

U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

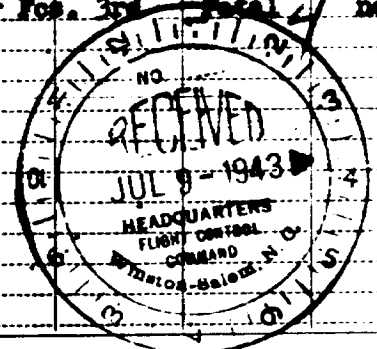
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(1) Place 10 miles SE Newton, Texas (2) Date June 25, 1943 (3) Time 1625 GMT
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model A-20G (5) A. F. No. 42-33149 (6) Station Lake Charles AAB
 Organization: (7) Third (8) 116th Bomb (9) 670th Bomb (L)
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

01
64
68

DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P	CURDY, PAUL F.	P	0-736138	2nd Lt.	01	Air Force	3rd	Fatal	no
G	Wentling, Richard L.	G	3238287	S/Sgt.	208	Air Force	3rd	Fatal	no
X	Riley, Thomas F.	X	32391566	Pvt.	208	Air Force	3rd	Fatal	no



PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) CURDY, PAUL F. (21) 0-736138 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 01 (24) Air Force
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) Third (26) 116th Bomb (L) (27) 670th Bomb (L) (28) Lake Charles AAB
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) Third (30) 116th Bomb (L) (31) 670th Bomb (L) (32) Lake Charles AAB
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 1-4-43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 6-25-43 Instrument rating (37) no
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 29:45 (39) This model 50:30 (40) Last 90 days 63:00 (41) Total 2-21-43
 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 2.6
 (43) Instrument time last 30 days 0.0
 (44) Night time last 6 months 15.2
 (45) Night time last 30 days 3.5

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE		(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft	S	See Damage to Aircraft Certificate
(47) Engine(s)	S	
(48) Propeller(s)	S	

(49) Weather at the time of accident Document - Light over-cast with lower scattered at 3000ft. Surface wind 4 MPH - DeRidder High broken with lower broken at 3500 ft. Thunder. Surface wind 8 MPH.

(51) Was the pilot flying instruments at the time of accident No
 (52) Cleared from Lake Charles (53) To Search (54) Kind of clearance Contact

(55) Pilot's mission Air attack - 2 ship formation

(56) Nature of accident Collision in air

(57) Cause of accident Plane No. 42-53790 turned into path of plane No. 42-33149 cutting off

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Committee.

FLIGHT REPORT - ENGINEERING

REWORKED

INSPECTION STATUS				SERVICING AT STATION OF TAKE-OFF (CHECK IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TAKE-OFF)													
	DATE OF OR HOURS DUE	INSPECTED TODAY		SERVICE	FUEL (GALLONS)		OIL (QUARTS)								RADIATOR CHECKED		
		BY	STATION		SERV. ICED	IN TANKS	NO. 1		NO. 2		NO. 3		NO. 4				
PREFLIGHT	6-25-43	F	A.A.F.L.C.														
DAILY	6-24-43	S	A.A.F.L.C.														
25 HOURS	569.8			1ST	388			88		88							
50 HOURS	594.8			2ND													
100 HOURS	644.8			3RD													
				4TH													
				5TH													

INSPECTION OF AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT			
EQUIPMENT	SYMBOL	INSPECTED BY	STATION
BOMBARDMENT	N	Nowock	LCAAF
GUNNERY	N	Nowock	LCAAF
CHEMICAL			
COMMUNICATIONS	K	Keobles	LCAAF
PHOTOGRAPHIC			
NAVIGATION			

STATUS TODAY

EXPLANATION: Oxygen not complete all
Mag. peeled (4) connections loose
Gunnery door inoperative.

EXCEPTIONAL RELEASE

WHEN THE "STATUS TODAY" IS INDICATED BY A RED SYMBOL AND AN "EXCEPTIONAL RELEASE" HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED BY AN AUTHORIZED ENGINEERING OFFICER, THE PILOT OF THE AIRPLANE WILL SIGN THIS RELEASE BEFORE FLIGHT.

RELEASED FOR FLIGHT

1 _____ 3
2 _____ 4

REMARKS: PILOTS AND MECHANICS - SEE INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE FRONT COVER

1. RUDISILL, ROBERT S. 2nd Lt. AC
2. KALENITSY, WILLIAM T. 2nd Lt. AC
3. GARRISON, VERNON W. 2nd Lt. AC
4. CURDY, PAUL F. 2nd Lt. AC

THIS IS A TRUE COPY: *William L. Shaffer*
WILLIAM L. SHAFFER,
Capt., Air Corps,
Base Opns O.

