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 by F. M. BURCH, Capt., AC  
 Date **MAR 15 1988**

UNIT: UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
 AS: OPERATIONAL

MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an airplane is officially reported missing.

1. CIRCUMSTANCES: Location Wethersfield, Essex, England and ~~XXXXXXX~~ IX Bomber Group 46th Bomb Gp (I) Squadron 66th Bomb Detachment XXV
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Wethersfield, Essex Course See Incl 1  
 Intended Destination Chartres, France Type of Mission Operational
3. LISTEN CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST OBSERVED:  
Visibility 7 miles dropping to 4 miles over channel
4. GIVE: (a) Date 3 June 1944 Time 2132 hrs and Location Bourg Achard, France  
 of last known whereabouts of missing airplane  
 (b) Specify whether (x) Last sighted; ( ) Last contacted by radio;  
 ( ) Forces down, ( ) Seen to crash, or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LAST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN, LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) ( ) Enemy Airplane; (x) Enemy anti-aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows Acft hit by flak over target area, dropped out of formation. Last seen to crash at Bourg Achard, France.
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series A 20C-25 ; S.N.F. Serial Number 43-9360
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R 2600-23 ; S.N.F. Serial Number (a) 43-104065
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below table, Type and Serial Number) (b) 43-104093  
 (a) 376171 Fixed ; (b) 375962 Fixed ; (c) 375724 Fixed ; (d) 411960 Flex  
 (e) 376213 Fixed ; (f) 373323 Fixed ; (g) 412232 Fixed ; (h) 375139 Flex
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x  
8 (i) 376218 Flex All Guns, Machine, Browning, Cal. .50 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 3 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 3  
 (Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard airplane, list in later particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	(1022) NIKAS, ANTON PETER	2ND. LT. AC (AUS)	0813560 RTD
2. Armorer-Gunner	(612) Newkirk, Arlington W.	S. Sgt	13157600 RTD
3. AM-Gunner	(748) Scott, George W.	Sgt	35548906 RTD
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5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

11. IDENTIFY ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR INFO:

APPENDIX NO 1 A

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Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Brown, Kenneth F.	S Sgt	35540545			X	
2. Stephens, Donald W.	S Sgt	39832920			X	
3. _____						
12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS. (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) any other reason (specify) <u>unknown</u>						
13. ATTACH RECENT PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN.						
14. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE.						
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE. LINE <div style="text-align: center;">None</div>						

Date of report 5 June 1944

(SIGNATURE OF PREPARING OFFICER)

GEORGE SCHENKIN,  
 Capt., Air Corps,  
 Adjutant.

- 2 Incls:  
 Incl #1 Diagram  
 Incl #2 Eye Witness Description



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**Sergeant George W. Scott**

**Mrs. Vivian O. Scott, (mother)**  
Route # 2, Station B,  
Toledo, Ohio.

**Staff Sergeant Arlington W. Newkirk**

**Mr. Arlington W. Newkirk, (father)**  
338 East End Avenue,  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

**Second Lieutenant Anton P. Eikas**

**Mrs. Helen P. Eikas, (mother)**  
610 Surf Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
P/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Arlington W. NEWBARK, S/Sgt., 13157600  
(Name) (Rank) ASN

31 Aug 1944  
(Date)

608th Bomb. Sqdn., 416th Bomb. Group (A-20)  
(Unit)

EME 1262  
IS975A/8/204/2612

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>				<u>PRESENT</u>
				<u>OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	0-813560	2d Lt.	Anton P. NIKAS	P/W
CO-PILOT				
NAVIGATOR				
BOMBARDIER				
RADIO OPERATOR				
TOP TURRET GUNNER	13157600	S/Sgt.	Arlington W. NEWBARK	RTD
TUNNEL BAIL TURRET GUNNER	35548906	Sgt.	George W. SCOTT	MIA ✓
WAIST-GUNNER				
WAIST-GUNNER				
TAIL-GUNNER				

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.  
3 Jun 1944; 21:50 hrs.;

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
One engine gone, no interphone.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?  
800 ft., my chute did not open.  
Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

No.  
What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
Tunnel gunner bailed out but do not know if his chute opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?  
No., from French information.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
No.

