

Pilot's Name

Morton, Robert F. W.

01 Nature Group Collision in full flight

02 Specific Nature Collision with other aircraft

03 Underlying Nature Pilot did not insure a clear path

01 Cause Group Pilot Judgment

03 Specific Cause Lack of specialized experience

02 Underlying Cause General lack of alertness

Cause Group

Specific Cause

Underlying Cause

2nd Place

Zero cause

Accident No. 44-9-4-8

Date

Checked by

B. Smith

9-17-43

Analyzed by

MMR

9-17-43

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

2 Plane
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44-9-4-8
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(1) Place B 1/2 Mi. South of Vinton, La. (2) Date 4 September 1943 (3) Time 0830 GMT
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model A-20G-10 (5) A. F. No. 42-54044 (6) Station AAF, Lake Charles, La.
Organization: (7) 3rd Bomber Comd. (8) 416th (9) 671st (10) 030

PERSONNEL ELH ELH 8860

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)
<u>P</u>	<u>Morton, Robert W.</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>0-806309</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>3rd AF</u>	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>None</u>



PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Morton, Robert W. (21) 0-806309 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 18 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) 3rd Bomber Command (26) 416th (27) 671st (28) AAF, Lake Charles, La.
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) 3rd Air Force (30) 416th (31) 671st (32) AAF, Lake Charles, La.
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 30 Jun 43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 30 Jun 43 Instrument rating (37) None
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type	<u>63.0</u>	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	<u>14.2</u>
(39) This model	<u>36.4</u>	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	<u>11.2</u>
(40) Last 90 days	<u>94.4</u>	(44) Night time last 6 months	<u>18.2</u>
(41) Total	<u>330.9</u>	(45) Night time last 30 days	<u>6.0</u>

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>W</u> <u>5</u>	<u>Complete airplane to survey.</u>
(47) Engine(s) <u>W</u> <u>5</u> <u>5</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>W</u> <u>5</u> <u>5</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident High scattered, low scattered, 1500 Ft. Pressure 149, Temperature 80°, Dew Point 77. NNW 2 mph., Altimeter 2996, KALF West

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

(55) Pilot's mission Formation Flight

(56) Nature of accident Mid-air collision resulting in complete destruction of two airplanes and death of both pilots.

(57) Cause of accident Wing man cut tail off leader's airplane on re-assembling in formation.

58. Was Form #54 submitted? - NO

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

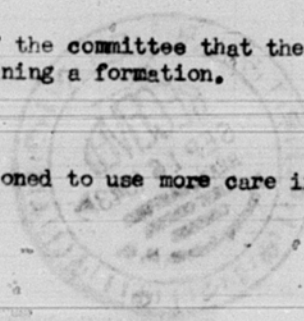
Three airplanes on routine formation flight had been in string flying around through or between clouds. The third airplane, pilot by Lt. Horace F. Pair, became lost from the other two airplanes, so he pulled to approximately 4000 Ft., waited around for a while, and saw Lt. Burke, in the lead airplane, come either out of or from around a cloud, signalling for re-assembly of the formation. Lt. Pair flew over, and while in #3 position, and about 400 Ft. behind and slightly above Lt. Burke, both being in a gently turn to the left., saw Lt. Morton come in suddenly and unexpectedly from the left and cut the tail off Lt. Burke's airplane.

CONCLUSION:

1. It is the opinion of the committee that the accident was caused by pilot error in judgment while joining a formation.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That pilots be cautioned to use more care in joining or flying formations.



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SIDNEY A. BRICE (The Officer)
Major, Air Corps
President, Acc. Committee

Date 8 September 1943

WAR DEPARTMENT
 U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

Radio 2 Plane
 44-9-48
 4

(1) Place 8 1/2 Mi. South of Vinton, La. (2) Date 4 September 1943 (3) Time 0830 CWT
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model A-20B-5 (5) A. F. No. 42-53785 (6) Station AAF, Lake Charles, La.
 Organization: (7) 3rd Bomber Comd. (8) 416th (9) 671st
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)
3rd Air Force 3B PERSONNEL BLL BLL 8860

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	Burke, Walter J. Jr.	P	0-800465	2nd Lt.	01	AC	3rd AF	Fatal	Yes



