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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)

750th 457th
(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 nd LT.	G.B. ROSS	
CO-PILOT	" "	" "	F10 S.	W. SAYER	
NAVIGATOR	" "	" "	2 nd LT.	CHESTER	R. TINGLE
BOMBARDIER	" "	" "	F10	THOMAS A. MATASSA	
RADIO OPERATOR	" "	" "	SGT.	HULLIT O. KIRK HART	
FT. TURRET GUNNER	" "	" "	T/SGT	CAMILLE H. BLAIS	
REAR TURRET GUNNER	In a french civilian hospital at Saungamp			SGT. MAULTSBY	T.S. MAULTSBY
WING GUNNER	Through 63	Brooks Street	SGT	JOHN L. COLLINS	
WING GUNNER	"	"	"	SGT RICHARD J. BURDETT	
TAIL GUNNER	"	"	"	SGT. GARY 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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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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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 ^{was to} ~~joined~~
the ~~rest of my crew~~ ^{other 5} but they had left already and I joined ^{them} 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 ^{in PONTRIEUX} and from there to Guingamp.
~~The~~ At Guingamp ^{the 8 of us} ~~the whole crew~~ waited for transportation for twenty four hours.
~~The ball turret gunner Sgt T S Maulsby stayed in a French civilian hospital~~
^{the next day we} while 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 Maulsby is in a French civilian hospital
in Guingamp* We left

B-12.

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 ^{att in Rome.} Kirkham) joined us at Avincamp.

Remington in uniform.

2d Lt. TIGALE 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. - Rudolph -
left Walt runner. - he was in a house. - hauled
out no landed in a field 3 miles from town
10 + 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 ^{armed} frenchmen picked me
up had an FFI on his arm, took me
to PONTRIEU ^{Hq.} by bicycle. -

John Collins. right waste. - 11500 out. 10000 feet
delayed to 7000. 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^{sp.}
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~~

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Name (Print)

Signed

Rank A. S. N.

Dated

Unit

Witness

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OFFICE OF THE A. C. OF S., G-2

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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/Capt., AC, 3541750

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 _____

BENNETH F. HITCHCOCK, S/Capt., AC, 3541750, 301 Bomb Group, 333 Bomb Sq. previously reported missing in action over enemy territory.

P. S. VERRY

SPECIAL AGENT, C.I.C.

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SECRET - AMERICAN
MOST SECRET - BRITISH

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Military Intelligence Service

E & E REPORT NO.
EVASION IN

22 Aug 44
(Date)

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

750th 457th
(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 nd LT.	G.B. ROSS	
CO-PILOT	" "	" "	F/O S.	W. SAYER	
NAVIGATOR	" "	" "	2 nd LT.	CHESTER	R. TINGLE
CO-MEDIC	" "	" "	F/O	THOMAS A. MATASSA	
RADIO OPERATOR	" "	" "	SGT.	HULLIT O. KIRK HART	
NOSE TURRET GUNNER	" "	" "	T/SGT	CAMILLE H. BLAIS	
BALL TURRET GUNNER	In a french civilian hospital at <u>Quangamp</u>			SGT. MAULTSBY	T.S.
WING GUNNER	Through 63	Brooks Street	SGT	JOHN L. COLLINS	
WING GUNNER	"	"	"	SGT RICHARD J. BURDETT	
TAIL GUNNER	"	"	"	SGT. GARD ADOLFSON	

Were you wounded?

No.

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Name (Print) Richard J BURDET Signed Richard J Burdett
 Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 33581949 Dated Aug. 22-1944
 Unit 457 Bomb SqDN. - 750 Bomb Grp Witness _____

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Unit 457th Bm. I.R. 750th B.M. Sgdn

Signed Carl A Adolfson
Dated 8-22-44
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Name (Print) JOHN L. COLLINS

Signed John L. Collins

Rank Sgt. A. S. N. 12081558

Dated Aug. 22, 1944

Unit A57TH Bn. GR., 750TH Bn. SQ.

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Signed Camille H. Blais

Rank T/SGT A. S. N. 11036102

Dated Aug. 22-1944

Unit 457TH Bomb GR 750TH Bomb SQ.

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981-4576p 16 Aug

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Lt Chester R Tingle. Sgt Richard J Burdett. Sgt Carl A Adolfson.
Sgt John L Collins. Sgt Hull 150 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 joined ^{was to} the ~~rest of my crew~~ ^{other 5} but they had left already and I joined ^{them} 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 ^{in PONTRIEUX} and from there to Guingamp. ^{the 6 of us} 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.~~ ^{the next day we}

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 1 civil affairs man 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 so me 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 ^{left in name.}) 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 PONTRIEUX a number
of frenchmen armed waiting for me. 1st of command
were 5 miles away. - Was taken to PONTRIEUX
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 PONTRIEUX picked up by frenchmen taken
to house near it. found me. -

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

John Collins. night watch. - N^o 5 out. 10000 feet
delayed to 3000. Landed next to a farm house -
about 4 miles out of PONTRIEUX ~~was~~ french
around took me to farm house. - from there
to PONTRIEUX 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^{Co.}
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.K.
1st August
44. -

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