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PERSONNEL PERSONNEL AIR FORCE OR COMMAND RESULT TO USE OF PARACHUTE NAME RATING SERIAL NO. RANK BRANCH DUTT (18) (17) (19) (14) (15) (16) (10) (11) (12) (13) 18 15th Fatal No 2nd Lt. AC 0-743129 P SUIMANN, Wilbert G., Jr. P No 15th GEISEL Earl L. P 0-634516 2nd Lt. 18 -AC Fatal CP No 2nd Lt. 18 AC 15th Fatal 0-750178 BUCHANAN, William C. 13 N .... No 15th Fatal 0-684105 2nd Lt. 01 AC CHANGELO, Pocco L. E. B T/Sat. 15th Fatal No 33255640 38 18 KUPKO, Michael P. E T/Sgt 38 AC 15th ... Patal 16109926 LOCHRIE, Lilford (MMI) -R--R ... s/set No BRUN, Thomas W. 33 10 15th. Zata] 32612283 ------AF AC 15th. Fatal No 32605049 38 CAPR Andrew B. .G .. Sat s/sat 20841346 20 AC 15th Fatal RHODY Theodore P. G ... G. 15th 20 Fata] s/set BARKLEY, Fred T. 17060504 (21) 0-743129 (Serial number) (Rank) (23) 18 (Personnel class) WILBERT (22) (24) \_. (20) \_\_SUPPANN (Last name) G JR (26) 451st Bomb Cper) 724th Sc. (Group) (Squadron) 530. Assigned (25) 15th Air Force (28) .....

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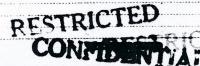
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) Aircraft			
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) Propeller(s)	<b>.</b>		
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### DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

The plane was observed to take off in the normal manner, after becoming . airborne, #3 ongine was seen to begin to smoke indicating that a fire was present. The bombs were salved at which time the aircraft crashed. Findings indicate that . a fire had spread throughout the ship evidently causing explosion resulting in crash.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

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The responsibility has been set as mechanical with fire ness lting.

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