(20) Burke, Walter J. Jr. (21) 0-800465 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 01 (24) AC
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) 3rd Bomber Command (26) 416th (27) 671st (28) AAF, Lake Charles, La.
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) 3rd Air Force (30) 416th (31) 671st (32) AAF, Lake Charles, La.
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) P (34) 16 Mar 43 Present rating (35) P (36) 16 Mar 43 Instrument rating (37) 18 Aug 43
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
 (at the time of this accident)

(38) This type	128.1	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	15.9
(39) This model	81.5	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	5.1
(40) Last 90 days	136.5	(44) Night time last 6 months	36.1
(41) Total	404.4	(45) Night time last 30 days	6.0

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(38) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft	Complete airplane to survey.
(47) Engine(s)	
(48) Propeller(s)	

(50) Weather at the time of accident High scattered, low scattered, 1500 Ft. Pressure 149, Temperature 80°, Dew Point 77. NNW 2 mph., Altimeter 2996, KALF West
 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
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 (55) Pilot's mission Formation Flight
 (56) Nature of accident Mid-air collision resulting in complete destruction of two airplanes and death of both pilots.
 (57) Cause of accident Wing man cut tail off leader's airplane on re-assembling in formation.
 (58) Was Form #54 submitted? - NO

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

Three A-20G type airplanes were on routine formation flight. The leader signalled for echelon to the left and then lead them around between clouds, losing the last man in the echelon, who pulled up to approximately 4000 Ft. He later located the leader flying at a slightly lower level, coming out from between some clouds, and who was signalling for re-assembly of the formation. This man who was originally #2 in the formation flew over to join the leader, who started a turn to the left. He also turned to the left and when he was approximately 400 Ft. to the rear and slightly above the leader, suddenly he saw the third airplane in the flight fly swiftly in from the left and cut the tail off the leader's airplane, exactly how he doesn't know, for it happened too suddenly. The airplane that did this veered off to the right, and this witness did not see it again. However, he states that the leader's airplane tumbled end over end once or twice, then went on down. He doesn't know exactly how, though witnesses stated it was spinning. This witness followed the leader's airplane down, saw the pilot bail out, flew closely after he hit the ground, but seeing no sign of life, flew part way back to the field, and reported the accident.

Statements of witnesses on the ground verify the above sequence of events.

CONCLUSION:

1. It is the opinion of the committee that the accident was the result of pilot error in joining the formation.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Instruction to pilots to be more careful in joining formations.

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Major, Air Corps
President, Acc. Committee

Date 8 September 1943

9-4-43

DATE

Lake Charles, La.

STATION

56th Bomb Wing (L)

416th Bomb (L)

GROUP NO. AND TYPE

A-20G-10

AIRCRAFT MODEL

Cpl. Nanney, L.E.

CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER

3rd AF III BC

671st Bomb (L)

SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE

42-54044

AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.

PERS. CLASS	- PRINT PLAINLY -		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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Robert G. Castreicher
 ROBERT G. CASTREICHER,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

 WAR DEPARTMENT
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 FORM NO. 1
 2-2-42

FLIGHT REPORT - OPERATIONS

 CHECKED:
 LEGIBLE AND
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 TRANSCRIBED:
 TOTAL FLIGHT
 TIME ENTERED
 ON FORM 1A

 CREW
 CHIEF

 TOTAL
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 TIME

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9-4-43
DATELake Charles, La.
STATION416th Bomb (L)
GROUP NO. AND TYPEA-20G-5
AIRCRAFT MODELS/Sgt. Brewer, A.L.
CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER56th Bomb Wing (L)
3rd AF III BC671st Bomb (L)
SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE42-53785
AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.

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

FLIGHT REPORT - OPERATIONS

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LEGIBLE AND
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TOTAL FLIGHT
TIME ENTERED
ON FORM 1A
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FLIGHT
TIME

FLIGHT REPORT - ENGINEERING

INSPECTION STATUS

	DATE OR HOURS DUE	INSPECTED TODAY	
		BY	STATION
PREFLIGHT	7-4-43	R	LAKE CHARLES
DAILY	7- -43		LAKE CHARLES
25 HOURS	230:0		
50 HOURS	231:5		
100 HOURS	281:5		

SERVICING AT STATION OF TAKE-OFF
(CHECK IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TAKE-OFF)