AIRPLANE AND ENGINE TIME RECORD (ENTER IN HOURS AND MINUTES)				
ENGINE	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO. 4
HOURS TO DATE	147.2	147.2		
HOURS TODAY	6.6	6.6		
TOTAL	147.8	147.8		
OH. CHANGE DUE				
CUNO CLEANING DUE				
AIRPLANE	HOURS TO DATE		555.3	
	HOURS TODAY		6.6	
	TOTAL		561.9	

RETURN THIS STUB TO:
BUDGET OFFICE,
WRIGHT FIELD,
DAYTON,
OHIO

TOTAL FLIGHT TIME		ENGINE DATA			AIRPLANE DATA			AIRPLANE ORIG. DATA			STATION	
(4)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	
		153048	152988	12-33129	A-20C	AAF	670th Bomb Sq (L)	3rd	56th Troop Wing	3rd	AAF Station	

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6-25-43 (CRASH NEAR NEWTON T.I. AC #42-33199 A-20 C } FROM LANA CHARLES
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WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

DATE 6-26-43

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TELEGRAM

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MSG 18 ARL 234 JUNE 26/43

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DER U4541 PERIOD AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT REFERENCE AAF REG

SIXTY TWO DASH ONE FOUR CLASS ONE ACCIDENT A PERIOD SIX DASH TWO FIVE

DASH FOUR THE TIME SIXTEEN TWENTY FIVE TEN MILES SE NEWTON TEXAS

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EIGHT SEVEN STAFF SERGEANT FATAL COMMA THOMAS F RILEY THREE TWO

THREE NINE ONE FIVE SIX SIX PRIVATE FATAL COMMA SIX SEVEN ZERO BOMB

SQ LIGHT COMMA FOUR ONE SIX BOMB GP PERIOD B PERIOD T PERIOD PERIOD

F PERIOD CONTACT PERIOD G PERIOD A TWENTY COMMA FOUR TWO DASH THREE

THREE ONE FOUR NINE PERIOD H PERIOD LAKE CHARLES ARMY AIR VASE COMMA

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BOMGR 416 U 433E PERIOD CITE PART FIVE AAF REG SIXTY TWO DASH
FOURTEEN FOLLOWING ACCIDENT REPORT IS SUBMITTED;

A 25 JUNE 43 APPROXIMATELY 1630 EIGHT MILES NORTHWEST OF MERRYVILLE LA

B PILOT A 20C 42 33149 PAUL F CURDY SECOND LT AUS THIRD ASPTC 670

BOMGN 416 BOMGR ARMY AIR FIELD LAKE CHARLES LA PILOT A 20G 5 42 53790

HOWARD J HILDERBANDT SECOND LT AUS THIRD AF THIRD ASPTC HQ 416 BOMGR
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E LOW ALTITUDE ATTACK

F HIGH SCATTERED TO BROKEN LOWER SCATTERED TO BROKEN 1800 TO 2500

FEEET ALONG THE COASTAL AREA VISIBILITY 5 TO 10 MILES WITH LOCAL
SMOKE AND HAZE THUNDERSTORMS AND SHOWERS OVER COASTAL AREA

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G A-20C 42-33149 AND A 20C-5 42-53790
H ARMY AIR FIELD LAKE CHARLES LA
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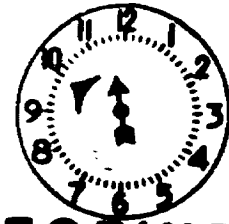
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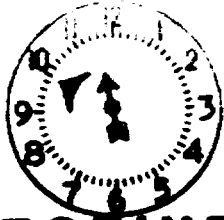
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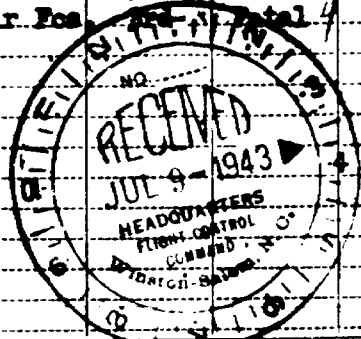
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P	HILDEBRANDT, HOWARD J.	P	0-736212	2nd Lt.	01	Air Forc.	3rd	Fatal	no
G	Zolley, Lawrence E.	G	12133146	Sgt.	20	Air Forc.	3rd	Fatal	no
X	JASINSKI, VINCENT J.	X	0-575094	2nd Lt.	01	Air Forc.	3rd	Fatal	no



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 (38) This model 12.6 (38) Instrument time last 30 days 1.8
 (39) Last 90 days 12.6 (39) Night time last 6 months 11.5
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6-25-43 A.A.F. Lake Charles 56th Bomb TFWing Wing(L) A-200 AIRPLANE MODEL
 DATE NAME - RANK - ORGANIZATION GROUP NO AND TYPE AIRPLANE SERIAL NO.
 Cpl. J. Ringer 3rd.A.A.B., 3rd. A.S.C. 670th Bomb Sq. (L) 12-53790
 CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER SQUADRON NO AND TYPE AIRPLANE SERIAL NO.

