

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

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(1) Place Castelluccio Army Air Field, Italy (2) Date 3 September 1944 (3) Time 0800
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-24 (5) A. F. No. 42-51679 (6) Station Castelluccio Air Field
 Organization: (7) 15th Air Force (8) 451st Bomb (9) 726th Bomb
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL BH

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DOY (10)	NAME (Last name first) (11)	RATING (12)	SERIAL NO. (13)	RANK (14)	PERSONNEL CLASS (15)	BRANCH (16)	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND (17)	RESULT TO PERSONNEL (18)	USE OF PARACHUTE (19)
01	P Haubert, Earl P.	P	0-402355	1st Lt	01	AC	15th	None	None
04	CP Reynolds, Benjamin J.	P	0-791502	1st Lt	01	AC	15th	Minor	None
05	N Kilburg, Leroy D.	N	0-743618	2nd Lt	01	AC	15th	None	None
06	B Barrett, Raymond L.	B	0-773282	2nd Lt	01	AC	15th	None	None
07	M Pierce, Homer D.	M	15176158	Cpl	01	AC	15th	None	None
08	RO Greene, Robert Q.	RO	27089727	Cpl	01	AC	15th	None	None
09	AG Garty, Lafayette M.	AG	37626731	Cpl	01	AC	15th	None	None
10	AG Cansam, Francis E.	AG	12215607	Cpl	01	AC	15th	Minor	None
11	AG Billings, Harry M.	AG	19180340	Sgt	01	AC	15th	None	None
12	AG Denning, Jack M.	AG	35916558	Cpl	01	AC	15th	None	None
13	F Hull, Charles F.	F	14156195	Sgt	01	AC	15th	None	None

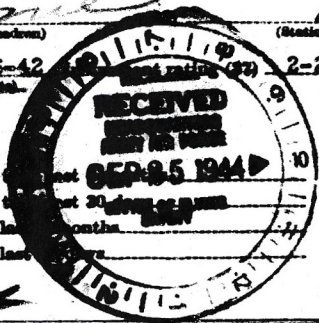
PILOT'S HISTORY OF ACCIDENTS

(20) Haubert Earl P. (21) 0-402355 (22) 1st Lt (23) 01 (24) AC
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) 15th Air Force (26) 451st Bomb (27) 726th Bomb (28) Castelluccio A/F
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) 15th Air Force (30) 451st Bomb (31) 726th Bomb (32) Castelluccio A/F
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 9-16-42 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 9-16-42 (37) 2-25-44
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type B-24 (39) 44-50 (40) Instrument 10
 (41) This model B-24 (42) 494-40 (41) Instrument 10
 (43) Last 90 days 192-40 (44) Night time last 90 days 10
 (45) Total 1005-10 (45) Night time last 90 days 10



AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE

(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS

(46) Aircraft W S - - - Aircraft completely destroyed.
 (47) Engine(s) W S W S W S
 (48) Propeller(s) W S W S W S

(49) Weather at the time of accident CAWG E.H.

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No

(52) Cleared from Castelluccio (53) To Combat (54) Kind of clearance Combat

(55) Pilot's mission Combat

(56) Nature of accident Aircraft crashed near end of runway.

(57) Cause of accident Yes, 2 prop ran away half way down runway. Pilot believed he could stop before end of runway was reached. The pilot cut the switches therefore having only one application of brakes which was not enough to stop aircraft.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

The aircraft was on its take-off stretch, halfway down the runway, and No 2 prop ran away. The pilot could not bring it back with the proper procedure. He immediately cut his switches, as a result he had only one application of brakes, as his electric hydraulic pump was inoperative, due to the switches being off. The aircraft was slowed down but not enough to control it. The ship turned slowly to the left and nosed over about 50 yards from the runway. All the crew aboard safely departed from the aircraft. Aircraft destroyed by fire and exploding bombs.

RESPONSIBILITY

100% Pilot Error

Robert E. L. Eaton

ROBERT E. L. EATON,
Colonel, Air Corps.

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Leland A. Youkin

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Major, Air Corps,
Aircraft Accident Officer.

Signature

(Investigating Officer)

Date