SERVICE	FUEL (GALLONS)		OIL (QUARTS)								RADIATOR CHECKED	
	SERVICED	IN TANKS	NO. 1		NO. 2		NO. 3		NO. 4			
			SERVICED	IN TANKS	SERVICED	IN TANKS	SERVICED	IN TANKS	SERVICED	IN TANKS		
1ST	-	400	-	9.2	-	9.2						
2ND												
3RD												
4TH												
5TH												

INSPECTION OF AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT	SYMBOL	INSPECTED BY	STATION
BOMBARDMENT	/	Goerner	LAKE CHARLES
GUNNERY		Goerner	LAKE CHARLES
CHEMICAL			
COMMUNICATIONS	C	CONDINHO	LAKE CHARLES
PHOTOGRAPHIC			
NAVIGATION			

STATUS TODAY

1.	2.	3.	4.

EXPLANATION: Bombardment tanks not serviced; Oxygen bottles not installed; T.O. 01-1-834 03-1-28 new; Gyros not working properly; FREE AIR Temperature GAGE out; LAMP Landing Light EXHAUST Fanly Extend

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: 1 _____ 3 _____
2 _____ 4 _____

REMARKS: PILOTS AND MECHANICS - SEE INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE FRONT COVER

AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE TIME RECORD
(ENTER IN HOURS AND MINUTES)

ENGINE	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO. 4
HOURS TO DATE	34:30	215:35		
HOURS TODAY				
TOTAL				
OIL CHANGE DUE	E.C.	E.C.		
CUMULATIVE CLEANING DUE	48:55	230:0		
HOURS TO DATE		275:35		
AIRCRAFT HOURS TODAY				
TOTAL				

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VICTOR BRUSSOVANSKY,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Engineering Officer

RETURN THIS STUB TO:
BUDGET OFFICE,
AIR SERVICE COMMAND,
PATTERSON FIELD,
FAIRFIELD, OHIO

ENGINE DATA	AIRCRAFT DATA	AIRCRAFT ORG. DATA	STATION	DATE
(1) ENGINE SERIAL NO. 43-107177	COMPONENT AAE	3RD Bombardment	LAKE CHARLES	9-4-43
(2) ENGINE SERIAL NO. 42-106892	AIRCRAFT MODEL A20-6-10	COMMANDANT CORPS AIRMAIL DEPT. 567 Ring wing		
(3) ENGINE SERIAL NO. _____	AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO. 42-54044	416 Bomb. GPWS		
(4) ENGINE SERIAL NO. _____	AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO. R-2600-23-10	671 Bomb. Station		
		SQUADRON NO. AND TIME		
		GROUP NO. AND TIME		
		AIR FORCE 3RD A.F.		
		CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER COLLE E. NANNY		

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

RETURN THIS STUB TO:

BUDGET OFFICE,

AIR SERVICE COMMAND,

PATTERSON FIELD,

FAIRFIELD, OHIO

9-4-43

DATE

LAKE CHARLES

STATION

Sgt. Brewer

CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER

AIRCRAFT ORG. DATA

3rd A.A.F.

AIR FORCE

3rd Bomb. Comm.

COMMAND, CORPS AREA OR DEPT.

56th Bomb. Wing.

416th Bomb. Sqdn (L)

GROUP NO. AND TYPE

67th Bomb. Sqdn (L)

SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE

AIRCRAFT DATA

A.A.F.

COMPONENT

A-20G-5

AIRCRAFT MODEL

42-53785

AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.

R-2600-23

ENGINE MODEL

ENGINE DATA

(1) 42-153949

ENGINE SERIAL NO.

(2) 42-153959

ENGINE SERIAL NO.

(3)

ENGINE SERIAL NO.

(4)

ENGINE SERIAL NO.

