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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 871, U.S.ARMY

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
ATTENTION: Statistical Control Division.

1. Forwarded herewith supplement to the Missing Glider Crew Report of Horsa Glider LG 834, which was forwarded to your headquarters by letter this headquarters, AG 360.33, subject: "Missing Glider Crew Report", dated 25 August 1944.

KIA 2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 2nd Lt. Ernest D. McMillen, Jr., O-739382, as killed in action, 7 June 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

E. M. Rund
E. M. RUND,
Lt. Col., AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General

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 UNITED STATES ARMY

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APO 871

25 August 1944

AG 319.1

SUBJECT: Information concerning personnel reported missing in action.

TO : Commanding General, 82nd Airborne Division, APO 469.

1. Records of this headquarters indicate Horsa Glider, LG 834 to be missing in action. Listed below are crew of subject aircraft and their present status.

2nd Lt.	Ernest D. McMillen, Jr.,	O-739382	MIA	7 June 1944
F/O	James M. Reed,	T-603838	MIA	7 June 1944

2. Request that the personnel named on the attached list be interrogated and that a statement pertaining to subject aircraft be forwarded to this headquarters with the least practicable delay. Information should include:

- a. Time, place and condition of aircraft when last contacted.
- b. Any information concerning the welfare or whereabouts of 2nd Lt. McMillen or F/O Reed.
- c. Any additional information that can be used to supplement the Missing Air Crew Report.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

M. Grano
 M. GRANO, *J*
 1st Lt., AGD,
 Asst. Adj. General.

1 Incl:
 List of passengers (in dup)

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO 469, U. S. Army,

29 August 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion.

For compliance with basic communication.

By command of Brigadier General GAVIN:

Gregory McDermott
GREGORY McDERMOTT,
2d Lt., A. G. D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl
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2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS 320TH GLIDER FIELD ARTILLERY BN., APO No. 469, U. S. Army,
2 September 1944.

TO: Commanding General, 82nd Airborne Division, APO No. 469, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with basic communication, statements of available personnel listed have been obtained.

2. Enclosed is a true extract copy of Letter, Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division, Subject: Report of Burials.

For the Battalion Commander:

Eugene E. Harvey
EUGENE E. HARVEY,
CWO USA,
PERSONNEL OFFICER

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Incl 1 - n/c

Incl 2 - Statement of Lt. Butler (trip)

Incl 3 - Statement of Tec 4 Rilat (trip)

Incl 4 - Statement of Cpl Carl (trip)

Incl 5 - Statement of Pvt Janosik (trip)

Incl 6 - Statement of Pvt Hastings (trip)

Incl 7 - Statement of Pfc Mooney (trip)

Incl 8 - Statement of Tec 5 Campesi (trip)

Incl 9 - Extract copy of Report of Burial Letter (trip)

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO 469, U. S. Army, 4 September 1944.

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 871, U. S. Army.

Records at this Headquarters indicate that 2d Lieutenant Ernest D. McMillen, Jr., 0739382, is buried at Blosville, France, Plot C, Row 4, Grave 62.

For the Commanding General:



M. E. Stuart
M. E. STUART,
Major, A. G. D.,
Actg. Adj. Gen.

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LIST OF PASSENGERS

GLIDER NUMBER LG-834

82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION

1st Lt.	Robert O. Butler,	0-446371
T/4	Theodore P. Rilat,	15112788
Cpl	Henry M. Carl, Jr.,	15112720
Pfc	Allison Potter,	35135967 (MUSP)
Pvt	Thomas A. Janosik,	35500413
Pfc	Haskell R. Williamson,	14100483 (MUSP)
Pfc	Walfred M. Hakkola,	36413791 (MUSP)
Pvt	James E. Hastings,	35233887
Pfc	Andrew J. Mooney,	34273252
T/5	Dominick Campesi,	34233986

no record in Casualty

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STATEMENT OF 1ST LIEUTENANT ROBERT O. BUTLER

(a) 2330 June 6, 1944, approximately two miles north of Ste. Mere Eglise in field west of main highway leading north from Ste. Mere Eglise. The nose and part of passenger compartment of glider was smashed up.

(b) Last saw Lt. McMillen and F/O Reed when administering first aid to F/O Reed who had a broken leg. Also Lt. McMillen had an injured ankle.

(c) Additional information given by Sgt. Rilat and Pvt. Hastings who were left with wounded men.

Robert O. Butler
ROBERT O. BUTLER, O 446 371,
1st Lt., Battery "B",
320th Glider FA Bn.

STATEMENT OF TEC 4 THEODORE P. RILAT

The time I last saw the Horsa Glider was on D plus 1 at 0800 hours about two miles north of Ste. Mere Eglise. The glider had hit an anti-glider obstacle and the nose of the glider was smashed. I last saw 2nd Lt. Ernest D. McMillen and F/O James M. Reed on D plus 1 at 0800 hours.

