? Avignon, France

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes

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". S/Sgt. Harry Green preceded me in bailing out of bomb bay. No knowledge of order in which other members bailed out.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Airfield east of Toulon (Hyeres)

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) F/O Herbert Morris S/Sgt Adolph Blanco, S/Sgt William Eginton.

11. Where were they in aircraft? Waist section

12. What was their condition? Dead

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? 1st Lt. Richard Brimage - June 21, 1945, U.S.A. Fair health
S/Sgt. Harry Green - June 21, 1945, U.S.A. Fair health
T/Sgt Bobby G. Stinson - Sept 12, 1945, Santa Monica, Cal. Fair health
2nd Lt. John Wichser - May 7, 1945, Barth, Germany - Stalag Luft I
2nd Lt. Joseph Spier - May 7, 1945, Barth, Germany - Stalag Luft I
S/Sgt Kenneth Severson - Jan. 30, 1945, Belgard, Germany. Stalag Luft IV (Poor health)

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

6-3862, AF

AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name LEVERSON, KENNETH V. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 37659867

2. Organization 455 Gp Commander: RICHARD BRIMIGE (full name) Rank 1st Lt. Sqn CO EDWIN C. AMBROSEN (full name) Rank MAJOR

3. What year 1944 month July day 17TH did you go down?

4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, OIL REFINERY target time, 13:20, altitude, 22,000 Ft. route scheduled, UNKNOWN, route flown UNKNOWN

5. Where were you when you left formation? Just off the target.

6. Did you bail out? YES.

7. Did other members of crew bail out? All But THREE.

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". No KNOWLEDGE.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? BETWEEN TOULON & 5 Mis. FROM SHORE.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) HERBERT W. MORRIS, Co-pilot. BLANCO, ADOLPH J., AND EDGINTON, WILLIAM S. ALL WERE IN WAIST.

11. Where were they in aircraft? IN WAIST, MORRIS, FRIGHTENED.

12. What was their condition? EDGINTON & BLANCO, DEAD.

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? HARRY W. GREEN, SPRAINED ANKLE. EN LE HAVRE, FRANCE. RICHARD L. BRIMIGE O.K. LE HAVRE, FRANCE. BOMBADIER, HEAD WOUND. FRANKFURT, GERMANY. LACY L. COWAN, O.K. STALAG LUFT #4. GROSS TICHOW, GERMANY. WILBIAN SPEARS O.K. FRANKFURT, GERMANY. BOBBY G. STINSON. ON MARCH ACROSS GERMANY.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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AFPPA-22

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOSEPH SPIER Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. O-700674

2. Organization 742nd Sqn 455th Bomb Grp Gp Commander Col. Cool (full name) Rank CoL Sqn CO Ambraen (full name) Rank MAJOR

3. What year 1944 month JULY day 17 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, AVIGNON, FRANCE, target, MARSHALLING YARD, target time, Approx 1145AM, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, over Corsica into FRANCE VIA THE RIVIERA, route flown SAME

5. Where were you when you left formation? #3 in "Charley" Box

6. Did you bail out? yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes - 5 OTHERS BESIDES Myself. pilot LABRIMAGE - Lt. Wichser - Bomb. S/Sgt Green, T/Sgt Cowan, S/Sgt STINSON, S/Sgt Leverson

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". I THREW Bombardier who had been knocked out, out of plane. The others jumped out outside of S/Sgt Green who I had to shove out. Everyone who left the plane got down safely.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? near A town ISTRIS, FRANCE

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
F/O HERBERT MORRIS - co-pilot T-62342
S/Sgt. Adolph Blanco - WAIST Gunner - 12168937
S/Sgt. William S. Eginton. Ball gunner - 19028709

11. Where were they in aircraft? Thrown clear of wreckage - dead.

12. What was their condition? dead

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW S/Sgt Green one of the missing men Alive, after liberation on April 30th 1945. He had been evacuated to our camp - STALAG LUFT I, BARTH, Germany a couple of months earlier. He was in good condition - T/Sgt Cowan the Engineer had been with him.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

Joseph Spier
1605 - Ave. L.
Brooklyn NY -

(Any additional information may be written on the back.)

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AFPPA-1S.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John Henry Wiehser Jr. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-702081

2. Organization 455 (BG) 742 (Sqdn) Gp Commander ? (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Ambrosen (full name) Rank Maj.

3. What year 1944 month July day 17 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Airfield, target, Vis S. France, target time, 12:30, altitude, 20:500 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? Just off Target

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes - (7) (3) Killed

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". No Knowledge

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 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) Sgt. Blanco Sgt Equiton F/o Morris

11. Where were they in aircraft? Waist

12. What was their condition? Burned and dead

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All the rest are accounted for

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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Report of the Capture of Enemy Aircraft

Post: Air Base Command E (V) 240/XII

Place: Istres near Marseille, South France

Time: 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock

Time and place when downed: 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock

Flier's Air Base at Istres, 50 kms N. W. of Marseille, South France

Kind of Capture: By flak

Type of Aircraft: Liberator

Ident No.