TOTAL
FLIGHT
TIME

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FLIGHT REPORT - ENGINEERING

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INSPECTION STATUS				SERVICING AT STATION OF TAKE-OFF (CHECK IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TAKE-OFF)										RADIATOR CHECKED			
DATE OF OR HOURS DUE	INSPECTED TODAY			SERVICE	FUEL (GALLONS)		OIL (QUARTS)										
	BY	STATION			SERV. ICED	IN TANKS	NO. 1		NO. 2		NO. 3		NO. 4				
PREFLIGHT	9-9-43	B	LAKE CHARLES														
DAILY	9-9-43	S	LAKE CHARLES														
25 HOURS	155:10			1ST	-	90	-	92	-	92							
50 HOURS	180:10			2ND													
100 HOURS	230:10			3RD													
				4TH													
				5TH													

INSPECTION OF AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT			
EQUIPMENT	SYMBOL	INSPECTED BY	STATION
BOMBARDMENT	-		
GUNNERY	-		
CHEMICAL			
COMMUNICATIONS	H	Harmond	Lake Charles
PHOTOGRAPHIC			
NAVIGATION			

STATUS TODAY		EXPLANATION: <i>Pl. Fuel Press. Gage Fluctuates - T.O. 01-1-85 N/C/W</i>
1.	2.	
3.	4.	

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 { 1 _____ 3 _____
2 _____ 4 _____

REMARKS: PILOTS AND MECHANICS - SEE INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE FRONT COVER.

AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE TIME RECORD (ENTER IN HOURS AND MINUTES)				
ENGINE	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO. 4
HOURS TO DATE	445:25	445:25		
HOURS TODAY				
TOTAL				
OIL CHANGE DUE	E.C.	E.C.		
CUM. CLEANING DUE	155:10	155:10		
	HOURS TO DATE		445:25	
AIRCRAFT	HOURS TODAY			
	TOTAL			

"I certify that this is a True Copy of the original Form 1A"


Victor Brussovansky
VICTOR BRUSSOVANSKY
2nd. Lt., Air Corps
Asst. Engineering Officer.

ENGINE DATA		AIRCRAFT DATA		AIRCRAFT ORG. DATA		CREW CHIEF OR SERIAL ENGINEER	
(1) ENGINE SERIAL NO.	92-155999	(1) COMPONENT	A.A.E.	(1) AIR FORCE	3rd A.A.E.	(1) STATION	LAKE CHARLES
(2) ENGINE SERIAL NO.	92-155959	(2) AIRCRAFT MODEL	A-20G-5	(2) COMMAND, CORPS AREA OR DEPT.	3rd Bomb. Group	(2) CREW CHIEF OR SERIAL ENGINEER	Sgt Brewer
(3) ENGINE SERIAL NO.		(3) AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.	42-53185	(3) SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE	3rd Bomb. Group		
(4) ENGINE SERIAL NO.		(4) AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.		(4) GROUP NO. AND TYPE	3rd Bomb. Group		
(5) ENGINE SERIAL NO.		(5) AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.		(5) COMMAND, CORPS AREA OR DEPT.	5th Bomb. Group		
TOTAL FLIGHT TIME							



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[A 1710-575P] CRASH [A 20-G 10-AG 42-54044] [GR 416-SQ.6 71]
5 SEPT. 43-800P] [6 3/8-F 10] 20 MI. SW, L.C., L.A.




[A 1710-575P] CRASH [A 20-G 5-AG 42-53785] [GR: 416-SQ. 671]
5 SEPT. 43-800P] [6 3/8-F 5.6] 20 MI. SW, L.C., L.A.



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[A 14-575P] CRASH [A 20-G 10-AG 42-54044] [GR 416-5Q.6 71]
5 SEPT. 43-800P] [6 3/8-F 10] 20 MI. SW, L.C., LA.




[A 1710-575P] CRASH [A 20-G 5-AG 42-53785] [GR: 416-5Q.6 71]
5 SEPT. 43-800P] [6 3/8-F 5.6] 20 MI. SW, L.C., LA.