PERG. CLASS	NAME - RANK - ORGANIZATION	USE AS DIRECTED LOCALLY	ALWAYS ENTER DUTY SYMBOLS. WHEN APPLICABLE, ENTER N-NIGHT OR I-INSTRUMENT. ENTER TIME FLOWN THEREUNDER.							FLIGHT DATA			
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	FROM	TO	MISSION	NO OF LANDING	
01	Howard, Elwin F., 2nd Lt., O-736218 670th Bomb Sq (L) L.C.A.A.F.	21	P	P	F				Local	07	30		
20	Bischoff, Walter S/Sgt., 12095398 670th Bomb Sq (L) L.C.A.A.F.		O							09	00		
20	Griffin, Edward W., S/Sgt., 32454250 670th Bomb Sq (L) L.C.A.A.F.	13	I						T				
01	Markle, Frederick S., 2nd Lt., O-799420 670th Bomb Sq (L) L.C.A.A.F.		P						Local	09	15		
20	Flint, William V., S/Sgt., 33278810 670th Bomb Sq (L) L.C.A.A.F.		I							11	15		
20	Gossett, Joseph D., S/Sgt., 34446849 670th Bomb Sq (L) L.C.A.A.F.		O						T				
01	Siebert, Russell G., 2nd Lt., O-671701 669th Bomb Sq (L) L.C.A.A.F.	22	P						Local	13	15		
01	Hilderbrandt, Howard J., 2nd Lt., O-736212 Hq. 416th Bomb Op (L) L.C.A.A.F.	20	P							15	51		
01	Jesinaki, Vincent J., 2nd Lt., O-575094 670th Bomb Op (L) L.C.A.A.F.		I							16	25		
20	Zeller, Lawrence E., Sgt., 12133446 670th Bomb Op (L) L.C.A.A.F.		O										
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THIS IS A TRUE COPY <i>William L. Shaffer</i> WILLIAM L. SHAFFER Captain, Air Corps, Base Opns Officer													
ELWIN F. HOWARD, 2nd Lt., Air Corps, Actg Opns O.													

WAF DEPARTMENT CHECKED: TRANSCRIBED: TOTAL FLIGHT TIME

A.F. FORM NO. 1 LEGIBLE AND CORRECT OPER. CLERK TOTAL FLIGHT TIME ENTERED ON FORM 1A

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322ND SUB-DEPOT ENGINEERING
DE RIDDER, LOUISIANA

C E R T I F I C A T E

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT

DATE 5, July, 1943

Airplane type A-20G A.A.F. No. 42-53790 with engine type
R-2600-23 A.A.F. No. # (1) 42-153909, # (2) 153915 installed therein
which was involved in an aircraft accident at near Merryville, La. on 25,
June, 1943 at 1630, when pilot cause unknown received
the following damages:

AIRPLANE: A.A.F. NO. 42-53790
Date of Acceptance: unknown
Time since last reconditioning: unknown
Total time: approximately 249.8


DAMAGES:

Airplane completely demolished.

ENGINE: A.A.F. NO. # (1) 42-153909 # (2) 42-153915
Time since last reconditioning: unknown
Total time: approximately # (1) 249.8 # (2) 249.8

DAMAGES:

Engine and propellers be shipped to MoAD for use as spare parts.


E. I. Bistrow
1st Lt. Air Corps
Sub-Depot Engr. O.

R Repairable
N Non-repairable

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE
OFFICE OF THE BASE COMMANDER
DE RIDDER, LA.

In reply refer to
000.93

(0-1)
6 July 1943

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident Report.

**TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces. (Attention: Flight
Control Command, Winston Salem, North Carolina.)**

1. In compliance with Third Air Force Memorandum No. 60-7A,
dated 10 April 1943, inclosed herewith AAF Form No. 14 on accident to
A-20C, A. F. No. 42-53790.

For the Commanding Officer:

John K. Lawson
JOHN K. LAWSON
1st Lieutenant, Air Corps
Adjutant *me*

1 Incl:
AAF Form No. 14
w/supporting papers.

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**AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AND
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1. RECORDS OF (Name of agency and sub-division)

2. BRIEF TITLE OF RECORDS

Aircraft Ins. Report

3. FILM SERIES OR JOB NO.

4. REEL NO.

425-1

K 107

5. STARTS WITH

43-6-25-1

FLASH

6. INTERMEDIATE POINTS

2

3

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5

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7. ENDS WITH

43-6-25-514

8. STARTED

9. FINISHED

10. TOTAL HOURS

11. TOTAL IMAGES

DATE HOUR

DATE HOUR

6/29/59 8:30

6/30/59 9:30

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Henry Jackson

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