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HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
P/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

E & E REPORT NO.  
EVASION IN

22 Aug 44  
(Date)

TINGLE CHESTER R  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

750<sup>th</sup> 457<sup>th</sup>  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: BREST

MIA: 11 Aug '44

Arrived in UK: 15 Aug '44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

				Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	Through 63	Brooks St.	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT.	G.B. ROSS	
CO-PILOT	" "	" "	F10 S.	W. SAYER	
NAVIGATOR	" "	" "	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT.	CHESTER	R. TINGLE
BOW MEDIC	" "	" "	F10	THOMAS A. MATASSA	
RADIO OPERATOR	" "	" "	SGT.	HULLIT O. KIRK HART	
FTT TURRET GUNNER	" "	" "	T/SGT	CAMILLE H. BLAIS	
BALE TURRET GUNNER	In a french civilian hospital at Saungamp			SGT. MAULTSBY	T.S.
WING GUNNER	Through 63	Brooks Street	SGT	JOHN L. COLLINS	
WING GUNNER	"	"	"	SGT RICHARD J. BURDETT	
TAIL GUNNER	"	"	"	SGT. <del>GARY</del> ADOLFSON	

Were you wounded?

No.

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Name (Print) Richard J BURDETT Signed Richard J Burdett  
Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 33581949 Dated Aug 25-1944  
Unit 457 BOMB SQDN. - 750 BOMB GRP Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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Name (Print) CARL A. ADOLFSON  
Rank Sgt A. S. N. 37554345  
Unit 457<sup>th</sup> Bm. I.R. 750<sup>th</sup> B.M. Sqdn

Signed Carl A. Adolfson  
Dated 8-22-44  
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Name (Print) JOHN L. COLLINS  
Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 12081558  
Unit 457TH B.M. GR., 760TH B.M. SQ.

Signed John L. Collins  
Dated Aug. 22, 1944  
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Unit 457<sup>TH</sup> Bomb GR. 750<sup>TH</sup> Bomb SQ.

Signed Camille H. Blais  
Dated Aug. 22-1944  
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2d Lt 10-720035  
981-4576p 16 Aug  
33 381949-983  
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Lt Chester R Tingle. Sgt Richard J Burdett. Sgt Carl A Adolfson.  
Sgt John L Collins. Sgt ~~Hullitt~~ Kirkhart. T/Sgt Camille H Blais  
984-12081558 985-45327541 982-11026102  
( Same crew as Lt G B Ross and F/O S.W. JAYEK )

Kirkhart: On the 11 August I landed in a field about 6 miles from Pontrieux  
Bretagne. Two Frenchmen loading wheat, helped me to hide in a ditch and the next  
morning took me to Pontrieux in a house which was a resistance Hq. There I <sup>was to</sup> joined  
the ~~rest of my crew~~ <sup>other 5</sup> but they had left already and I joined <sup>them</sup> a few hours later in  
Guingamp. In this town were living 5 civil affairs men who had been dropped off by  
our advancing armies.

Blais: I landed in a field right outside of Pontrieux. I was picked up by three  
patriots who took me to Pontrieux to a resistance Hq from there I was taken to Guin-  
gamp.

Chester, Adolfson and Collins: all landed in the vicinity of Pontrieux and  
taken to the resistance Hq <sup>in PONTRIEUX</sup> and from there to Guingamp.

~~We~~ At Guingamp <sup>the 8 of us</sup> the ~~whole crew~~ waited for transportation for twenty four hours.  
The ball turret gunner Sgt T S Maultsby stayed in a French civilian hospital  
while <sup>the next day we</sup> the rest of us got left for Cherbourg. From there we got a ride home. to Uk.

N.B, Our ball turret gunner ~~is~~ Sgt T S Maultsby is in a French civilian hospital  
in Guingamp\* We left

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Photodown on the 11 August.

Same crew as Lt. G.R. Ross who has been through here.

1st Lt. O. Kirkham.

Radio operator. no 7 out, 7000 feet delayed until 4000 feet. - landed in wheat field about 6 miles, PONTRIEUX (Metz) 2 frenchmen loading wheat helped me to hide in a ditch. The next morning they took me to house nearby. - Fed and cleaned later a truck came and took me to join the rest at PONTRIEUX to a building which was a resistance Hq. - From there they had left already and men taken to house were 5 civil affairs men were leaving at -  
AVINCAMP.