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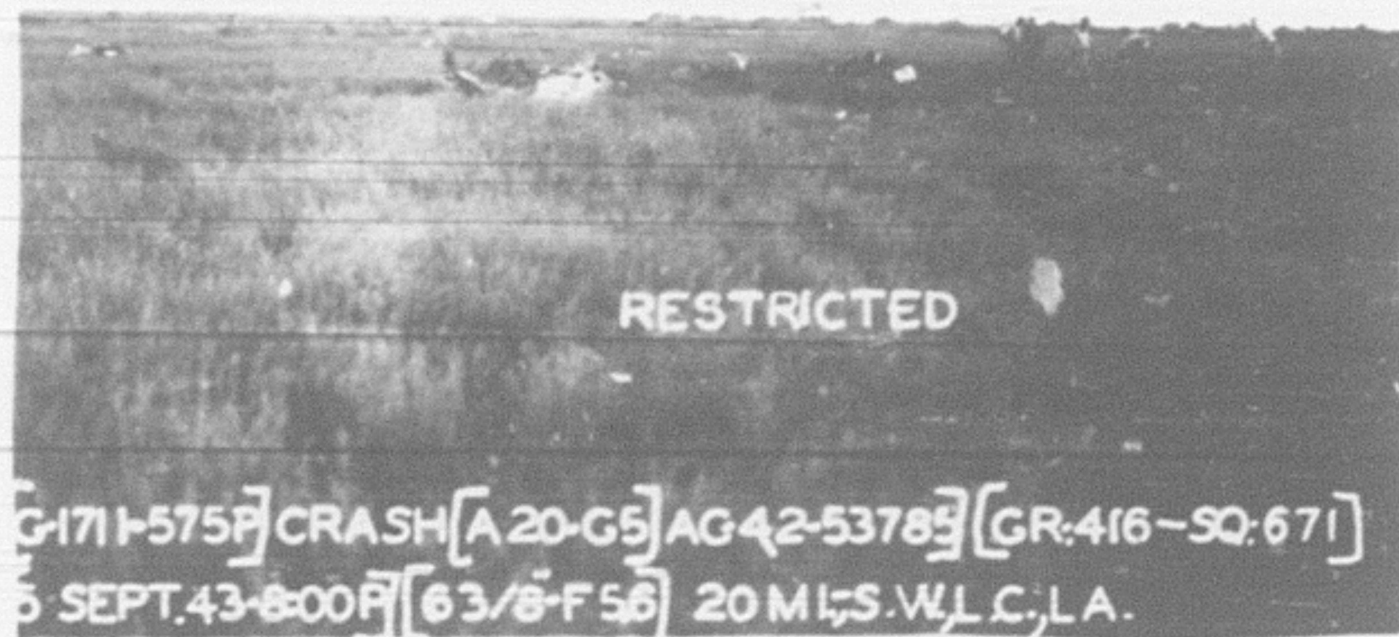