F/O James M. Reed was shot in lower part of neck and 2nd Lt. Ernest D. McMillen was a German prisoner. He had a bad leg and as the Germans were in a hurry they rushed Pvt Hastings and I ahead of Lt. McMillen. The Germans said they would take care of him. 3 days later I passed the spot where we were captured and I saw F/O Reed lying among about 40 dead Germans. So judging from his looks I considered him dead.

F/O Reed had a compound fracture of left leg. 2nd Lt McMillen had a sprained knee.

Theodore P. Rilat

THEODORE P. RILAT, 15 112 788,
Tec 4, Battery "B",
320th Gli FA Bn.

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Division Commander

A.P.O. 469, U. S. Army,
6 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Burials.

TO : See distribution below.

1. The attached list of personnel have been buried in the Division Cemetery on dates indicated.

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JUNE 22, 1944

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2D LT E D McMILLEN JR

* * * *

By command of Major General RIDGWAY:

s/ G. B. Byrne,
t/ G. B. BYRNE,
Captain, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. General.

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A True Extract Copy:

Eugene E. Harvey
EUGENE E. HARVEY
CWO USA,
PERSONNEL OFFICER

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APO 871

25 August 1944

AG 360.33

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

1. Forwarded herewith Missing Glider Crew Report of the Ninth Air Force.
2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 2nd Lt. Ernest D. Mc Millen, Jr., O-739382 and F/O James M. Reed, T-603838 to be missing in action, 7 June 1944.
3. Records of this headquarters are in agreement with the information given in the 4th indorsement of inclosure 2.
4. Correspondence has been directed to 82nd Airborne Division for statements from passengers aboard subject aircraft relative to information pertaining to missing aircraft. This correspondence will be forwarded to your headquarters upon completion.

For the Theater Commander:

H. M. Rund
H. M. RUND,
Lt. Col, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

2 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Missing Glider Crew Report, 435th T C Gp
Horsa Glider, LG 834, 7 June 1944.
- Incl 2 - Letter this headquarters, dtd 15 July 1944
Re: Status of passengers.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
GLIDER
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an ~~airplane~~ ^{glider} is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location USAAF Sta 474 Command or Air Force IX T C O
Group 435th T C Gp Squadron 76th T C Sq Detachment None
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure USAAF Sta 474 Course CG 231° Mag
Intended Destination Vic. Ste Mere Eglise type of mission Glider
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED Overcast, Ceiling about 1500-2000
4. GIVE: (a) DATE 7 June 1944 Time 0120 and Location Vicinity NW Ste. Mere Eglise, France
of last known whereabouts of missing ~~airplane~~ ^{glider}.
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () Last contacted by Radio; See Attached
() Forced down; () Seen to crash; or () Information not available. Statement
5. ~~AIRPLANE~~ ^{GLIDER} WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:
(Check only one) () Enemy Airplane; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft;
() Other circumstances as follows: Crash Landing
6. AIRBORNE: Type, Model and Series Horsa Glider, A.F. Serial No 10-834
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series None; A.A.F. Serial No (a) _____
(b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No)
(a) None (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes (MIA)
or (b) Non Battle Casualty GLIDER
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD ~~AIRPLANE~~ ^{GLIDER}: Crew 2 Passengers 10 Total 12.
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 10 persons were aboard ~~airplane~~ ^{glider}, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Closed 12/19/44

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	<u>KIA</u>	<u>McMILLEN, ERNEST DURBIN, JR</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>O-739 382</u>
2. Co-pilot		<u>REED, JAMES MARION</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>T-60838</u>
* 3. Pass.		<u>BUTLER, Robert O.</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>O-446371</u>
4. Pass. <u>RILAT</u>		<u>RILAT, THEODORE P.</u>	<u>T/4</u>	<u>15112788</u>
5. Pass. <u>CARL, Henry</u>		<u>CARL, HENRY M., JR.</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>15112720</u>
6. Pass.		<u>POTTER, ALLISON</u>	<u>Pfc</u>	<u>35135967</u>
7. Pass.		<u>JANOSIK, THOMAS A.</u>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>35500413</u>
8. Pass.		<u>WILLIAMSON, HASKEL R.</u>	<u>Pfc</u>	<u>14100438</u>

APPENDIX NO 1A

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* Passengers' Organization: 82nd Airborne Division

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9. Pass. SWA 12/18/44 HAKKALA, WALTER M. Pfc 36413791
10. Pass. no Co. 12/19/44 HASTINGS, JAMES E. Pvt 35235887

Continued on attached sheet.

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF ~~PLANE~~ AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Crash Landing	Forced Landing
1. <u>Pemberton, Sam L.</u>	<u>P/O</u>	<u>T-60527</u>	<u>See attached statement</u>			
2.						
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL 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 reason (Specify) See attached statement

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE ~~PLANE~~ WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING ~~PLANE~~.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND FIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE none made.

Date of Report 26 June 1944

Jack Mims
(Signature of preparing Officer)
JACK MIMS,
2d Lt, AC,
Asst Personnel O.

