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HQ, 455TH BOMB GP (H), AAF, APO 520, U. S. ARMY, 30 MAR 44.

TO: CG, 304th Bomb Wg (HV), AAF, APO 520, U. S. Army.

4 Incls: n/c

C. A. O.

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360.33 C-DB-4 5th Ind.
HQ, 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 1 Apr 44.
TO: CG, 15th AF, APO 520.

H.G.W. Hgw

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1 Incl: MAC Rpt Lt Lundwall and crew
w/3 incls. (quad)

AG 360.33 6th Ind. S: 26 Apr 44 GP-N/m/gcw
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 16 April 1944.

TO: CG, 304th Wing, APO 520.

1. Attention invited to paragraph 2, 3rd indorsement.

a. Paragraph 5 1, Section II, NATOUSA Circular 10, cs, is quoted, in part, for your information and guidance:

"When it is discovered that an erroneous casualty report has been rendered, a correction must be submitted immediately".

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2. A corrected report has not yet been received by this Headquarters covering T/Sgt Dixon.

3. Desire explanation of how identity of S/Sgt Sapia was determined inasmuch as he was reported KIA while the remainder of the crew was reported MIA. Existing eye-witness statements fail to establish basis for identification.

By command of Major General TWINING:

Harold B. Neely
HAROLD B. NEELY,
Major, AGD,
Assistant AG.

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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 25 1946

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Cross Ref - made with Ellenbrook, Leroy W.

AC 360.33 11th Ind. GP-hm/gow
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 28 April 1944.

TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534. Attn: Casualty Branch, AGD.

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR No L-43, dated 26 March 1944., which was forwarded to the 30th MRU 26 March 1944.

For the Commanding General:

HAROLD B. NEELY,
Major, AGD,
Assistant AG.

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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Check only one column

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	Hynson, Phillip E.	1st Lt	O-663153			X	
2.	Smith, Wayne (NMI)	1st Lt	O-677299			X	

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____.

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MUSSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report 24 March 1944

