

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

(1) Place Castelluccio Airfield, Italy (2) Date 17 May 1944 (3) Time 1040
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-24J 090 (5) A. F. No. 42-7759 (6) Station Castelluccio Airfield
 Organization: (7) 15th AF (8) 451 Bomb (H) (9) 727 Bomb (H)
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUITY (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)
	P. Anderson, Hubert E.	P	0-692995	2nd Lt	01	AC	15th	None	No
	CP Massara, Peter A.	CP	0-749279	2nd Lt	01	AC	15th	None	No
	H Glynn, William R.	H	0-709544	2nd Lt	01	AC	15th	None	No
	B Trussell, Lloyd B.	B	0-694821	2nd Lt.	01	AC	15th	Minor	No
	E Allen, Royal H.	E	14161677	S/Sgt	38	AAF	15th	None	No
	AE Haskowick, Harry E.	AE	33501674	Sgt	34	AAF	15th	None	No
	AAE Michael, Haskell T.	AAE	38449873	Sgt	34	AAF	15th	None	No
	ROG Gindrich, Matthew A.	ROG	33420859	S/Sgt	34	AAF	15th	None	No
	AG Outman, Donald R.	AG	32854194	Sgt	34	AAF	15th	None	No
	AG Sapien, Hector (NMI)	AG	38066458	Sgt	34	AAF	15th	None	No

PROFICIAL DESIGNATION

(20) Anderson, Hubert E. (21) 0-692995 (22) 2nd Lt (23) 01 (24) Air Corps
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) 15th AF (26) 451 Bomb (27) 727 Bomb (28) Castelluccio Airfield
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) _____ (30) _____ (31) _____ (32) _____
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 10-1-43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 10-1-43 Instrument rating (37) Mar 4, 1944
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type B-24 174:55 (42) Instrument time last 6 months
 (39) This model B-24J 5:00 (43) Instrument time last 30 days
 (40) Last 90 days 143:30 (44) Night time last 6 months
 (41) Total 318:25 (45) Night time last 30 days

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS

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(46) Aircraft <u>H</u>	Aircraft to be salvaged
(47) Engine(s) <u>/</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>/</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Not required

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

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

(55) Pilot's mission Combat

(56) Nature of accident On take-off left tire blew out - left main landing gear collapsed.

(57) Cause of accident Left tire blew out.

(58) No

RESTRICTED

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

Tire blew out, apparently due to no external fault. Pieces of inner tube at point, on runway, where tire blew, indicates faulty tube. Pieces immediately adjacent to point where tire blew out actually occurred, show seam, in tube, to have been point of weakness. Resultant crash and ultimate salvage of aircraft, definitely not due to any further failure or mishandling of aircraft.

RESPONSIBILITY

100% materiel failure.

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

Linnon R. Blackmon
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 Major, Air Corps.

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 Captain, Medical Corps.

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Leland A. Younkin
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 Captain, Air Corps,
 Aircraft Accident Officer.

Signature _____
(Investigating Officer)

Date _____