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TROOP CARRIER MISSION

INTERROGATION CHECK SHEET GLIDER PILOTS

Hq, 439th TC Group  
APO 133, US Army  
7 January 1945

After taking off we proceeded to JP from there we made  
about two or three minutes before reaching AA I saw white smoke  
sure what it was until time to cut when there was a burst to my right, and quite  
surely the tail section. Immediately after that there  
was a burst to the right. I saw a truck picked  
up by the 101st CP where we landed. The death  
of the glider came out and

A. GENERAL INFORMATION:  
Name JOHN W. BURNETT RANK F/O ASN T-126045  
GROUP 439th SQ 91st GLIDER SERIAL None GLIDER NO. AND TYPE 224 CG 4A

F.O. NO. None SERIAL None LZ 1 mi N Bastogne TO TIME 1030  
TIME OVER TARGET 1228 TIME AND DATE OF RETURN TO HOME STATION 1730 31 Dec 44

B. Heavy - moderate - accurate P-4254 Area. S A fire along route P-4254 to A/B  
perimeter.  
2. None  
3. None

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C. 1. See B-1  
2. None  
3. None

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D. 1. 90° R & 180° L  
2. Fences  
3. None  
4. Good  
5. Bottom and wheels torn off in landing, running over ditch, through fence.  
6. None  
7. None  
8. None  
9. All within 1/4 mi radius  
10. P-5358  
11. None - Saw smoke  
12. None

E. 1. None  
F. None

G. 1. None  
2. None  
3. Very good  
4. None  
5. Need more and timely information of enemy position and AA. Suggest More  
fighter cover for gliders and tugs.

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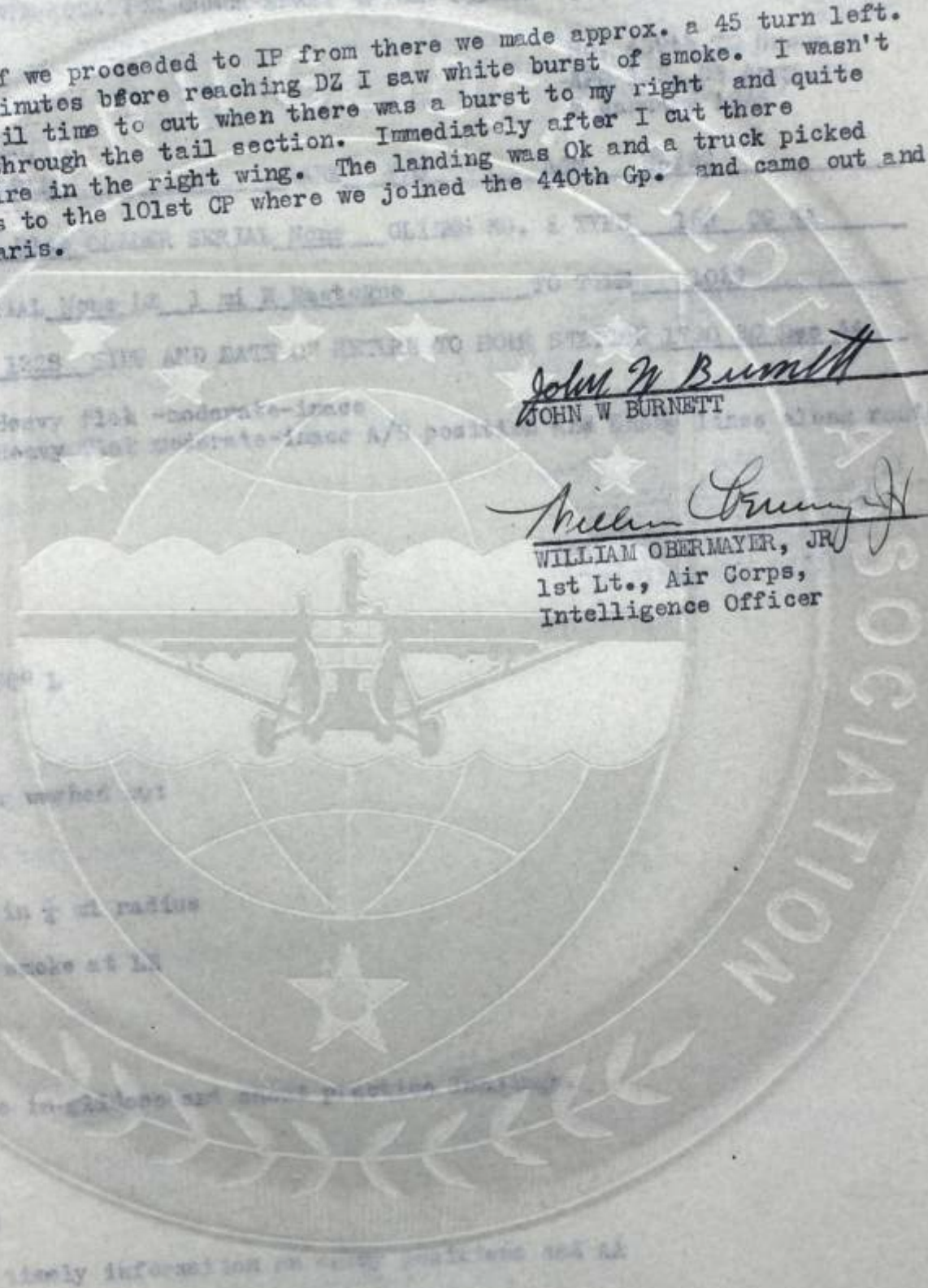
After taking off we proceeded to IP from there we made approx. a 45 turn left. About two or three minutes before reaching DZ I saw white burst of smoke. I wasn't sure what it was until time to cut when there was a burst to my right and quite a bit of flak went through the tail section. Immediately after I cut there was a burst of MG fire in the right wing. The landing was Ok and a truck picked us up and carried us to the 101st CP where we joined the 440th Gp. and came out and caught a train to Paris.

P.S. NO. 1022 SERIAL NO. 101 1st Lt. R. Eastwood  
TIME WITH PARACHUTE 1328 HRS AND DATE OF RETURN TO HOME DISTRICT 12/10/44

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1. Area P-4662 Heavy flak - moderate-impact
2. Area P-4257 Heavy flak moderate-impact A/B position
3. None
4. None
5. 1. See 4-1
6. None
7. None
8. 1. 90° R and 180° L
9. Fuzes
10. None
11. None
12. Landing gear washed out
13. None
14. None
15. All divided in 1/2 of radius
16. P-4662
17. None - Saw smoke at 11
18. None
19. None
20. Should fly over in gliders and make practice landing
21. 1. None
2. None
3. None given
4. None
5. Had some timely information on enemy positions and all



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