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P-51 43-12156, 1Lt Charles E Stone, tombé le 06/06/1944

Extrait du Missing Air Crew Report #5545

SUBJECT: Statement. Re: Battle Casualty-1st Lt. CHARLES E. STONE, O-676673.

TO : WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

1. The weather was such that we had to fly our mission on the Luck. We were on the last leg of our mission in the vicinity of Vire when we picked up light flak. I broke away from Lt. STONE but turned back almost instantly and saw that he was losing liquid from his scoop. I called him and told him he was hit and to head north, which was our pre-arranged plans, hoping he would get closer to the Allied beach head. He called back but the only part of his transmission I understood was, "I'm hit". I called him again, urging him to head north, that he was losing liquid fast, but he ignored my request. A few seconds later he made another transmission but I didn't understand any part of it. During this time we were climbing rather slowly and was at approximately 1,000 feet, when Lt. STONE's plane went into a diving turn to the left. The plane exploded and burned on impact with the ground. I circled the plane and pin pointed it as being approximately two or three miles East of Villedieu-Les-Poeles.

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VILLEDIEUX
LES POELES



ST. AUBIN
DE BOIS

X
(AIRPLANE)

SEYER

Seyer est en fait Saint-Sever



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