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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES

WASHINGTON

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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name-AAB, LeBourget, France; Command or Air Force-ASC, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe; Group-27th Air Transport; Squadron-86th Transport Squadron (Cargo and Mail); Detachment_____.
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure-AAB LeBourget, France; Course-LeBourget 088° MAG to Y-33; Target or Intended Destination-Y-33; Type of Mission-Special Flight VIP, Headquarters 27th Air Transport Group.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Enroute and at destination 8,000 ft. broken, with five (5) miles or better visibility.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 2 Month February Year 1945; Time 1355; and Location-over Airdrome at LeBourget, France of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to crash (); or Information not Available (X).
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (Check only one) enemy aircraft (); enemy anti-aircraft (); other circumstances as follows: Through enemy action or possible mechanical failure.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model and series-Twin Engine C-47B, AAF Serial No. 43-48771.
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any-None--Squadron Insignia "Sad Sack" painted on each side of nose. Conventional Group Insignia-white dot on nose and above serial number on tail on both sides of aircraft. Wing Insignia-two (2) parallel yellow lines on top part of stabilizer.
8. ENGINES: Type, model and series-Pratt and Whitney, R-1830-90C (Buick), AAF Serial Number Right Engine BP-485781, Left Engine BP-485553.
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number): None.
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty___or (b) Non Battle Casualty X.
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 4; Passengers 0; Total 4
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	Jones, Raymond E.	2nd Lt	O 755 957	Asgd 86th Transport Squadron (Cargo and Mail) RTD
2. Co-Pilot	Davis, Raymond E.	2nd Lt.	O 713 362	Atchd fr 1403d AAF Base Unit, EDATC
3. Engineer	Kirwan, William E.	T Sgt	11 015 738	Asgd 86th Transport Squadron (Cargo and Mail) RTD
4. Radio Operator	Nielson, John A.	T Sgt	11 045 653	Asgd 86th Transport Squadron (Cargo and Mail)

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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	(Check only one column)
Last Name First				Last Sighted Saw Crash Saw Forced Landing
1. Lancaster, Hartwell C.	Capt	0 659 138		X
2. Linville, Harold R.	1st Lt	0 670 942		X
3. Cullen, Ray W.	1st Lt	0 674 475		X
4. Shields, Lloyd B.	Capt	0 659 189		X

13. 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)-Unknown.
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT-None.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT--1st Lt. Harold R. Linville, 0 670 942, AC--Made flight over same route and checked two (2) destination points Y-33, A-92 and further checked at A-82 for possible word of crash or emergency landing.

Date of Report - 8 February 1945.

W. D. McCormick
W. D. McCORMICK, WOJG, USA, Adjutant,
86th Transport Squadron (Cargo and Mail).
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENT: None.

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5th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U S ARMY, 23 February 1945.

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

1. Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, AG 704 (5 Jul 44)
OB-S-AAF-M, dated 7 July 1944.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of crew members
of subject aircraft to be as shown below:

2nd Lt. Raymond E. Jones,	O-755957	MIS	2 February 1945.
2nd Lt. Raymond E. Davis,	O-713369	MIS	2 February 1945.
T/Sgt. William E. Kirwan,	11015738	MIS	2 February 1945.
T/Sgt. John A. Nielson,	11045653	MIS	2 February 1945.

For the Theater Commander:

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H. M. RUND, *w*
Colonel, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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86TH TRANSPORT SQUADRON
(CARGO and MAIL)
AAF STATION 385

WDM-fjs-A

AP0 744
8 February 1945

In reply refer
to: 360.33

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 27th Air Transport Group, AAF-385, AP0 744, U. S. Army.

In compliance with instructions contained in Letter, War Department, The Adjutant General's Office, Washington 25, D. C., file number AG 704 (5 Jul 44) OB-S-AAF-M, subject: Missing Air Crew Report, there is attached hereto copies of subject report pertaining to the disappearance of crew and aircraft C-47B No. 43-48771 on 2 February 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:



W. D. McCormick
W. D. MCCORMICK,
WOJG USA,
Adjutant.

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report
in sextuple.
Incl 2 - Sectional Map of Paris
area.

