

Accident No. 43-6-28-53

Date

Checked by

M. Monty

7-14-43

Analyzed by

S. H. Co

7-15-43

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Notes _____

- 08 (Nature Group) Taxing accident
- 90 (Specific Nature) Landing gear retracted
- 30 (Underlying Nature) Flap handle confused with landing gear handle
- 10 (Cause Group) 100% Pilot Error - Carelessness
- 34 (Specific Cause) Carelessness
- 17 (Underlying Cause) Carelessness
(unintentionally retracted landing gear while taxiing)

ACCIDENT NO. **102**

WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT
GROUPE II DAMAGE

438-28-53
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(1) Place **AAF Lake Charles, La.** (2) Date **6/28/43** (3) Time **1245 CWT**
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model **RDR-7B** (5) A. F. No. **AL-866** (6) Station **AAF, Lake Charles, La.**
Organization: (7) **3rd Air Support C. (S)** (8) **416th (L)** (9) **670th (L)**
3rd Air Force (Group) **670th (L)** (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

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	Scully, Andrew P.	P	O-797995	2nd Lt.	01	AC	3rd AF	None /	None



PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) **Scully, Andrew P.** (21) **O-797995** (22) **2nd Lt.** (23) **01** (24) **A.C.**
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) **3rd Air Support Comd** (26) **416th (L)** (27) **670th (L)** **AAF, Lake Charles, La.**
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) **3rd Air Support Comd** (30) **416th (L)** (31) **670th (L)** **AAF, Lake Charles, La.**
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) **P** (34) **2/16/43** Present rating (35) **P** (36) **2/16/43** Instrument rating (37) **None**
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type **22.3** (42) Instrument time last 6 months **2.7**
(39) This model **5.1** (43) Instrument time last 30 days **None**
(40) Last 90 days **5.1** (44) Night time last 6 months **None**
(41) Total **252.8** (45) Night time last 30 days **None**

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft M 4	Wing panel repair, center section repair, fuselage repair, engines replace both, propellor replace both.
(47) Engine(s) O 4 4	
(48) Propeller(s) M 4 4	

(50) Weather at the time of accident **High, thin, broken, lower scattered, 3000 ft., wind west 10 MPH**
Vis. unrestricted

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident **No**
(52) Cleared from **LCAAF** (53) To **Local - east leg** (54) Kind of clearance **Contact**

(55) Pilot's mission **10 - radio navigation**

(56) Nature of accident **Landing gear collapsed**
taxing accident

(57) Cause of accident **Pilot retracted landing gear instead of flaps while taxiing from northwest end of Northeast-Southwest runway to the parking ramp.**

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

(Brief narrative of accident. Include statement of responsibility and recommendations for action to prevent repetition)

Pilot states he was taxiing from southwest end of Northeast-Southwest runway to the parking ramp after landing, and meant to raise his flaps. However, instead of pulling up flap control lever, he went thru the more complicated procedure of putting the landing gear lever in the complete up position.

Pilot states he doesn't know why he did it.

The airplane was taxiing from the southwest end of the Northeast-Southwest runway, when the pilot pulled up the landing gear lever and as the landing gear collapsed, the airplane swerved to the right just enough to clear the taxiway, coming to rest on the sodded area of the landing field at the southwest end of the parking ramp at its junction with the taxiway. The pilot cut the switches and opened the idle cut-off control levers as the landing gear collapsed. The propeller blades were bent forward and the fuselage was damaged, external examination not disclosing the full extent of the damage.

CONCLUSION:

1. Pilot error.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. More frequent cockpit procedure checks.

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Signature

Sidney A. Price
 SIDNEY A. PRICE
 Major, Air Corps
 Accident Officer

Date _____

6-28-43
DATE

AAF Lake Charles
STATION

416th Bomb Gr (1)
GROUP NO. AND TYPE

RDP-7B
AIRCRAFT MODEL

SGT. H. R. BURCH
CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER

60th Bomb TRG. Wing

670th Bomb Sqdn. (1)
SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE

AL-806
AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO

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Ralph Bown Jr.
RALPH BOWN, JR.
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Engineering Officer

WAR DEPARTMENT
A A F
FORM NO. 1
2-2-42

FLIGHT REPORT - OPERATIONS

CHECKED:
LEGIBLE AND
CORRECT

OPER
CLERK

TRANSCRIBED:
TOTAL FLIGHT
TIME ENTERED
ON FORM 1A

CREW
CHIEF

TOTAL
FLIGHT
TIME

9-28-43
DATE

AAF Lake Charles
STATION

416th Bomb Gr (I)
GROUP NO. AND TYPE

RDP-7B
AIRCRAFT MODEL

SGT. H. R. BURCH
CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER

56th Bomb TRG. Wing

670th Bomb Sqdn. (I)
SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE

AL-866
AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.

PERS. CLASS	- PRINT PLAINLY - 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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WAR DEPARTMENT
A. A. F.
FORM NO. 1
2-2-42

FLIGHT REPORT - OPERATIONS

CHECKED:
LEGIBLE AND
CORRECT

OPER.
CLERK

TRANSCRIBED:
TOTAL FLIGHT
TIME ENTERED
ON FORM 1A

CREW
CHIEF

TOTAL
FLIGHT
TIME

RETURN THIS STUB TO:

BUDGET OFFICE,

AIR SERVICE COMMAND,

PATTERSON FIELD,

FAIRFIELD, OHIO

6-28-43

DATE

A.A.B. Lake Charles

STATION

Sgt. H. R. Burch

CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER

AIRCRAFT ORG. DATA

3rd A.F.

AIR FORCE

3rd A.S.C.

56th Bomb Trg. Wing

COMMAND, CORPS AREA OR DEPT.

