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WAR DEPARTMENT
STATION A-55
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

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REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

3-70-45 / 3000-0
02-0-1

(1) Place Station A-53 (2) Date 23 January 1945 (3) Time 1500
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model A-26B-20 BO (5) A. P. No. 41-39219 (6) Station A-55
Organization: (7) 9th ED-Ninth AF (8) 416 Bomb (L) (9) 668 Bomb (L)
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (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)
F	Turner, Alton R.	Pilot	0-762060	2nd Lt.	18	AC	Ninth AF	None	None
G	Corey, Francis E.	Gunner	37190825	Cpl.	38	AC	Ninth AF	None	None

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Turner, Alton R. (21) 0-762060 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 18 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) 9th ED - Ninth AF (26) 416 Bomb (L) (27) 670 Bomb (L) (28) A-55
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) _____ (30) _____ (31) _____ (32) _____
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 12/5/43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 12/5/43 Instrument rating (37) _____
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type A-26 48:55 (42) Instrument time last 6 months _____
(39) This model A-26B 48:55 (43) Instrument time last 30 days _____
(40) Last 90 days 48:55 (44) Night time last 6 months _____
(41) Total 276:05 (45) Night time last 30 days _____

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>0</u>	Right wing tip and right engine nacelle;
(47) Engine(s) <u>0</u>	Right engine.
(48) Propeller(s) <u>0</u>	Right propeller

(50) Weather at the time of accident 8-10/10 clouds at 3,000. Visibility 2-3 miles.

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
(52) Cleared from Station A-55 (53) To Station A-55 (54) Kind of clearance Operational

(55) Pilot's mission Combat

(56) Nature of accident Landing accident.

(57) Cause of accident Failure of right main landing gear to extend.

(58) Has the Form 54 been submitted? Previously. Station Serial No. 45-17, 19 January 1945.

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U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

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~~PERSONNEL WHO WERE ACCIDENT~~

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

NARRATIVE:

Returning from an operational mission on 29 January 1945, Lt. Turman was unable to extend his right main landing gear. Consequently, he made a landing using only his nose gear and left main gear. The right wing tip, right propeller, right engine, and right engine nacelle were damaged.

A complete investigation has been delayed because the aircraft is at a considerable distance from the home base. Therefore, the aircraft has not been lifted and the gear has not been extended for investigation. However, based on previous similar experience it is believed that excessive overtravel of the uplock prevented lowering of the right gear. An Unsatisfactory Report has previously been submitted concerning this condition.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Material failure.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is felt that a mechanical release installation for the main gear of this aircraft would eliminate a definite source of trouble.

INCLOSURES: 4

- Incl. #1 - Statement of Pilot.
- Incl. #2 - Statement of Gunner.
- Incl. #3 - Statement of Engineering Officer.
- Incl. #4 - Statement of Crew Chief.

APPROVED:

Theodore R. Aylesworth
THEODORE R. AYLESWORTH,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

Signature

Richard F. Shaffer
(Investigating Officer)
RICHARD F. SHAFFER,
Capt., Air Corps,
Investigating Officer.

Date 15 February 1945.

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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

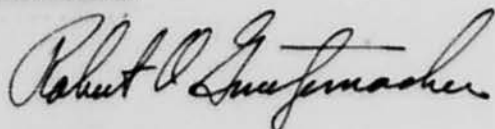
APO # 140, U.S. ARMY,
8 February 1945.

STATEMENT

I was returning from a Combat Mission on 23 January 1945, flying A-26B, aircraft number 41-39219. Upon lowering the landing gear, the right main gear would not come down. I had the gunner come up to the cockpit. We then tried raising the gear and lowering it again several times, with the gunner working the solenoid. Then I tried pumping them down with the hand pump. Not being able to lower the right main gear, I dug the runway and came on in holding the right wing up as long as possible. When it did go down, the runway being slippery, caused the left wheel to slide instead of taking hold. The dragging of the wing tip and nacelle caused the ship to go off the runway to the right. No one was injured in the landing.

ALTON R. TURMAN,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

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ROBERT C. GRUETZEMACHER,
Capt., Air Corps.

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


APO # 140, U.S. ARMY,
8 February 1945.

STATEMENT

I was returning from a Combat Mission in aircraft number 41-39219, piloted by Lt. ALTON R. TURMAN. Lt. TURMAN being unable to lower right main gear called me up to the cockpit and together, we attempted several times, working the emergency equipment, to lower the gear. Unable to do so, we landed with left main wheel and nose wheel in the down position. While the right main wheel remained in the up position, the landing was smooth, and the aircraft was held up until speed was reduced and finally settled down on the right wing tip and right nacelle. After skidding along in this position for several hundred feet the aircraft slid off the right of the runway and stopped approximately fifty (50) feet off the runway. No one was injured in the landing.

/s/ Francis E. Corey
FRANCIS E. COREY,
Sgt. Gunner.

(THIS IS A TRUE COPY)


ROBERT B. SINGLETARY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Operations Officer.

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23 January 1945

S T A T E M E N T

I made a thorough investigation and determined that all possible precautions had been taken to fit this aircraft, A-26B-20, AAF No. 41-39219 for safe flight prior to take-off and no mechanical defects existed other than those shown on the AAF Form 1A.

Joe Sherman
JOE SHERMAN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Engineering Officer.

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23 January 1945

STATEMENT

I hereby Certify that all necessary inspections and maintenance had been performed and all defects were properly shown on AAF Forms 41B and AAF Form 1A prior to the last flight of aircraft A-26B-20, AAF No. 41-39219.

Harold V. Anderson

HAROLD V. ANDERSON,
Cpl., Crew Chief.

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

APO 140, U.S. Army,
17 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of AAF Form 14.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Transmitted herewith is AAF Form 14 in quadruplicate (with inclosures) on accident of Lt. A.R. Turman in aircraft A-26E-20, ACSN 41-39219, 23 January 1945.

For the Commanding Officer



George Schenkein
GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl - AAF Form 14 in quadruplicate (with inclosures).

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HEADQUARTERS 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), APO 140, U. S. ARMY, 22 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U. S. Army.

Submitted in compliance with Memorandum 55-1, Headquarters Ninth Air Force, dated 27 November 1944.

For the Commanding General:



C. C. Vega, Jr.
C. C. VEGA, Jr.,
LT. COLONEL, A.C.
ADJUTANT GENERAL.

5 Incls:

- Incl 1 - AAF Form 14 (in trip)
- Incl 2 - Statement of Pilot (in trip)
- Incl 3 - Statement of Gunner (in trip)
- Incl 4 - Statement of Engineering Officer (in trip)
- Incl 5 - Statement of Crew Chief (in trip)

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US Army, 1 March 1945.

TO: Chief, Flying Safety, Army Air Forces, Winston-Salem 1, North Carolina.

Report and recommendation of Aircraft Accident Officer approved.

For the Commanding General:

Harold L. Carter
HAROLD L. CARTER,
Lt. Colonel., AGD
Asst Adj General.

5 Incls: (2 cys w/d)

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NAME OF PILOT

TYPE OF PLANE

ACCIDENT NUMBER

TURMAN, Aiton R.

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M.V. - Capt. Bach

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