

WAR DEPARTMENT
HARDING FIELD, LA.
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

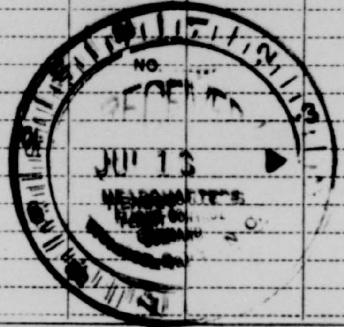
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(1) Place Harding Field, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (2) Date 6 July 1943 (3) Time 0857
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model A-20G-10 (5) A. F. No. 42-54025 (6) Station Lake Charles AAB, La.
Organization: (7) III ASC III AF (8) 416 Bomb (L) (9) 670th Bomb (L)
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

3 AF 3 AS PERSONNEL 416 BLL 12p 670 BLL 5p

DUTY (10)	NAME (Last name first) (11)	RATING (12)	SERIAL NO. (13)	RANK (14)	PERSONNEL CLASS (15)	BRANCH (16)	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND (17)	RESULT TO PERSONNEL (18)	USE OF PARACHUTE (19)
P	CROMWELL, RICHARD D.	P	0-736131	2nd Lt.	01	AC	III ASC	None	None



~~PERSONNEL CHECKLIST~~
(20) CROMWELL RICHARD D. (21) 0-736131 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 01 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) III ASC III AF (26) 416 Bomb (27) 670 Bomb (28) Lake Charles AAB, La.
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) III ASC III AF (30) 416 Bomb (31) 670 Bomb (32) Lake Charles, AAB, La.
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) P. (34) 1-4-43 Present rating (35) P (36) 1-4-43 Instrument rating (37) 3-23-43
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
(at the time of this accident)
(38) This type 85.4 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 8.8
(39) This model 24.7 (43) Instrument time last 30 days 2.5
(40) Last 90 days 57.5 (44) Night time last 6 months 11.0
(41) Total 347.2 (45) Night time last 30 days 3.3

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE 8-16-43

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>Y</u>	Fuselage wrinkled beyond repair.
(47) Engine(s) <u>Y</u> <u>Y</u>	Both engines overhauled for sudden stoppage.
(48) Propeller(s) <u>Y</u> <u>Y</u>	Both propellers unrepairable.

(50) Weather at the time of accident CAVU
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident - - -
(52) Cleared from Lake Charles AAB (53) To Local XC (54) Kind of clearance Squadron
(55) Pilot's mission Formation Flying (Leader)
(56) Nature of accident Taxiing accident on parking area - nose wheel collapsed.

(57) Cause of accident Material Failure

(58) Has Form 54 been submitted? - - -

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

After landing, pilot taxied plane well past the intersection and lost all his airspeed when his nose wheel buckled backwards about 35 - 45° and then straightened out. Pilot was warned by the control tower as he turned off the runway on to the ramp. He reached the parking area safely. As the ship came to a rest, the nose wheel buckled completely.

Recommendation - More thorough inspection be made of nose wheel assembly at each 25 hour inspection. When trouble is suspected, plane should be stopped regardless of position on runway and have crew chief make a thorough check to ascertain whether further taxiing can be safely accomplished.

Signature

John I. Bright, Jr.

(Investigating Officer)

JOHN I. BRIGHT, JR., CAPTAIN, A.C., PILOT.

Date 14 July 1943.

CERTIFICATE

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT

AIRPLANE TYPE A-20G, A. C. NO. 42-54028 WITH ENGINE
TYPE R-2600-23, NO. 42-174954, 175226 INSTALLED THEREIN, WHICH WAS INVOLVED
IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AT 9:00 AM ON 7-6-43 AT Harding Field,
(TIME) (DATE) (PLACE)

Louisiana WHEN PILOT put on brakes nose wheel retracted.
RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGES:

AIRPLANE: A. C. NO. 42-54028
DATE OF ACCEPTANCE: May 3, 1943
TIME SINCE LAST RECONDITIONING: _____
TOTAL TIME OF AIRPLANE _____

DAMAGES:

Propellers (depot reparable)
Fuselage (not reparable)
Nose wheel doors (not reparable)

ENGINE: A. C. NO. 42-174954, 175226
TIME SINCE LAST RECONDITIONING: _____
TOTAL TIME OF ENGINE: _____

DAMAGES:

Engine (depot reparable)

RECOMMENDATION: That this airplane be surveyed.