416th Bomb Gp. (L)

GROUP NO. AND TYPE

670th Bomb Sqdn. (L)

SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE

AIRCRAFT DATA

A. A. F.

COMPONENT

RDB-7B

AIRCRAFT MODEL

AL-866

AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.

CR-2700-A5B0

ENGINE MODEL

ENGINE DATA

(1)

59117

ENGINE SERIAL NO.

(2)

58166

ENGINE SERIAL NO.

(3)

ENGINE SERIAL NO.

(4)

ENGINE SERIAL NO.

TOTAL
FLIGHT
TIME

4 : 9

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

FLIGHT REPORT - ENGINEERING

INSPECTION STATUS			
DATE OF OR HOURS DUE	INSPECTED TODAY		
	BY	STATION	
PREFLIGHT	6-26-43	BY	L. C. La.
DAILY	6-27-43	BO	L. C. La.
25 HOURS	690.9		
50 HOURS	715.9		
100 HOURS	713.9		

SERVICING AT STATION OF TAKE OFF (CHECK IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TAKE OFF)													
SERVICE	FUEL (GALLONS)				OIL (QUARTS)								RADIATOR CHECKED
	SERVICED BY	IN TANKS	NO. 1		NO. 2		NO. 3		NO. 4				
			SERVICED	IN TANKS	SERVICED	IN TANKS	SERVICED	IN TANKS	SERVICED	IN TANKS			
1ST	141	386	16	92	---	92							
2ND	220	386	16	92	16	92							
3RD		386		92		92							
4TH													
5TH													

INSPECTION OF AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT			
EQUIPMENT	SYMBOL	INSPECTED BY	STATION
BOMBARDMENT	A	Wagner	
GUNNERY		Wagner	
CHEMICAL			
COMMUNICATIONS	B	Brasher	
PHOTOGRAPHIC			
NAVIGATION			

STATUS TODAY	EXPLANATION
	Tail Skid Damaged. All Mag. Lead Y Conn. Loose. Left Landing Light Out. R. Wing Tip and Light Damaged

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 AIRCRAFT WILL SIGN THIS RELEASE BEFORE FLIGHT.

RELEASED FOR FLIGHT: **J. A. J. Mailman, A. P. Scully, D. R. Kerr**

REMARKS: PILOTS AND MECHANICS - SEE INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE FRONT COVER

#1 Mailman, Albert J. 2nd Lt. A.C. - OK

#2 Kerr, David R. 2nd Lt. OK

#3 Scully, A. P. 2nd Lt.

Pulled up wheels instead of flaps

R & I Props damaged. R & I Engines to be changed

R. Nacelle to be replaced. Fuselage to be repaired on bottom side.

AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE TIME RECORD (ENTER IN HOURS AND MINUTES)				
ENGINE	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO. 4
HOURS TO DATE	404.5	388.6		
HOURS TODAY	4.9	4.9		
TOTAL	409.4	393.5		
OIL CHANGE DUE	E.O.	E.O.		
CUNO CLEANING DUE	690.9	690.9		
AIRCRAFT	HOURS TO DATE			
	683.0			
	HOURS TODAY			
				4.9
TOTAL				687.9

Lower Flex Out (Wagner)

Left Landing Light OK (Duemig)

R. Wing Tip Lite repaired (By BO)

I certify this to be a true copy of the original.

Ralph Bown, Jr.
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2nd Lt., Air Corps
Engineering Officer

ENGINE DATA	AIRCRAFT DATA	AIRCRAFT ORG. DATA	STATION
(1) 59117	A.A.F.	3rd A.A.F.	A.A.B. Lake Charles
(2) 58166	RDB-7A	3rd A.S.G.	
(3) 59166	AL-866	56th Bomb Trg. Wing	Sgt. H. R. Burch
(4) 59166		CONV. CO. CAMP ARMY OR DEPT.	CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER
TOTAL FLIGHT TIME 4 : 9	670th Bomb Sqdn. (L)	116th Bomb Gr. (L)	

STATE OF LOUISIANA)
 : SS
PARISH OF CALCASIEU)

A F F I D A V I T

Before me, the undersigned authority for administering oaths in cases of this character, did personally appear this date, July 2, 1943, one 2nd Lt. Andrew P. Scully, AC, ASN O-797995, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

My accident occurred on June 28th at 1245 CWT. I had just come back from a radio navigation flight, landed and was taxiing back to the ramp when I pulled up my wheel handle instead of my flap handle. The wheels came up, damaging the props and the bottom of the fuselage.

Further Deponent sayeth not.

Andrew P. Scully

ANDREW P. SCULLY
2nd Lt., A. C.
ASN O-797995

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 2nd day of July, 1943, at Army Air Field, Lake Charles, La.

Iris E. Carter
Iris E. Carter
Notary Public

*Commission expires
at death*









HEADQUARTERS AIR ~~BASE~~ AREA COMMAND
LAKE CHARLES ARMY AIR FIELD
Office of the Area Commander

JDM/CMY/ldl

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Lake Charles, La.
6 July 1943

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident Report

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Force, Washington, D. C.

1. Attached is W.D., A.A.F. Form No. 14, "Report of Aircraft Accident", and allied papers, covering accident involving 2nd Lt Andrew P. Scully, AC, O-797995, in RDB-7B Airplane, AF #AL-866, on 28 June 1943.

For the Commanding Officer:

1 Incl
WD AAF Form 14
& allied papers

Joseph D. Miron
JOSEPH D. MIRON,
WO (JG), AUS,
Actg. Adjutant. *RFC*

FROM: Hq. Air Base Area Com
Lake Charles Army Air Fld
O/ Area Commander
Lake Charles La.

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DATE:

7-6-43

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Aircraft Accident Rpt.
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