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What is the Right Way? And how do you get there?



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Enclosed is a check to Russell Strong for a copy of FIRST OVER GER-
MANY. Also, a check to the Association for "additional publications."

I am seeking information on the following family member:

Murrel C. Henry
First Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Forces
367th Bomber Squadron, 306th Bomber Group, Heavy
Died: January 7, 1943
Missing in action or buried at sea
Tablets of the Missing at Cambridge American Cemetery
Service # 0-789314
Army Serial Number 15067744

I got the info below by email from the Air Force History Research Office:

"No MACR or accident report was filed. This was fairly common in the early months of 1943 when the administrative processes had not yet become standardized.

Looked at the squadron history and there is an entry "from 3rd to 6th" January. The Group had been on a mission to St Nazaire. Three from the 367th Squadron had been involved and landed at St Eval after completing the mission.

"The Group was weather bound at St Eval for three days. On the 6th all took off for home, but found it so thick that a landing was impossible. By this time the southern bases had also been closed. Capt Lambert and Capt Parker got their ships down safely. Lt Brandon was never heard from, the ship probably went down in the channel.

I could find no crew list either in the squadron or group history but checking the American Battlefields Monument list I noted that a Robert L. Brandon was on the Tablet of the Missing at Brittany American Cemetery St James, France. The same date, same squadron and bomb group. So I can be almost certain that this is the same aircraft that Lt Henry was flying in when it was lost."

Any additional information or sources will be greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Henry". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Col. Don Henry, USAF Ret.