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Ltr to CG, EATS, subj: "Report of Finding B-17 No. 43-39338, Missing Since 1 November 1946", dtd 21 August 1947.

16. A verbal report was rendered to the Commanding General, EATS Headquarters covering all information available at this time. Wires were also dispatched on 7 August 1947 in accordance with AAF Reg. 62-14 to: Commanding General, AAF; Chief Flying Safety Division, Langley Field, Va; Commanding General, USAFE; and Commanding Officer, Rhein Main Air Base.

17. On 10 August 1947 a party of Air Force personnel proceeded in two C-47 aircraft to Chambéry to attend the commemorative ceremony at Bourg St. Maurice and to return the remains to Frankfurt, Germany. This party consisted of:

Brig. Gen.	James F. Powell	Commanding EATS
Captain	Robert L. Lovelace	Hqs. EATS
Captain	Donald W. Allen	Hqs. EATS
Captain	Clarence S. Parker	Hqs. EATS
Captain	Fen E. Johnson	Hqs. EATS
1st Lt.	William F. Shimonkevitz	Hqs. EATS
1st Lt.	John R. Walker	Hqs. EATS
2nd Lt.	Hazel Langdon	Hqs. EATS
Pvt.	Billy J. Norman	MUCOM Mortuaries.

18. On 11 August 1947 the party proceeded to Bourg St. Maurice in staff cars provided by Lt. Colonel Janicot arriving at 1000 hours. The ceremony was most impressive. Troops of the 99th Bataillon D'Infanterie Alpine were present in full dress. Commemorative addresses were made by Brigade General Collignon and Brigadier General Powell. The remains were then transported to Chambéry and flown by Capt. Parker and Lt. Shimonkevitz to Rhein Main Air Base where an honor guard headed by Colonel Walter S. Lee met the airplane.

19. In conclusion it is the belief of the undersigned officer that no definite identification will be made of the remains. It is also believed impossible that anyone could have survived the crash, for indications are that the aircraft struck head on into a nearly vertical surface and exploded. There is nothing to indicate that any of the occupants attempted to parachute.

20. A revised AAF Form 14 will be submitted by Headquarters EATS.

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1 Incl: Complete File of Incident  
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