360.33 1st Ind
Hq, 27th AT Gp, AAF-385, AP0 744, US Army, 8 Feb 45.

C-JCS-rop

TO: CO, 302d Transport Wing, AAF-366, AP0 744, US Army.

Attention invited to basic communication.

For the Commanding Officer:



John J. Moore
JOHN J. MOORE,
Capt, AG,
Adjutant.

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360.33 x 704 2d Ind
C Hq, 302d Transport Wg, AAF-386, APO 744, US Army, 12 Feb 45.

TO: CG, Central Air Depot Area (Prov), ASC, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, AAF-389, APO 744, US Army.

Forwarded in compliance with paragraph 5, letter War Dept, file AG 704 (5 July 44) OD-S-AAF-M, Subject: "Missing Air Crew Reports", 5 July 44.

For the Commanding Officer:

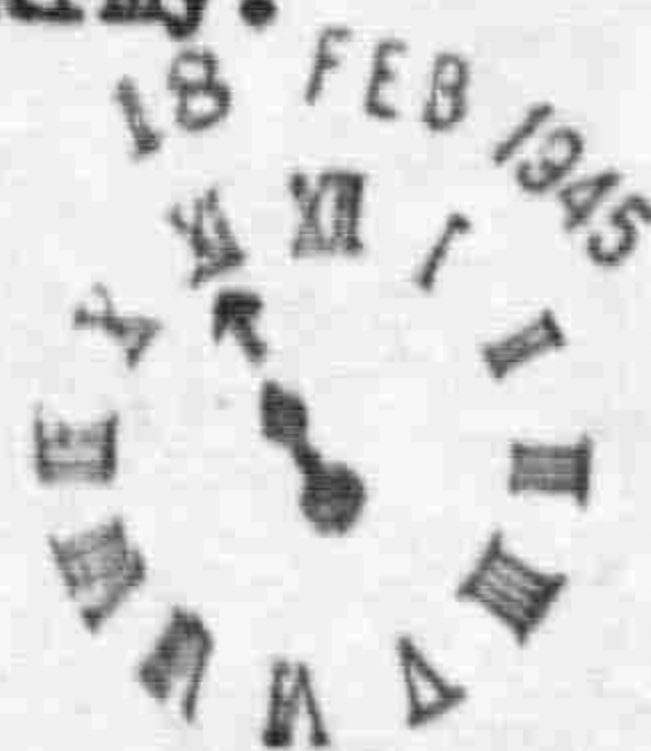
B. G. Ramsey

B. G. RAMSEY,
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS,
ACTG. ASST. ADJ. GEN.

2 Incls; n/c

360.33 x 704. 3rd Ind HHH/rwr
Hq Central Air Depot Area (Prov), ASC, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, AAF-389, APO 744, U. S. Army, 15 Feb 45.

TO: Commanding General, ASC, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, AAF-379, APO 633, U. S. Army.



V. S. P. JR.

2 Incls: n/c.

HQ. A.T.S.O.

360.33 x 704. 4th Ind.
HQ AIR TECHNICAL SERVICE COMMAND IN EUROPE, APO 633, U S ARMY, 18 FEBRUARY 1945.

TO: CG, European T of Opns, APO 887, U S Army. (Attn: AG Casualty Division).



E. C. M.

2 Incls: n/c

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Raymond E. Davis

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Personal items belonging to

Lt. Raymond E. Davis O-713362

2 letters

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FORM 1A

KU1256 A

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Airbase HQ. E (v) 225/XII

DATE: Niedermendig 3 Feb. 45

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER:

JONES, Raymond Edward P

ASN O-755957

YEAR OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: 2 Feb. 45 near Schweich/Trier

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-

(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?) parachute-jump on 2 Feb. 45, captured by
airforce members of unit L 49392
Post-office Wiesbaden

TYPE OF CRAFT whereabouts of plane not yet known

REMARKS:

transferred to Interrogation Center West on 5 Feb. 45

Distributor: Interrogation Center West

illegible

Col. and Base-Commander

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FORM 1A

KU - 1256 A

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Airbase HQ. E (v) 225/XII

DATE: Niedermendig 3 Feb. 45

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: Nielson John A.