Engineer. (CAMILLE H. BLAIS.) no 4 out. 10. feet opened chute about 2000 feet. - landed in a field right outside of PONTRIEUX 3 patriotes waiting for me with machine guns when they heard (was american they took me to PONTRIEUX to their Hq and there I met the civil affairs Lt (U.S.) who had seen us, hailed out and come to find out who we were. The following day the civil affairs left for AVINCAMP and had a truck get to pick us up and take all of us to Avincamp. - 6 (including one with broken ankle <sup>att in Rome.</sup> Kirkham) joined us at Avincamp.



Remington in uniform.

2d Lt. TIGALÉ CHESTER R. out no 3. - 11500 feet. -  
dropped until 10000 feet. - Landed on a wheat field  
next to a big ravine outside of PONTRIEU a number  
of frenchmen armed waiting for me. 1st of command  
were 5 miles away. - Was taken to PONTRIEU  
I was the first one to arrive to the Hq. - sent his  
 jeep and 2 french guides. - (found. - Bredette -  
left waste runner. - he was in a house. - hauled  
out no landed in a field 3 miles from town  
of PONTRIEU picked up by frenchmen taken  
to house near it. found me. -

Tail runner. - A DOLFSON. No out. - 12000 feet. -  
delayed until about 8000 feet landed in corn  
field a minute later a frenchman picked me  
up had an FFI on his arm, took me  
to PONTRIEU<sup>Hq.</sup> by bicycle. -

John Collins. right waste. - 11500 out. 10000 feet  
delayed to 3000. Landed next to a farm house  
about 4 miles out of PONTRIEU many french  
around took me to farm house. - from there  
to PONTRIEU Hq. -

from him camp...

went there 24 hrs no transportation  
came - took an army vehicle  
coming through - sent 2 in a jeep other  
in truck - went to Fovārā<sup>sp.</sup>  
an MP Lt. put in all in a truck -  
went to Cherkov. - ~~part~~. stayed at MP  
by all night, 27 Air T. Base C 47. -  
~~sent in to 9th AF via Soviet's sender to~~  
~~unit. came back, so check turn~~  
in over to 9th AF at Cherkov, at order  
order for Herton went to up and the 62 Prov 1c  
sheet. -

Interviewed by a  
Capt Jones at Cherkov. -  
~~full name file~~

Route in U.S.  
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Name (Print) .....

Signed .....

Rank ..... A. S. N. ....

Dated .....

Unit .....

Witness .....

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UNITED STATES ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

981

DATE: 11 August 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, ROBERTO G. VALDEZ, S/Sgt., AC, 1517702

HEREBY CERTIFY that I have known and have been associated with

BENNETH F. HITCHCOCK, S/Sgt., AC, 3341250

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

Benneth F. Hitchcock

Rogelio S. Valdez

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as \_\_\_\_\_

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P. S. VERRY  
SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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E & E REPORT NO.  
EVASION IN

22 Aug 44  
(Date)

TINGLE CHESTER R  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

750<sup>th</sup> 457<sup>th</sup>  
(Squadron) (Group)

TARGET: BREST  
MIA: 11 Aug 44  
Arrived in UK: 15 Aug 44

MEMBERS OF CREW: (This information checked with PWIB)

			Official Disposition	Narrators Disposition
PILOT	Through 63 Brooks St.	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT.	G.B. ROSS	
CO-PILOT	" "	F/O	S. W. SAYER	
NAVIGATOR	" "	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT.	CHESTER	R. TINGLE
CO-PILOT	" "	F/O	THOMAS A. MATASSA	
RADIO OPERATOR	" "	SGT.	HULLIT O. KIRK HART	
NOSE TURRET GUNNER	" "	T/SGT	CAMILLE H. BLAIS	
TAIL TURRET GUNNER	In a french civilian hospital at <sup>(SGT. T.S. MAULTSBY)</sup> <del>Swangamp</del>			
WING GUNNER	Through 63 Brooks Street	SGT	JOHN L. COLLINS	
WING GUNNER	" "	"	SGT RICHARD J. BURDETT	
TAIL GUNNER	" "	"	SGT. <del>GARD</del> ADOLFSON	

Were you wounded?

No.

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Name (Print) Richard J Burdett Signed Richard J Burdett  
 Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 33581949 Dated Aug. 22-1944  
 Unit 457 Bomb Sq. DN. - 750 Bomb Grp. Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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Rank T/SGT A. S. N. 11036102

Dated Aug. 22-1944

Unit 457<sup>TH</sup> Bomb GR 750<sup>TH</sup> Bomb SQ.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

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2d Lt 10-720033  
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984-12081558 985-45327541 982-11026102  
( Same crew as Lt G B Ross and F/O S.W. JAYER)

Kirkhart: On the 11 August I landed in a field about 6 miles from Pontrieux Bretagne. Two Frenchmen loading wheat, helped me to hide in a ditch and the next morning took me to Pontrieux in a house which was a resistance Hq. There I joined <sup>was to</sup> the ~~rest of my crew~~ <sup>other 5</sup> but they had left already and I joined <sup>them</sup> a few hours later in Guingamp. In this town were living 5 civil affairs men who had been dropped off by our advancing armies.

