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PLACE 17 miles Vichy, FRANCE TEM B-25 SERIAL NO. 43-3450 TIME 14:30

A/C ORG. 15AF STATION ITALY AT LARGE

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PERSONNEL						
Name	Serial No.	Rank	Branch	Org.	Injury	Para-chute.
P. EATON, W. H.	0-906080	COL.	AC		FATAL	4
CP. GRADMEYER, C. C.	0-561155	MAJ	"		"	4
FARLIK, ALF. A.	0-720465	LT	"		"	4
BRANCA-NORTE, R. R.	11087802	SGT	"		"	4
ESCHMANN, JOHN W.	36518026	SGT	"		"	4
CHICORELLO, V.	38349473	CPL	"		"	4
<u>Number no injury.</u>						

OPERATOR

NAME EATON, WILLIAM H. SERVICE REGION 2

ORGANIZATION 15AF STATION ITALY AT LARGE

NATURE OF ACC. _____ A/C DAMAGE T.L.O.S

CAUSE OF ACC. _____ MISSION _____

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B-25 ~~SECRET~~ *45-3450*
CRASHED DID B DASH TWO FIVE MODEL AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER FOUR THREE DASH
THREE FOUR FIVE ZERO AT CHAMPEL MANTAGNE CMA ONE SEVEN MILES EAST OF VICHY
CMA FRANCE ON SIX FEBRUARY AT APPROXIMATELY ONE FOUR THREE ZERO A TIME PD
AIRCRAFT CARRIED PERSONNEL IDENTIFIED BY YOUR SPECIAL ORDER CMA FILE THREE
ZERO ZERO POINT FOUR CMA PARAGRAPH NUMBER ONE WERE AS FOLLOWS CLN COLONEL
WILLIAM H EATON NUMBER ZERO DASH NINE ZERO SIX ZERO EIGHT ZERO AIR CORPS
CMA HQ AAF CMA MTO CMA MAJOR JOHN C GROBMEYER NBR ZERO DASH FIVE SIX ONE ONE
FIVE FIVE AIR CORPS CMA HQ AAF CMA MTO CMA SECOND LT ALFRED A FAFLIK NBR
ZERO DASH SEVEN TWO ZERO FOUR SIX FIVE AIR CORPS HQ AAF CMA MTO ALSO SGT
ROCCO R BRANGINORTE NBR ONE ONE ZERO EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT ZERO TWO HQ SQDN AAF
CMA MTO ALSO SGT JOHN W ESCHMANN NBR THREE SIX FIVE ONE EIGHT ZERO TWO SIX
HQ SQDN AAF CMA MTO AND CPL V CHICORELLI NBR THREE EIGHT THREE FOUR NINE FOUR
NINE THREE HQ SQDN AAF CMA MTO PD ACCIDENT FATAL TO ALL PERSONNEL ABOARD
AIRCRAFT PD AIRCRAFT BURNED CMA NO SALVAGE PD EVIDENCE INDICATES AIRCRAFT

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HAD ENGINE TROUBLE AS RIGHT PROPELLOR WAS FEATHERED PD WITNESSES STATE SHIP
EITHER BLEW UP OR DISINTEGRATED IN AIR AS RESULT OF SPIN PAREN FROM ATC OPNS
BRON FIELD CMA LYON CMA FRANCE SIGNED NOEL TO CG HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR
FORCES MTO CMA APO SIX FIVE ZERO CMA INFO CG ARMY AIR FORCES CMA WASHINGTON
DC AND OFFICE OF FLYING SAFETY CMA WINSTON SALEM CMA NORTH CAROLINA PAREN
NO PARACHUTES USED PD LOCAL FRENCH FFI REMOVED AND IDENTIFIED BODIES FROM
WRECKAGE BEFORE ANY AMERICAN PERSONNEL ARRIVED PD BODIES NOW IN MAIRIES
HOUSE AT CHAPEL MONTAGNE PD GRAVES REGISTRATION UNIT OF DELTA BASE SECTION
AT MARSEILLE CONTACTED TO PICK UP BODIES TODAY PD NO AMERICAN FACILITIES
AT BRON FIELD CMA LYON TO HANDLE INVESTIGATION PD NO MESSAGES OTHER THAN
THIS SENT PD ADVISE IF THIS DETACHMENT CAN FURTHER ASSIST

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