ASN 11045653

YEAR OF BIRTH:

RANK: T/Sgt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: 2 Feb. 45 near Schweic^h/Trier

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-

(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

parashute-jump on 2. Feb. 45, captured
by airforce-members of Unit L 49392
Post-office Wiesbaden

TYPE OF CRAFT whereabouts of plane not yet known

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KU 1256 A

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Airbase HQ. E (v) 225/XII

DATE: Niedermendig 3 Feb. 45

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: DAVIS Raymond B. c/p

ASN 0-713362 T 43 - 44 - 0

YEAR OF BIRTH:

RANK: 2nd Lt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: 2 Febr. 45 near Schwilich/Trier

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-

(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?) parachute-jumps on 2. Feb. 45, captured by airforce-members of unit L 49392 Post-office Wiesbaden

TYPE OF CRAFT whereabouts of plane not yet known

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Airbase HQ. E (v) 225/XII

DATE: Niedermendig 3 Feb. 45

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER:

KIRVAN, William E.

ASN 11015738 T 42 - 0

YEAR OF BIRTH:

RANK: T/Sgt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: 2 Feb. 45 near Schweich/Trier

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-

(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

parashute-jump on 2. Feb. 45, captured
by airforce-members of unit L 49392
Post-office Wiesbaden

TYPE OF CRAFT

whereabout of plane not yet known

REMARKS:

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KU - 1256 A

Personal items belonging to:

- 1) Kirvan, William E. 11015738 T/Sgt.
 1 Soldier's individual pay record form 28
 1 Identification Card " 65 - 4
- 2) Nielson, John A. 11745653 S/Sgt.
 1 Soldier's individual pay record form 28
- 3) Jones, R. E. 0-755957 2nd Lt.
 1 Officer's identification card form 65 - 1
- 4) Raymond, E. Davis 0-718³262 2nd Lt.
 1 Officer's identification card form 65 - 1

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	Rank:	Name:	KU 1261 a
Date:	2 Feb 45, at 1500	2nd Lt. JONES, Raymond E.	ASN: O-755957
Place:	Thielburg/Mosel	2nd Lt. DAVIS, Raymond E.	ASN: O-713362
Type of craft:	Douglas C 47	T/Sgt. NIELSON, John Axel	ASN: 11045653
		T/Sgt. KIRWAN, William Edward	ASN: 11015738

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

2 Feb. 1945, 1500 hrs

CASUALTY NO. KU 1256 A

PLACE OF CRASH

Mosel

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Douglas

REPORTING OFFICE

Niedermendig near Koblenz

NAME

RANK

SERIAL
NUMBER

CAPT'D
WOUNDED
DEAD

PLACE OF INTERMENT

DAVIS, Raymond E.
16 Jan. 1918 Ind.

2nd Lt. 0-713362

captured

Dulag-Luft West

JONES, Raymond E.
31 Oct. 1921 Va.

2nd Lt. 0-755957

captured

Dulag-Luft West

KIRWAN, William Edward
16 March 1922 USA

T/Sgt. 11015738

captured

Dulag-Luft West

NIELSON, John Axel
3 March 1916 USA

T/Sgt. 11045653

captured

Dulag-Luft West

REMARKS:

Dulag-Luft, 22 Feb. 1945 No.

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C-47
AAF 43-48771
4 men

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	Rank:	Name:	KU 1256 a
Date:	2 Feb 45, at 1500	2nd Lt. DAVIS, Raymond, E.	•
		ASN: 0-713362	
Place:	Thielburg/ Mosel	2nd Lt. JONES, Raymond E.	•
		ASN: 0-759957	
Type of craft:	Douglas C 47	T/Sgt. KIRWAN, William Edward	•
		ASN: 11015738	
Markings:	-86 (TC) Sqd. 771 Group	T/Sgt. NIELSON, John Axel	•
		ASN: 11045653	

