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Accident No. 44-6-4-516

WAR DEPARTMENT
AAF Station 115
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place 2 Miles East of AAF Station 115 (2) Date 4 June, 1944 (3) Time 1730
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-24H 040 (5) A. F. No. 42-95160 (6) Station AAF Station 143
Organization: (7) 8th AF (8) 82nd Bomb (H) (9) 856th Bomb. (H) (10) 750

PERSONNEL

DEPT	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMPONENT	RESULTS TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
C/P	Sachtleben, Raymond J.	P	0-811444	1st Lt.	01	AC	8th	Fatal	None
C/P	Mueller, Vernon D.	P	0-814947	2nd Lt.	16	AC	8th	Fatal	None
C/P	Hirschman, Gerald E.	M	0-699931	2nd Lt.	16	AC	8th	Fatal	None
C/B	Krueger, Wallace (NMI)	E	Y-123129	P/O	27	AC	8th	Fatal	None
C/E	Grim, Clarence W., Jr.	E	36802488	T/Sgt.	38	AC	8th	Fatal	None
C/R	Laalo, William E.	R	35604810	T/Sgt.	38	AC	8th	Fatal	None
C/G	Wensel, Harry L.	G	12031247	S/Sgt.	38	AC	8th	Fatal	None
C/G	Schwegel, Howard J.	G	35120894	S/Sgt.	38	AC	8th	Fatal	None
C/G	Brown, Oliver W.	G	13100808	S/Sgt.	38	AC	8th	Fatal	None
C/G	Debrauer, Edward P.	G	3547122	S/Sgt.	38	AC	8th	Fatal	None
97	2 Firefighters				99			Fatal	4

(20) Sachtleben, Raymond J. (21) 0-811444 (22) 1st Lt. (23) 01 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) 8th Air Force (26) 82nd Bomb. (27) 856th Bomb. (H) (28) AAF 143
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) 8th Air Force (30) 82nd Bomb. (31) 856th Bomb. (H) (32) AAF 143
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 30-8-43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 30-8-43 Instrument rating (37) K
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED OR CHANGED.

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 478:30 (39) This model 41:00 (40) Last 90 days 271:10 (41) Total 730:15
(42) Instrument time last 6 months 09:00 (43) Night time last 30 days 09:00 (44) Night time last 6 months 09:00 (45) Light time last 6 months DATE 2-27-46

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>W 1</u>	Complete Destruction
(47) Engine(s) <u>W</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>W</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident 7 to 8/10 clouds at 3500 ft. 7 to 8/10 clouds at 17,000.
Visibility 8 Miles. Wind 200/16 Miles. Freezing at 9,000 ft.

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
(52) Cleared from AAF 143 (53) To AAF 143 (54) Kind of clearance Contact

(55) Pilot's mission Operational Mission

(56) Nature of accident Airplane was seen coming through clouds on its back.

(57) Cause of accident Plane was seen to come through lower layer of clouds on its back with one wing tip broken off at the region of the outside engine.

(58) No Form #54 submitted.

Incl. #4-

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

(Brief narrative of accident. Include statement of responsibility and recommendations for action to prevent repetition)

Plane #42-95160 was seen by the undersigned, Major James W. Kahl to come through the lower layer of overcast on its back in a spin. One wing tip, from the region of the outside engine was missing. Cause of the accident is unknown but it is highly probable that the accident was a result of an air collision. (No other case of plane crash on this date is known. Suggest higher headquarters be questioned on this matter). Plane crashed near an English house and exploded. Unexploded fragmentation bombs were on board. (Two fire fighters were killed when an explosion occurred when the fire fighters had gone to work on the flames).

James W. Kahl
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Major, AC.

Robert E. Felber
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Major, AC.

Robert J. Lehnhausen
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James C. McArthur
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Major, AC.



(Investigating Officer)

Date _____