

Gendarmerie Nationale  
2nd Legion  
Aisne Company  
Vervins Section  
Brigade  

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No 146/2

À Vervins, le 17 avril 1943

Report

*From* the Adjudant Wastiaux tasked with expediting the business of the Vervins section

*On* the discovery of an aircraft at Lesquielles-St-Germain (Aisne).

*Reference* Articles 52-53 of the Decree of May 20, 1903.

Recipients

-Occupying Authorities  
-Feldkommandntur at Laon (2 copies directly on order)  
-Sicherheitpolizei at St Quentin (directly on order)  
-Ordnungspolizei at St Quent (directly on order).

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II-French Authorities

-Direction générale de la gendarmerie – Occupied Territories Section in Paris  
-Regional Préfet at St Quentin  
-Préfet délégué of Aisne at Laon  
-Sous Préfet of Vervins.  
-Prosecutor of the Republic at Vervins

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III-Hierarchical Chiefs or Heads

On April 17 1943 at about 4:45 la heavy aircraft whose type could not be determined, crashed in flames in a field located on the territory of the Commune of Lesquielles-St-Germain, at the place known as the Calvaire St-Germain, county of Guide (Aisne).

As the aircraft was still on fire it was impossible to approach it in spite of efforts to do so.

Near the aircraft three bodies badly damaged bodies were found as well as numerous human body parts among which were nine hands severed from their bodies.

On the basis of the military clothing that the bodies wore, these would be English aviators.

Following the near complete combustion of the aircraft, the plane's identification markings disappeared.

The crash of the aircraft occurred following an aerial battle.

There were no civilian injuries or destruction as a result of the crash of this aircraft which was no longer carrying explosives.