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Rm. 4322, 3/29/45

2d Lt. Raymond E. Jones

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Jones (Wife) ✓
3429 W. Cary Street
Richmond, Virginia

2d Lt. Raymond E. Davis

Mrs. Mertis L. Davis (Wife) ✓
122 Carl Street
Winchester, Indiana

T/Sgt. William E. Kirwan

Mrs. Lillian Y. Kirwan (Mother) ✓
Box Four
Roxbury, Vermont

T/Sgt. John A. Nielson

Mrs. Marie Nielson (Mother) ✓
21½ Pearl Street
Middleboro, Massachusetts

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AFPPA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: NIELSON, John A.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 11045653
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~EXCLUDED~~: Radio Operator

File Nr. 12027

Did he bail out? YES

Where? GERMANY

If not, why not? —

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

To BAIL OUT.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? PRISON

Any hearsay information: —

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: —

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: DAVIS, Raymond E.
Rank: 2nd/Lt.
Serial number: 0-713362
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or~~ ~~Flight~~ ~~Engineer~~: Co-Pilot

File Nr. 12027

Did he bail out? YES

Where? GERMANY

If not, why not?

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

TO BAIL OUT

Was he injured? NO

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Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible:

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WILLIAM E. KIRWAN Rank T/SGT Serial No. 11015738
2. Organization 82d T. Sqn Gp Commander Rank COL Sqn CO PARKINSON Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month FEBRUARY day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, , target, , target
time, 3:05 P.M., altitude, 10:000 route scheduled,
 , route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? NO FORMATION
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". ALL BAILED OUT.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? GERMANY
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NINE
11. Where were they in aircraft? UNKNOWN
12. What was their condition? O.K. ON GROUND
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? GERMANY - IN PRISON - THEY WERE ALL RIGHT -
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO KNOWLEDGE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON



SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: T/Sgt. William E. KIRWAN

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in Washington and in the theaters overseas, Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Offices to collect all information from our own and enemy sources, correlate this information and furnish it to search teams in the theaters who will go to the scene of the casualty incident and investigate. These teams will question those in the area who have knowledge of the incident and trace all leads down until they have the story. The German records we have translated are excellent. We have just received the Japanese records. By combining all this data with the story available in your memory, we can tell next of kin the things that mean so much to them.

2. You may or may not have been questioned in this manner before concerning the mission on which you were shot down and the events that followed. Regardless of previous questionnaires, it is important that we have the information requested here to complete our records concerning combat crewmen remaining in a casualty status.

3. If you have been sworn to secrecy as a result of your escape, evasion or internment, you may consider yourself released from all restrictions as to disclosure or publication of experiences except:

- a. Secret intelligence activities and methods developed for use, or actually used, in prison camps.
 - b. Details of techniques employed by military intelligence organizations operating behind enemy lines to assist evasion and escape.
 - c. Negotiations conducted on high government or military level to secure release from internment in a neutral country. (See AAF Reg 46-8 dated 30 October 1945)
4. Please answer all the questions you can promptly and accurately. Re-

6-3842, AF

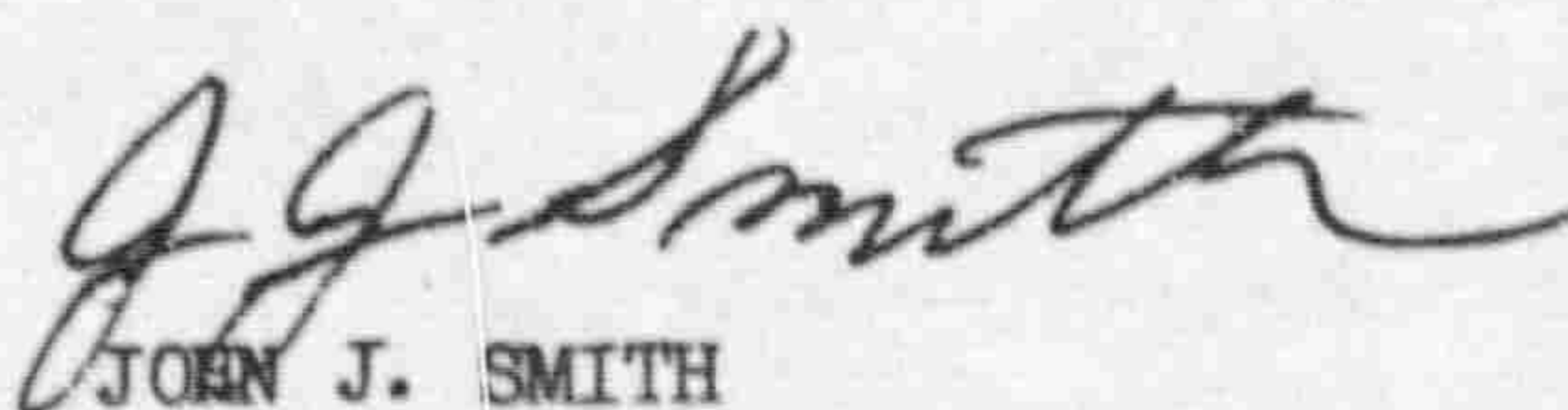
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quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-8, Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:



