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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location A-55 MELUN, FRANCE Command or Air Force 9TH BOMB DIV
Group 416TH BOMB GP(L) Squadron 670TH BOMB SQ(L) Detachment ---
2. SPECIFY: Point of departure A-55 MELUN, FRANCE Course SEE ANNEX II
Intended Destination VICINITY P-6680 Type of Mission OPERATIONAL
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED
2 PATCHY CLOUDS 8 MILES VISIBILITY
4. GIVE: (a) Date 1 JANUARY 46 Time 1500 and Location P-6680
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane.
(b) Specify whether Last Sighted; Last contacted by radio;
 Forced down; Seen to crash; or Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:
(Check only one) Enemy Airplane; Enemy Anti-aircraft; Other
circumstances as follows: AIRPLANE HIT BY FLAK. LAST SEEN GOING
DOWN UNDER CONTROL AT P 6680
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series A26B - 20 A.A.F. Serial No. 41-39227
7. ENGINES: Type Model and Series PW R-2800-7 A.A.F. Serial No. (a) T-020319
(b) P-020308 (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No) BROWNING, 50 CAL
(a) 1306541 (b) 1306731 (c) 1306838 (d) 1306834 (SEE
(e) 1306302 (f) 1306794 (g) 1038491 (h) 750199 BELOW)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty XX
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 2 Passengers 0 Total 2
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard airplane, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1.	Pilot	MURPHY, THOMAS A.	1ST LT	0-765045
2.	GUNNER	O'CONNELL, LAWRENCE W	S/SGT	745 17159973 RTD
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.	SERIAL NO'S OF GUNS, CONT'D: (I) 1536833 (J) 153828 (K) 997507			
7.	(L) 391174 (M) 1536756 (N) 1755957 (O) 997521			
8.	(P) 1306160 (Q) 1306445 (R) 1545978			
9.				
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAID:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. HARROLD, FRANK J.	CAPT	O-25934		X		
2. HEINKE, WILLIAM B.	1ST LT	O-670538		X		
3. KIDD, WILMAR L.	S/SGT	19020343		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) ONE PARACHUTE OBSERVED

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN. ANNEX 1

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE. ANNEX 2

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND CITE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE NONE

Date of Report 2 JANUARY 1945

George Schenkein
GEORGE SCHENKIN,
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS,
ADJUTANT.

- 2 INCLS:
- INCL 1 - DIAGRAM (IN QUAD)
- INCL 2 - EYE WITNESS STATEMENTS (IN QUAD)

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670TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

STATEMENTS OF EYE WITNESSES
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT
(AIRPLANE NO. A-26B-20 41-39227)

2 JANUARY 1945.

CAPTAIN FRANK J. HARROLD, O-25934:

"A-26 AIRCRAFT SEEN HIT OVER TARGET AREA. BURST OF FLAK HIT DIRECTLY UNDER AIRCRAFT. PLANE SEEN TO DROP OUT OF FORMATION AND GO INTO GLIDE. DID NOT SEE AIRCRAFT CRASH INTO GROUND. ONE PARACHUTE OVSERVED."

1ST LT WILLIAM R. HEINKE, O-670538

"AIRCRAFT RECEIVED DIRECT HIT BY FLAK IN TARGET AREA, FELL OUT OF FORMATION AND WENT INTO GLIDE. ONE PARACHUTE SEEN. DID NOT SEE PLANE HIT THE GROUND."

S/SGT WILMAR L. KIDD 19020343

" AIRCRAFT HIT BY BURST OF FLAK, ON UNDER SIDE OF SHIP. PLANE DROPPED OUT OF FORMATION AND WENT INTO A GLIDE. ONE PARACHUTE OVSERVED."

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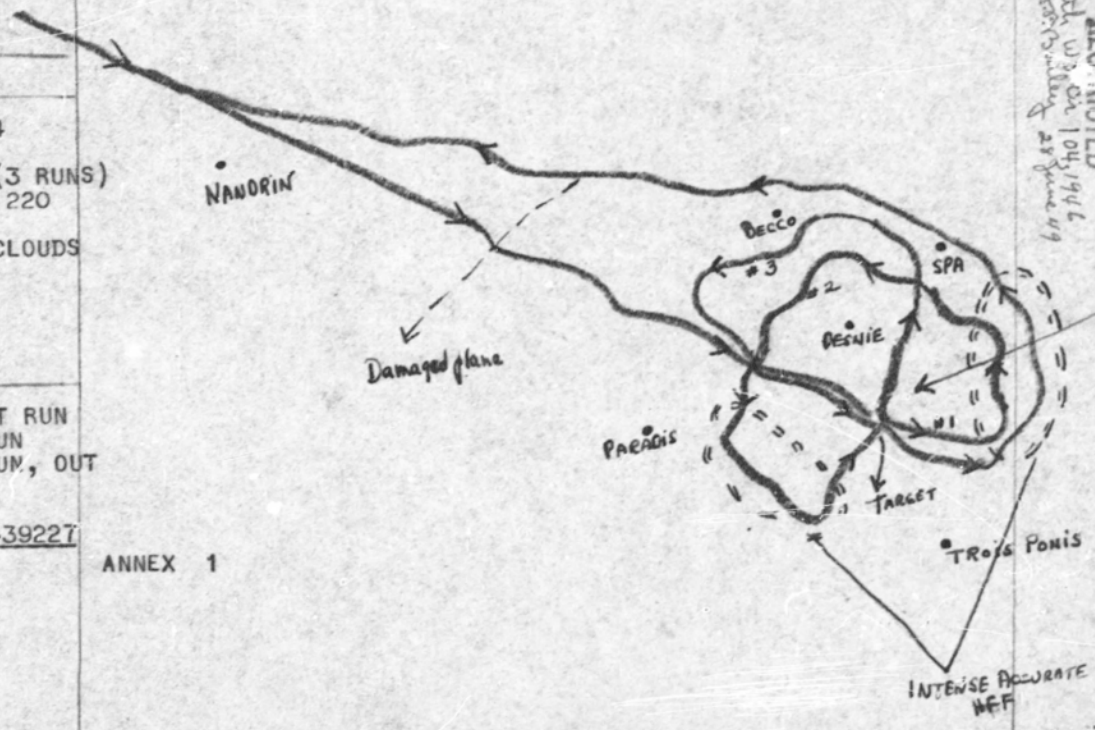
1 JAN 45 FO 114-634
 TARGET: P-645785
 T.O.T. 1447-1512 (3 RUNS)
 ALT: 8,000 I.A.S. 220
 WINDOW: NO
 WEATHER: .2 - .3 CLOUDS
 DAMAGE:

- - CAT. A
 - ⊙ - CAT. A-C
 - - LOST
- ⊕ T-
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BLUE LINE - IN 1ST RUN
 RED LINE - 2ND RUN
 GREEN LINE - 3RD RUN, OUT

AIRCRAFT A26B-20 41-39227

ANNEX 1



PLANE LOST
 LAST SEEN
 HERE

INTENSE ACCURATE
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