SIGN

A. R. Lachman

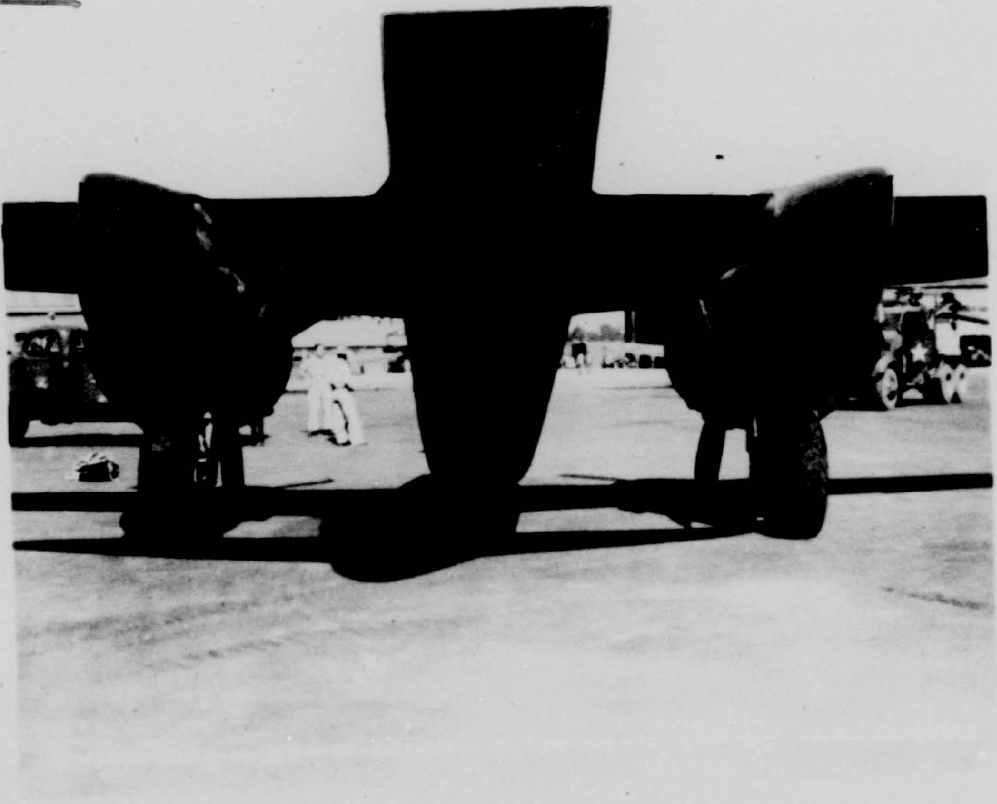
A. R. LACHMAN

Captain, A.C.

Ass't Engineering Officer

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(S-1742) 47th 6-1947 (7-1-47-2240) (7-1-47-2240) 47, S. S. Cannell

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INCLOSURES:

1. Damage to Aircraft Certificate -
Sub-Depot Engineering.
2. AAF Forms 1 and 1A.
3. Photographs:
 - a. G-1708A-615-O-HAF.
 - b. G-1708B-615-O-HAF.

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HEADQUARTERS, HARDING FIELD
Office of the Commanding Officer

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana
14 July 1943

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of AAF Form No. 14, Report of Aircraft Accident.

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

Transmitted herewith approved AAF Form No. 14, Report of Aircraft
Accident involving A-20G-10 Airplane, A.F. No. 42-54028, 2nd Lt. Richard
D. Cromwell, pilot.

For the Commanding Officer:

Miles E. Myers

MILES E. MYERS
1st Lt., A. C.
Asst. Adjutant

1 Incl: AAF Form No. 14
cc: CG, III Air Support Command
CO, Lake Charles AAB

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Accident No. 44-7-6-59

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Date

Checked by *M. Monty* *July 19, 1943*

Analyzed by *J. M. C.* *7-20-43*

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" " " " Patterson 10-27-43

Notes *Copy for Wright Field L.A.*

Attention Col Chapman

Aircraft - nose wheel

Type **AUG 14 1943**

- (*88*) Nature Group *Taxing*
- (*90*) Specific Nature *Landing gear failed (nose wheel)*
- (*25*) Underlying Nature *nose wheel*
- (*39*) Cause Group *10% Aircraft*
- (*68*) Specific Cause *nose wheel*
- (*84*) Underlying Cause *Undetermined*