Joe B Goodrich
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOE B. GOODRICH
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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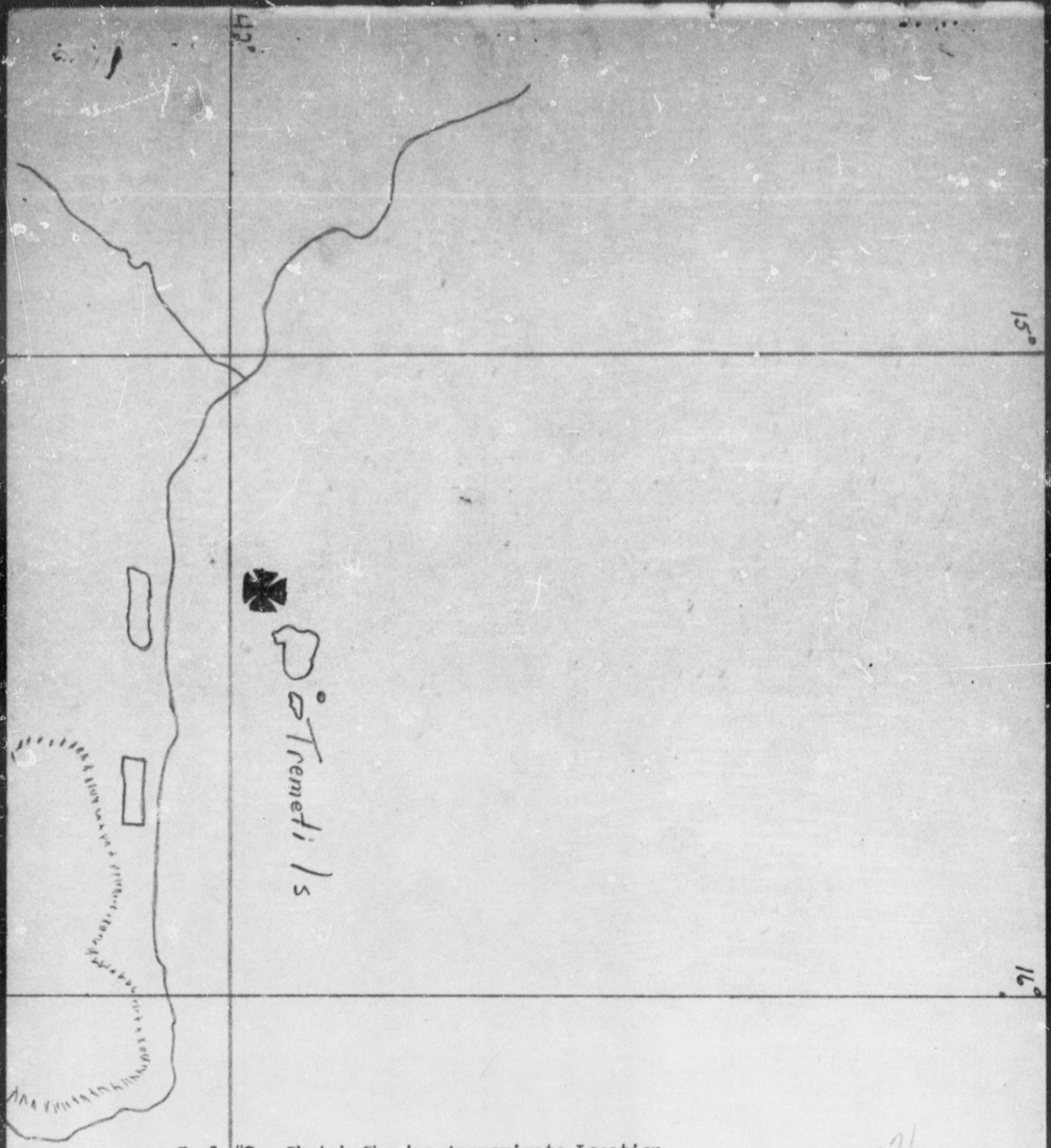
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location APO 520, N.Y. ; Command or Air Force 15th .
   Group 455th ; Squadron 740th Bomb Sq (H) ; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Fld.; Course Direct
   Intended Destination 48° 13' N 15° 55' : Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
   C A V U
4. GIVE: (a) Date 3/19/44 ; Time 1515 ; and Location 42° 5' N 15° 25' E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
   (b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last Contacted by Radio; ( ) Forced Down; (X) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) ( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumcumstances as follows: Collission with another aircraft in the formation.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24 H ; AAF Serial Number 41-29296
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R1830-65 ; AAF Serial Number (a) 42-92664 (b) 42-92805 ; (c) 42-9264 ; (d) 42-5244
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
   Browning, cal.50, M2, Aircraft Machine Gun: (a) R.E. 942325 ; (b) L.N.704361 (c) R.M. 926219 ; (d) L.M. 940859 ; (e) R.S. 926459 ; (f) L.S.965581 (g) R.W. 465996 ; (h) D.W. 965236 ; (i) R.C. 942167 ; (j) L.C. 965430
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty; or ( ) Non-Battle Casualty.
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers None ; Total 10 .
    (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 12 persons were aboard aircraft list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in full	Rank	Serial Number
KIA	1. Pilot	6 Lundwall, Albert Arnold ✓	1st Lt	0-681445
KIA	2. Co-Pilot	1 Bastow, Robert Francis ✓	2nd Lt	0-691215
KIA	3. Navigator	9 Stepanian, Charles (NMI) ✓	2nd Lt	0-811788
KIA	4. Bombardier	4 Ellerbrook, Leroy Wilton ✓	1st Lt	0-666640
KIA	5. Engineer	3 Dixon, John Gerald ✓	T/Sgt	14056414
KIA	6. Asst Engineer	2 Beatty, Jr., Fred Thomas ✓	S/Sgt.	14149519
KIA	7. Radio	10 Veley, Richard William ✓	T/Sgt	37384992
KIA	8. Asst Radio	5 Hughes, Howard Franklin ✓	S/Sgt	39554948
KIA	9. Gunner	8 Sapia, Lettimo Frank ✓ Ch. d	S/Sgt	11073264
KIA	10. Gunner	7 Mahoney, Bruce Alva ✓	S/Sgt	37655902
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	12.			