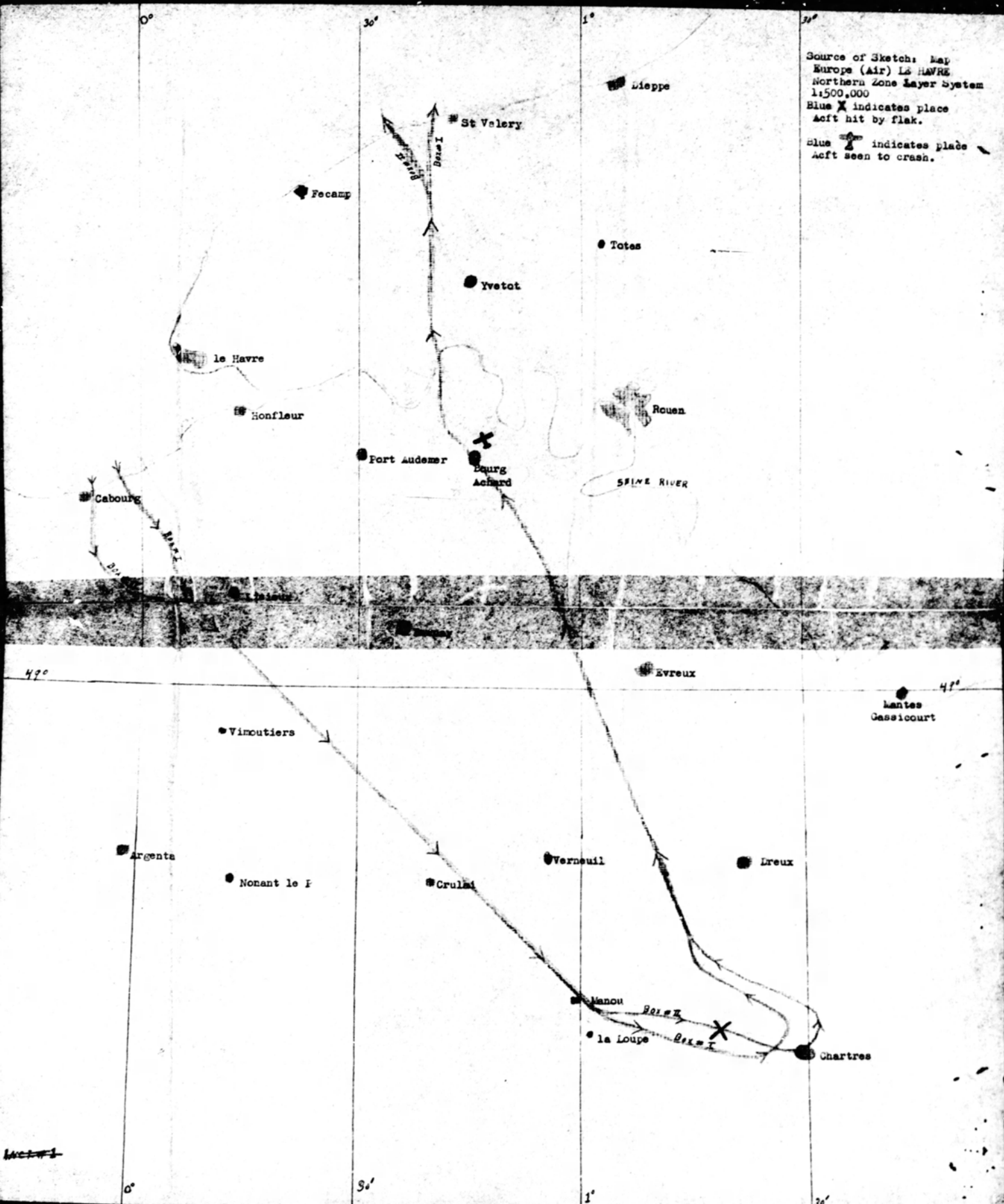
Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. Informed by French of a complete crash-landed position with pilot P/W, the number of which was 54-5, my plane.  
Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?


Yes. Complete wreck.

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? As above.

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Source of Sketch: Map  
 Europe (Air) LE HAVRE  
 Northern Zone Layer System  
 1:500,000  
 Blue X indicates place  
 Acft hit by flak.  
 blue  indicates place  
 Acft seen to crash.

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Missing Air Crew Report--Airplane A 200-25 AAF Serial No 43-9360.  
416th Bomb Gp (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Consolidated Eye Witness Statements of:

S Sgt Kenneth F. Brown 35540545

S Sgt Donald W. Stephens 39832920

Acft hit by flack over target area Chartres Airrome, Chartres, France, flying at approximately 12,000 feet. Continued in formation and dropped bombs. On return flight to coast of France Acft began to loose altitude and made a crash landing near Bourg Achard, France. Acft did not explode and no fire seen. No parachutes observed.

Incl #2

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CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

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 Auth: G.I., I.V.P.E.  
 Initials: BM  
 Date: OCT 10 1944

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
 NEW YORK PORT OF DEPARTURE  
 BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: 10/9/44

BARRATOR	: <u>ARLINGTON W. NEWKIRK</u>	ADDITION	: <u>668 BOMB.</u>
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: <u>19157600</u>	GROUP	: <u>416 BOMB.</u>
HOME ADDRESS	: <u>638 EAST END AVE.</u>	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: <u>A-20 BOSTON T/AVOC</u>
EX-REPORT NO.	: <u>LANCASTER, PA</u>	DATE OF MISSION	: <u>JUNE 3, 44</u>

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PIIB RECORDS
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<u>NEW CREW FOR ME</u>		
LT. NICKAS	Pilot	
SGT. SCOTT	TUNNEL GUNNER	
MYSELF	TURRET GUNNER	

*LANCASTER*

KNOWN INFORMATION:

SCOTT & MYSELF BAILED OUT

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

Pilot P.W.

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