Blais: I landed in a field right outside of Pontrieux. I was picked up by three patriots who took me to Pontrieux to a resistance Hq from there I was taken to Guingamp.

Chester, Adolfson and Collins: all landed in the vicinity of Pontrieux and taken to the resistance Hq <sup>in PONTRIEUX</sup> and from there to Guingamp. <sup>the 6 of us</sup> At Guingamp ~~the whole crew~~ waited for transportation for twenty four hours. ~~The ball turret gunner Sgt T S Maultsby stayed in a French civilian hospital while the rest of us got left for Cherbourg. From there we got a ride home. to Uk.~~ <sup>the next day we</sup>

N.B, Our ball turret gunner is Sgt T S Maultsby is in a French civilian hospital in Guingamp. We left

B-17  
Shutdown on the 11 August

Same crew as Lt. G.R. Ross who has been through here.

Hullit O. Kirkhand

Radio's operation. no 7 out, 7000 feet delayed until 4000 feet. - Landed in wheat field about 6 miles PONTRIEUX (Metz) 2 frenchmen treading wheat helped me to wade in a ditch. The next morning they took me to house nearby. Fed and cleaned before a truck came and took me to join the rest at PONTRIEUX to a building which was a resistance Hq. - From there they had left already and were taken to house where civil affairs men were leaving at.  
QUINGAMP.

Engineer. (CAMILLEN. BLAIS.) no 4 out. 10. feet opened chute about 2000 feet. - Landed in a field west outside of PONTRIEUX 3 patriotes waiting for me with machine guns. When they heard (was american) they took me to PONTRIEUX to their Hq and there I met the civil affairs Lt (U.S.) who had been in trapped out and come to find out who we were. The following day the civil affairs left for QUINGAMP and send a man out to pick us up and take all of us to Quingamp. - 6 (including one with broken ankle <sup>left in name.</sup>) Kirkhand joined us at Quingamp.

Reynolds in uniform.

2d U. TIGALÉ CHESTER R. out no 3. 11500 feet.  
dropped until 4000 feet. Landed on a wheat field  
next to a big ravine outside of PONTRIEU a number  
of frenchmen armed waiting for me. 1st of command  
were 5 miles away. - Was taken to PONTRIEU  
I was the first one to arrive to the Hq. - left his  
 jeep and 2 french guides. - (found. - Rudlett.  
left wait dinner. - he was in a house. - trailed  
out no landed in a field 3 miles from town  
of PONTRIEU picked up by frenchmen taken  
to house near it. found me. -

Tail dinner. - A DOLFSON. N<sup>o</sup> 1 out. 12000 feet. -  
delayed until about 3000 feet landed in corn  
field a minute later a <sup>armed</sup> frenchmen picked me  
up had an FFI on his arm, took me  
to PONTRIEU <sup>Hq.</sup> by bicycle. -

John Collins. night watch. - N<sup>o</sup> 5 out. 10000 feet  
delayed to 3000. Landed next to a farm house -  
about 4 miles out of PONTRIEU ~~was~~ french  
around took me to farm house. - from there  
to PONTRIEU Hq. -

from Air Camp

wanted there 24 hrs no transportation  
came - took an army vehicle  
coming through - sent 2 in a jeep other  
4 on truck - went to Fovair<sup>Co.</sup>  
an MP Lt. put in all on a truck -  
went to Cherbourg - ~~part~~. stayed at MP  
by all night, 27 Air T. Base C. 47. -  
~~sent in to 9th AF the 1st day's return to~~  
~~unit. came back, so check turn~~  
in over to 9th AF at Cherbourg, with orders  
orders for Herten went to up and the 62nd Prov Co  
sheet. -

Interviewed by a  
Capt Jones at Cherbourg  
~~full transcript file~~

Rank in U.S.  
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I, ROBERTO S. VALDEZ, S/SGT., NO. 1017752

HEREBY CERTIFY that I have known and have been associated with

KENNETH F. HITCHCOCK, S/SGT., NO. 35419550

prior to his being reported missing in action over enemy territory.

The person whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon is the individual referred to above.

Kenneth F. Hitchcock

Roberto S. Valdez

RIGHT THUMB PRINT:



The individual whose signature and right thumb print appear hereon has been identified to the satisfaction of this office as \_\_\_\_\_

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