APPENDIX NO 1A

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PARAGRAPH 10 cont'd: NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE:

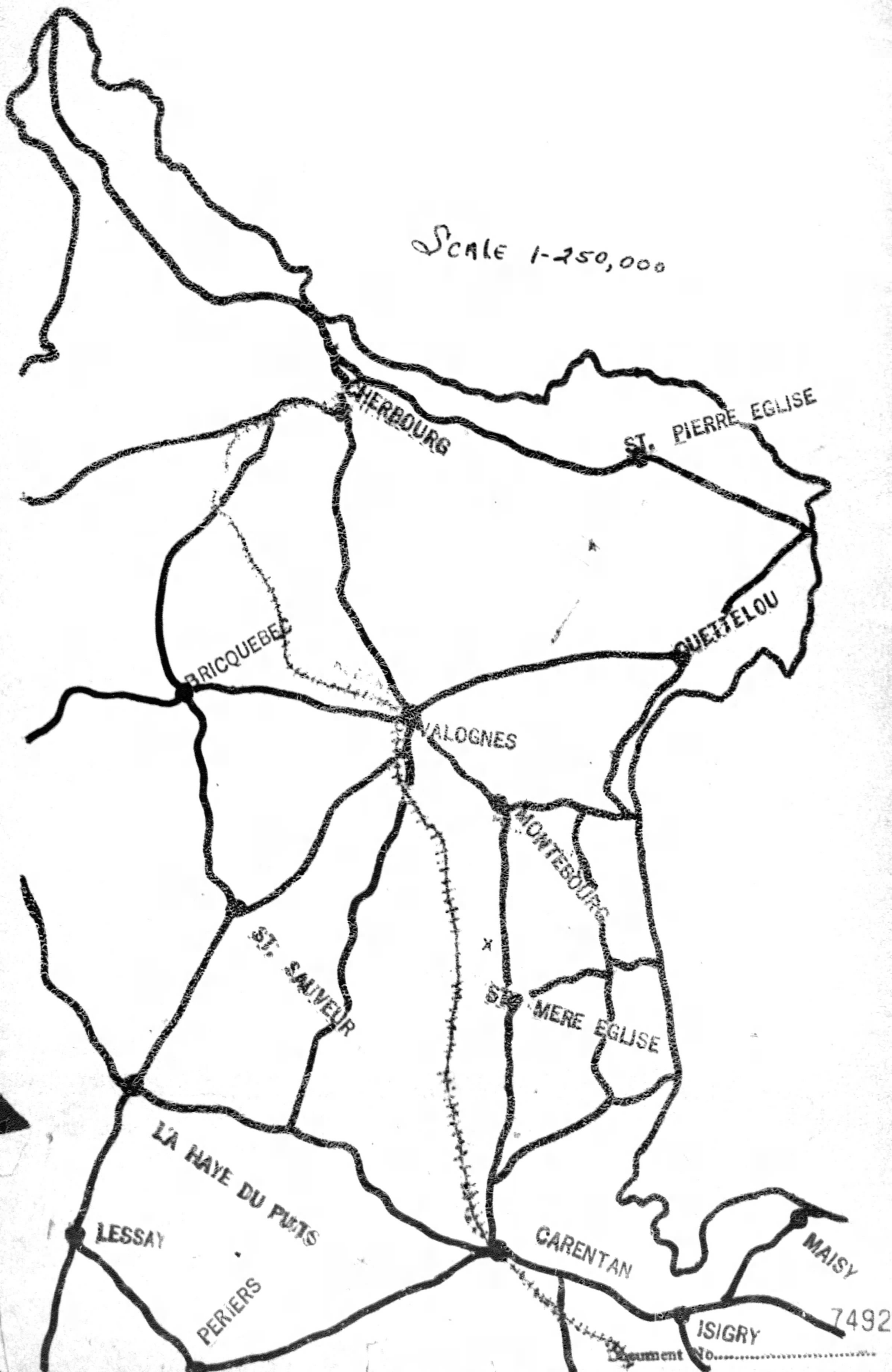
11. Pass.	✓ MOONEY, ANDREW J.	Pfc	54373233
12. Pass.	✓ CAMPESI, DOMINGO	T/S	54359986

I landed my glider in a field adjacent to the field where Lt. McMillen and P/O Reed landed. After landing we started north along Broadway and ran into a German Patrol of about forty men. We, seven airborne men and I came back and found P/O Reed and Lt. McMillen and three airborne at their glider. All were wounded, P/O Reed was very bad. Lt. McMillen had a broken leg. Before we could get the men moved the German Patrol came up and forced us to leave them. I saw the Germans talk to Lt. McMillen, but they didn't harm any of the wounded. We left as they were leaving and could not get back to that area that day as it was in German hands.


SAM H. ROBERTSON
P/O, Air Corps,
76th T.C. Sq.,
435th T.C. Sp.

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CHERBOURG

ST. PIERRE EGLISE

BRICQUEBEE

QUETTELLOU

VALOGNES

MONTBOURG

ST. SAINEUR

ST. MERE EGLISE

LA HAYE DU PUTS

LESSAY

CARENTAN

MAISY

PERIERS

ISIGRY

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