JOHN J. SMITH
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

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Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuß-Nr. 101 1356 A

Abschußtag und Zeit: 2.2.45 - 15.00

Abschußort: H. 101

Flugzeugtyp: Douglas

Meldende Dienststelle: Wiedemannig b. Koblenz

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib:
				welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage

DAVIS 16.1.18	Raymond E. Ind.	2.Lt. 0-713362	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
JONES 31.10.21	Raymond E. Va.	2.Lt. 0-755957	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
KIRWAN 16.3.22	William Edward USA	T/Sgt. 11015738	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
NIMLSON 3.3.16	John Axel USA	T/Sgt. 11045653	gef.	Dulag-Luft West

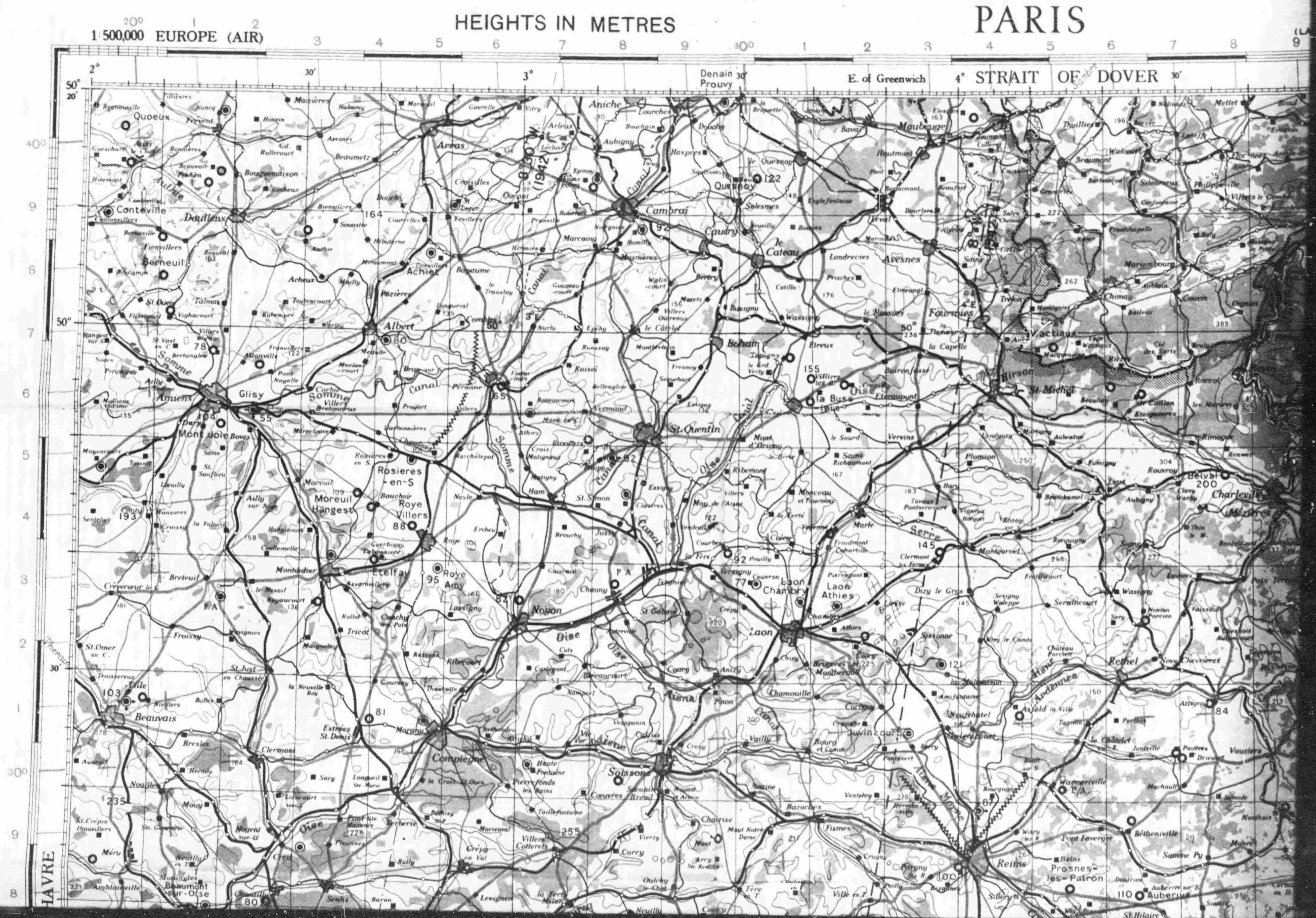
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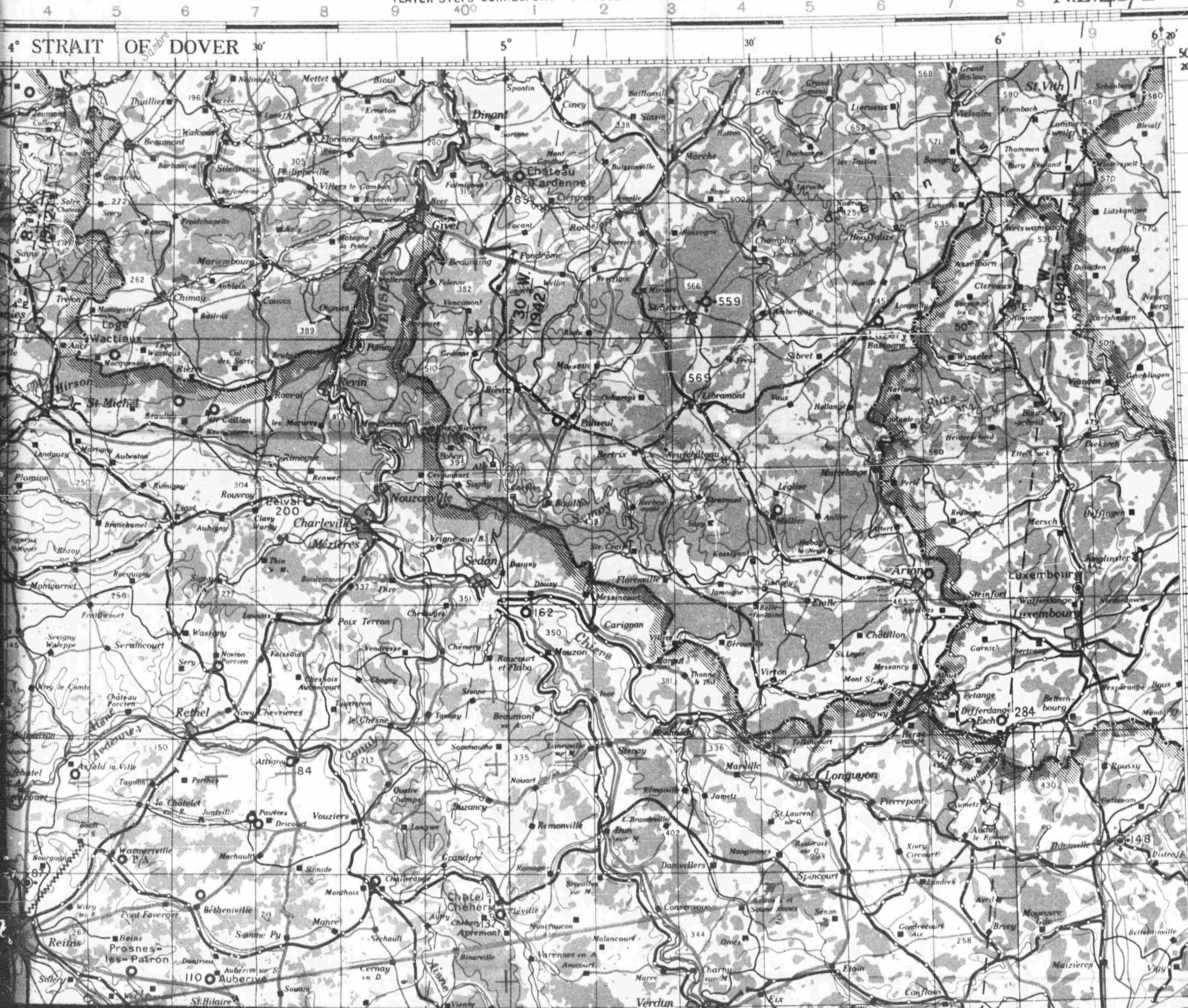
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(LAYER STEPS CORRESPOND TO THOSE ON THE R.A.F. CONVENTIONAL SIGN CARD)

