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99th B.I.A.

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No 108

to

Battalion Chief commanding the 99th B.I.A.

SUBJECT: Location of US PLANE

Submitted herewith report of last searches made on 3 August 1947 at the wreckage place of the US plane B-17. Searches were made by 4 crews under the supervision of Sgt BOIS.

Departure 0400 hours. Returned 1800 hours.

1. Places searched: The upper rim of the glacier of the Lex Blanche. The summit of the glacier of the Estellette, all courloirs of the Lex Blanche and the Estellette.

2. Things found: No remains, no debris of plane on the glacier of the Lex Blanche.

3. Conclusions: After repeated and careful searches (total number of ascensions: 32) on the Aiguille du Glacier, the glaciers, crevasses, rims and rocks surrounding the aiguille du Glacier in France and Italy, no more remains have been found. After investigation it seems that the hit against the slope of the mountain and the violent explosion of the plane have pulverized the bodies as well as the main parts of the plane.

As an example, parts of bodies and some parts of the plane were found at one and a half kilometers from the place of the wreckage.

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