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Incl #3 - Sketch Showing Approximate Location Where Aircraft Last Seen, to MAC Report, Lt. Lundwall and Crew.

MACR. No. 402
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First Lieutenant Albert A. Lundwall	Mrs. Janet C. Lundwall, (Wife) 21 South Main Street, Washington, Rhode Island.
First Lieutenant Leroy W. Ellerbrock	Mrs. Jean Ellerbrock, (Wife) 914 Jennett Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Second Lieutenant Charles Stepanian	Mrs. Jean B. Stepanian, (Wife) 2508 North Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.
Second Lieutenant Robert F. Bastow	Mr. Harris W. Bastow, (Uncle) 44 Taylor Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.
Technical Sergeant John G. Dixon	Mrs. Margaret Dixon, (Mother) 623 Second Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee.
Technical Sergeant Richard W. Veley	Mrs. Florence R. Veley, (Mother) 336 East Church Street, Marion, Ohio.
Staff Sergeant Fred T. Beatty, Jr.	Mrs. Nora L. Taylor, (Mother) 39 Hull Road, Honeycutt Place, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Mr. Fred T. Beatty, Sr. (Father) 1241 Ellis Street, Augusta, Georgia.
Staff Sergeant Lattimo Frank Sapia	Mrs. Amelia G. Pinto, (Mother) 53 Roosevelt Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Mrs. Eunice I. Sapia, (Wife) Morris Corner, Massachusetts.
Staff Sergeant Bruce A. Mahoney	Mrs. Bessie L. Mahoney, (Mother) 102 Diamond, Redondo Beach, California.
Staff Sergeant Howard F. Hughes	Mrs. Frances Nellie Hughes, (Mother) 14142 Hamlin Street, Van Nuys, California.

740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer

APO 520 New York City N Y
21 March 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness Description.

TO : Whom it may concern.

Our ship No. 282 was in the bottom flight, #2 position off the right wing of ship No. 296 (Lt Lundwall Pilot). Lt Pidcock was flying ship No. 497 in #6 position of the lead flight. Ship No. 497 fell back and out of position, letting down gradually, causing us to pull down and away. He seemed to be in full control as he crossed to the left, dropped down and collided with ship No. 296. Ship No. 497 struck ship No. 296 with the bomb bay section falling at an angle across the center wing section of NO. 296. It appeared that neither saw the other. The destruction of ship 497 was almost instantaneous and complete. Ship No. 296 lost the left wing and the nose section fell into a spin and disappeared almost immediately when it hit the water. Crew members , noted one chute open with a body in the harness and one chute canopy trailing without a harness.

We left the formation and circled the debris at low altitude, there was no sign of life though several bodies were seen. A fishing vessel was approaching the wreckage from Tremiti Island when we left.

Our ship was approximately (75) ft away from the collision and it was in full view of the four Officers aboard.

Phillip E Hynson
PHILLIP E. HYNSON,
1st Lt, Air Corps.
Pilot.

Incl #1 - Statement of Lt. Hynson to
MAC Report, Lt. Lundwall and Crew

740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer

APO 520 New York City N Y
21 March 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness description.

TO : Whom it may concern.

Returning from graz on March 20th we had left the target and had decended to apporximately 8,000 ft, at a position of 43° 10'N/ 15° 30'E about 1500.

Lt Pidcock was flying No.3 position of the lead flight in the fimst section. While the no. 3 flight leader was Lt Lundwall in ship #296. No. 3 flight was being flown slightly down and in close, to the lead flight. The lead ship in the first flight made a slight turn to the left. Lt Pidcock was out quite a way and as Lt Lundwall did not catch the first indication of the turn, was a bit late in turning. Lt Pidcock being slightly above Lt Lundwall either skidded or stalled and rammed Lt. Lundwall's ship from above. The wreckage was directly in fromt of me (Lt Smith) and it took a steep climbing turn to the left to keep from hitting them. I was flying No 6 position in the third flight. One person was seen to fall but I saw no dhutes open. I was passed them and could not see them any more, but I immediately called "Mayday" an channel "D" of the V.H.F. I gave their position of 42° 10'N/ 15° 30'E. I received an acknowledgement that the message had been received. My radio operator also reached our ground station at about 1500 hours.