Admission No: 59 White

Photo apparatus: Not known

Frequencies: Not known

Condition of Aircraft: 95% damage by burning

A. B.

Signature (illegible)
Major and Chief Officer

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1621

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: Near Flier's Air Base at Istres, 50 kms N.W. of Marseille/South France.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Command E (V) 240/XII-Istres-17 July 1944 at 13;38 o'clock.

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Blanco, Adolph L.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER: 12 168 937

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: Wounded DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: On 18 July 1944 - French Civilian Cemetery at Istres near Marseille, left side, row 2, grave No. 1st.

REMARKS:

Captured while he lay wounded near the place of the crash on 17 July 1944 at 13;38 o'clock.

A. B.

Major and Chief Officer.

6-3224.AF(6)

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1621

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock

PLACE OF CRASH: Flier's Airfield Base at Istres, 50 kms N. W. of Marseille/South France.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 240/XII - Istres - 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock.

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Brimage, Dick

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 1st Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: O-542 524

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured near the place of crash on 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock.

Signed:

A. B.
Signature (illegible)
Major and Chief Officer

6-3334.AF(8)

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1621

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: 17 July 1944

PLACE OF CRASH: Flier's Airfield Base at Istres, 50 kms N. W. of Marseille/ South France.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Command - Istres - 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock

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CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Cowan, Lacy

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: - - -

SERIAL NUMBER: 18 015 890

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:
Captured near place of crash on 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock.

A. B.
Signature (illegible)
Major and Officer

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1621

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: Ref: Near Air Base at Istres, 50 kms. N. W. of Marseille/South France

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 240/XII - Istres - 17 July 1944 at 12,30 o'clock

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CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Egirton, William S.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER: 19 028 709

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: Body was recovered near the place of the crash

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: Civilian Cemetery at Istres near Marseille, left side, Row 2, grave 132 on 18 July 1944.

REMARKS:

Signed:
A. B.

Major and Chief Officer

6-3224.AF(6)

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1621

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: Flier's Air Base at Istres, 50 kms N. W. of Marseille/South France

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 240/XII - Istres - 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock.

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Green, Harry W.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 13 098 784

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured near the place of crash on 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock

A. B.
Signature (illegible)

Major and Chief Officer

6*1224.AF(6)

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1631

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: Flier's Air Base - Istres, 50 kms N. W. Marseilles/South France.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Command E (V) 240/XII - Flier's Air Base at Istres, 50 kms N. W. of Marseille/South France- 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock.

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Leverson, Kenneth W.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 37 659 867

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured near the place of crash on 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock

A. S.
Signature (illegible)
Major and Chief Officer.

S-1216.AF(6)

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1621

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: Flier's Air Base at Istres, 50 kms N. W. of Marseille/South France.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Flier's Air Base Command E (V) 240/XII - 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock.

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Morris
Not known

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: Flight Officer

SERIAL NUMBER: - - - -

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: Was recovered at the place of crash

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: On 18 July 1944 - Civilian Cemetery at Istres near Marseille, left side, row 2, grave No. 134.

REMARKS:

A. B.
Major and Chief Officer.

6-3224.AF(6)

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1621

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: Near Flier's Air Base at Istres, 50 kms N. W. of Marseille/South France

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 240/XII-Istres - 17 July 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Spier, Joseph

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: O-700 674

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured near place of crash on 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock

A. B.

Signature (illegible)

Major and Officer.

6-3224.AF(6)

CASUALTY NO.
MR-KSU-1621

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH: Near Flier's Air Base at Istres, 50 kms N. W. of Marseille/South France

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command E (V) 240/XII - Istres - 17 July 1944

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Stinson, Bobby G.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER: 18 216 593

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured near place of crash on 17 July 1944 at 13:30 o'clock

A. B.

Signature (illegible)

Major and Officer

4-8224.AF(4)

REPORT ON [illegible]

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN:

PLACE OF CRASH:

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Command R (W) 240/XII [illegible]

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: Wichser, John H.

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 0-702 081

CAPTURED: Captured WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured near the place of the crash on 17 July 1944 at 13:38 o'clock

A. B.
Signature (illegible)

Major and Chief Officer.

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S T A T E M E N T

I was flying number two position in low box, Lt. Brimage was flying number three in low box beside me. At the target Lt. Brimage and I both fell out of formation, I had number two engine feathered and Lt. Brimage feathered number three. After we had got out of the flak and headed for home I called my tail gunner and asked if he still saw Lt. Brimage he said that he saw a plane which he thought was Lt. Brimage go down and make a crash landing.

William G. McWard 0803843

William G. M Ward
1st Lt., Air Corps

Incl #2 to MACR 3 of Brimage & Crew