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Les Chapieux, 28 July 1947

VIII MILITARY AREA  
108th 1/2 BRIGADE  
99th B. I. A.  
S.E.S.  
No 98

Lieutenant MOLLARD Neal, Commanding the SES  
of the 99th B. I. A.

TO: The Battalion Chief, commanding the  
99th B. I. A.

SUBJECT: American Plane Found at 3,750 meters Aiguille des Glaciers.

Submitted herewith are the following facts; On Friday 25 July 1947, the S.E.S. and I, were climbing the Aiguille des Glaciers (3,870 meters) on the South-East side of that mountain; and we found the remains of a plane at around 3,750 meters.

After arduous searches on the rocky side of L'Aiguille, it seemed that plane was:

1. An American plane
2. B-17, serial no. 9338
3. That it struck against the mountain (Oily spot on the slope of the mountain, and motor of the plane crushed into that slope).
4. Coming from Naples and going to London.
5. On 31 October 1946
6. Duty orders in my possession at Les Chapieux, Lt Mollard.
7. Duty orders signed by Lt Guy A. Vogt, by order of Colonel DANIEL
8. ESCHBORN- Germany

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TO: Battalion Chief, Commanding the 99th B.I.A.

Submitted herewith are the following facts:

It was exactly 10:00 hours when we saw a big green spot on the rocky slope of the Aiguille des Glaciers. At the same time the first crew of mountain climbers found some debris of a plane. There were more and more of these remains as we were getting closer to the green spot, which was the rest of the cockpit of a plane. Some clothes, papers, and other kinds of debris were spread on that rocky side of the mountain. We also found one skull, one hand, a part of an arm (from elbow to hand), (Some flesh was still on it). We gathered them in a hole in the rock, as it was impossible to take them down on that day, the walk down being difficult. The climbers had already left their bags on the way up (3,470) because we feared a big storm (thunder). Also we had climbed through the arduous way instead of the usual path, that is how found the plane.

Included herewith are: Copy of list of personnel (No 1)  
Copy of Operations Orders No 260 (No 2)  
List of things found and in the possession  
of Lt. MOLLARD at the Les Chapieux (NO 3)  
Map of plane where plane was found.  
Map (50/000 Mt Blanc)

Duty orders show that there were a total of nine persons aboard the plane: 2 Colonels, 1 Major, 1 Lieutenant 1 Lieutenant, and 4 sergeants.

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