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HEADQUARTERS
344TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Group Commander

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location: Station 169-S. Command: IX BC, 344th Bomb Group (M), 496th Bomb Squadron (M).
2. Point of Departure: Station 169-S. Course: Base to Bradwell Bay, to Furnes, to 50 degrees 55 minutes North, 2 degrees 37 minutes East, to 50 degrees 50 minutes North, 2 degrees 24 minutes East turn right to Fort Mardick, France. Target to North Foreland to Base. Intended Destination: Fort Mardick. Type of Mission: Combat.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Ceiling and Visibility unlimited.
4. (a) Date: 27 April 1944. Time: 1117. Location of last known whereabouts of missing airplane: Over Target.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST AS RESULT OF: Enemy Anti-Aircraft.
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series: B-26B50; A.A.F. Serial Number: 42-95893.
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series: B-2800-43; A.A.F. Serial Number: Left, FP-C60206; Right, FP-060462.
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS:
 - a. Upper Turret Right Gun Serial Number: 933901
 - b. Upper Turret Left Gun Serial Number: 933768
 - c. M-6 Gun Mount Right Gun Serial Number: 933714
 - d. M-6 Gun Mount Left Gun Serial Number: 875482
 - e. Package Gun Upper Left Gun Serial Number: 293007
 - f. Package Gun Upper Right Gun Serial Number: 770579
 - g. Package Gun Lower Left Gun Serial Number: 575931
 - h. Package Gun Lower Right Gun Serial Number: 114554
 - i. Waist Gun Left Gun Serial Number: 588749
 - j. Waist Gun Right Gun Serial Number: 424362
 - k. Flexible Nose Gun Serial Number: 1076137
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS A BATTLE CASUALTY.
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew: Six (6). Passengers: One(1) (Photographer). Total: Seven (7).

<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>ASN</u>
KIA Pilot	* Rubin, Alton Benjamin ✓	1st Lt.	0-684417 KIA
KIA co-Pilot	* Eyle, John William ✓	2nd Lt.	0-693651 DED
DED Aerial-Gunner	* Heist, Walter H. ✓	S/Sgt.	32380856 DED
KIA Radio-Gunner	* Wilkinson Jr., Charles Grove ✓	T/Sgt.	39906006 DED
RTD Engineer-Gunner	Frederick, Murphy (MI) ✓	S/Sgt.	18189309 RTD
KIA Tail-Gunner	* Conlon, Vincent Joseph ✓	S/Sgt.	32724980 KIA
DED Photographer	* Gerlick Jr., Robert (MI) ✓	S/Sgt.	31078257 DED

* Flew as Bombardier.

11. PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>ASN</u>	
Slaton, William H.	T/Sgt.	39245823	Saw Crash
Lehmann, Webster M.	Sgt.	37658074	Saw Crash
Benson, Eugene M.	Sgt.	34385727	Saw Crash

12. PERSONNEL WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED:
 - a. Parachutes were seen. (2)
 - b. No persons were seen walking away from scene of crash.
13. A PROMINENT LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN: Sketch Attached.

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14. DESCRIPTION OF CRASH:

Plane was hit by flak immediately after bombs were dropped on target. The left engine burst into flames. The plane left formation and was seen to burst completely into flames, go into a spin and crash approximately 150 yards from target.

Date of Report: 28 April 1944.

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Arthur B. Schottman

ARTHUR B. SCHOTTMAN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

Statement of eyewitness to crash.

Plane was hit directly over target immediately after dropping bombs. (Released bombs had not as yet hit target when flak hit plane). Left engine was seen to burst into flames, plane then went into a dive, burst completely into flames and crash approximately one hundred and fifty yards from target. I saw two chutes leave from the rear of the plane.

William H. Slaton
William H. Slaton,
T/Sgt. 495th Bomb Sq.
Radio-Gunner.