I saw another ship drop back for a fix so I continued on to the home base.

Wayne Smith
WAYNE SMITH,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Pilot.

Incl #2 - Statement of Lt Smith to
MAC Report, Lt. Lundwall and Crew

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360.33 C-DB-4 7th Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 20 Apr 44.
TO: CO, 455th Bomb Gp (HV), APO 520.

Attention is directed to 6th indorsement.

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

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Harold G. Wilson
HAROLD G. WILSON,
Captain, AGD,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

360.33 8th Ind. JBG/mp
740th Bomb Sq (H), APO 520, U.S. Army. 22 April 1944.
TO: CO, 455th Bomb Gp (H), APO 520, U.S. Army.

1. Corrected Battle Casualty Report forwarded 17 April 1944.

2. Body of S/Sgt Sapia was identified by indentification tags and personal effects on the body. Bodies of the remainder of the crew were never recovered.

For the Squadron Commander:

Joe B Goodrich
JOE B. GOODRICH,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

9th Ind G-CO-3
HQ 455TH BOMB GP (H), APO 520, 23 Apr 44.

TO: CG, 304th Bomb Wing (H), APO 520.

Forwarded.

For the Group Commander:

C. A. Olson
C. A. OLSON,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

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740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
APO 520 U.S. ARMY

JBG/mp

24 March 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 455th Bombardment Group (H), AAF, APO 520, U.S. Army.

Transmitted herewith is Missing Air Crew Report.

For the Squadron Commander:

for B Goodrich
JOE B. GOODRICH
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

4 Incls:
Incl -1- Missing Air Crew Report (quad)
Incl -2- Statement of Lt HYNSON (quad)
Incl -3- Statement of Lt SMITH (quad)
Incl -4- Sketch of Scene of Crash (quad)

1st Ind. G-CAO-4

HQ. 455th Bomb Gp (H), AAF, APO 520, US ARMY. 26 March 1944.

TO: CO, 304th Bomb Wing (H), APO 520, US ARMY.

1. Forwarded.

For the Group Commander:

C. A. OLSON
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

4 Incls: n/c

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360.33 C-DB-4 10th Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 25 Apr 44.
TO: CG, 15th AF, APO 520.

1. The corrected BCR on T/Sgt Dixon, John G. was forwarded to your Headquarters, 20 April 1944.

2. Attention is invited to par 2 8th indorsement.

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For the Commanding Officer:

Harold G. Wilson
HAROLD G. WILSON,
Captain, AGD,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

AG 360.33 11th Ind. GP-hm/gow
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 28 April 1944.

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TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534. Attn: Casualty Branch, AGD.

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR No L-43, dated 26 March 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU 26 March 1944

For the Commanding General:

Harold B. Neely
HAROLD B. NEELY,
Major, AGD,
Assistant AG.

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Incl 1 (dup).

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360.33 C-DB-5 2nd Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 28 Mar 44.
TO: CO, 455th Bomb Group, (HV), APO 520.

1. Returned for the following corrections and additions:

a. The spelling of 1st Lt. Ellerbrook, Leroy Arnold, O-666640, and T/Sgt. Dixon, John Gerald, 14056414, does not agree with BCR on file this headquarters.

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b. The MAC Report will be submitted to this headquarters in 5 copies so that a file copy may be withdrawn.

c. Inasmuch as the eyewitness description of Lt. Hynson states that a parachute was used, this fact will be indicated under par 12, MAC Report.

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

Harold G. Wilson

HAROLD G. WILSON,
Captain, AGD,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: MAC Report, Lt Lundwall and Crew. (quad)

3rd Ind.

740th Bomb Sq (H), AAF, APO 520, U.S. Army. 29 March 1944.

TO: CO, 455th Bomb Group (H), APO 520.

1. Spelling of name of 1st Lt. Ellerbrook corrected to read Leroy Wilton, as on BCR.

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2. Spelling of name of T/Sgt Dixon, John Gerald in error on BCR.

3. Par. 1c, 2nd Ind., accomplished.

For the Squadron Commander:

Joe B. Goodrich

JOE B. GOODRICH
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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