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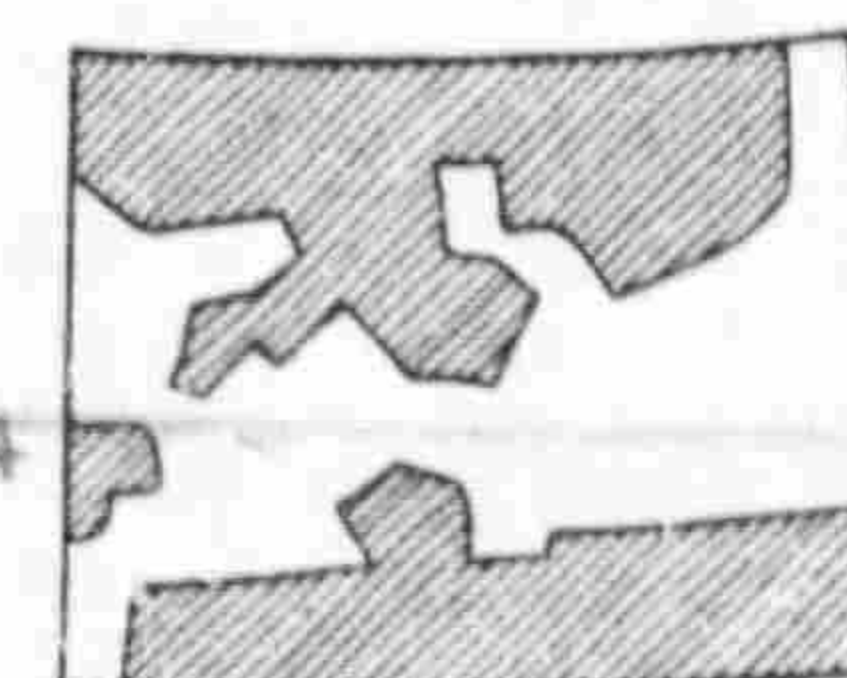
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R	S	T	U
V	W	X	Y
Z			

140 km line (Nord de Guerre Zone) intersecting at 48° N & 4° 03' E and 6° 20' E & 48° 03' N. N of line, Nord de Guerre Blue Grid; S of line, French Lambert Zone 2 grid.

Grid references are given in kilometres East and North of the South-West corner of the altered square. From the grid reference of NUYON is (VIN) 5926.

5 RELIABILITY DIAGRAM



Area shown shaded revised from air photographs up to October 1941.

88° MAG.

174 MILES

ATD 1355 2 FEB. '45

LE BOURGET

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