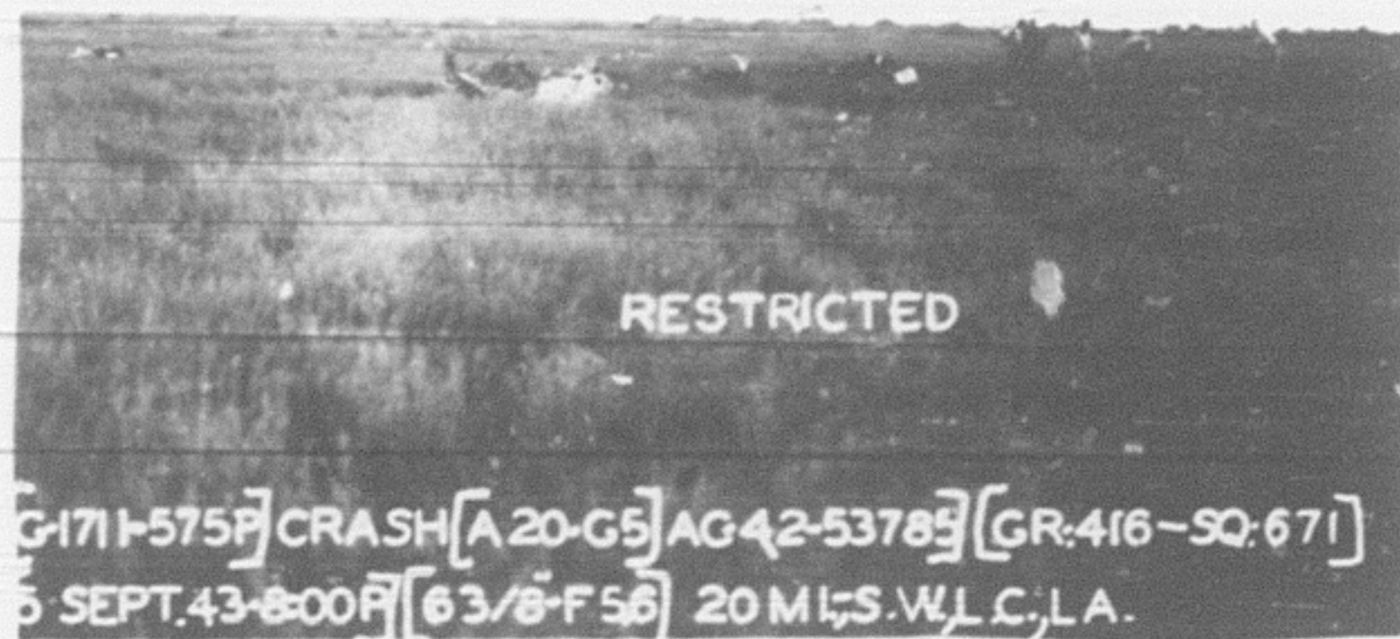


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5 SEPT. 43-8:00P] [6 3/8-F 5.6] 20 MI. S.W., L.C., LA.



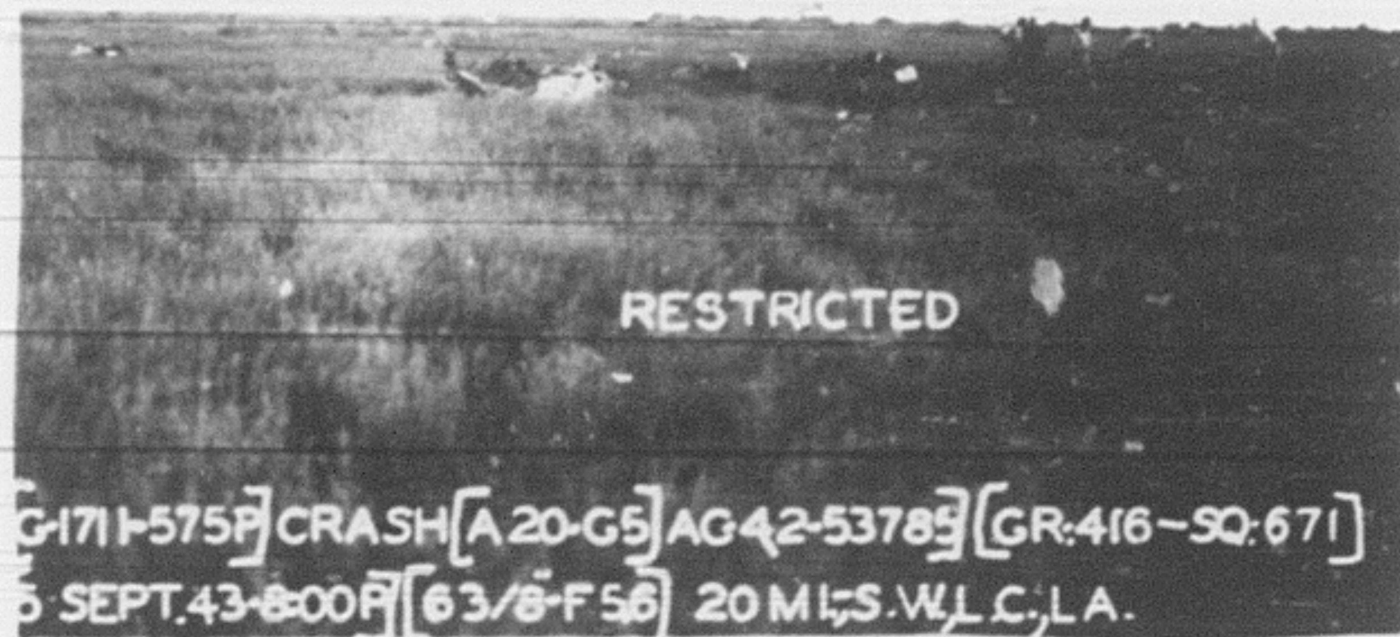
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5 SEPT. 43-8:00P] [6 3/8-F 5.6] 20 MI. S.W., L.C., LA.





G-1709-575P] CRASH [A 20-G5-AG-42-53785] [GR:416-SQ:671]
5 SEPT. 43-800P] [6 3/8-F 5.6] 20 MI. S.W., L.C., LA.




G-1711-575P] CRASH [A 20-G5] AG 42-53785] [GR:416-SQ:671]
5 SEPT. 43-800P] [6 3/8-F 5.6] 20 MI. S.W., L.C., LA.



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G-1711-575P] CRASH [A-20-G5] AG-42-53785] [GR-416-SQ-671]
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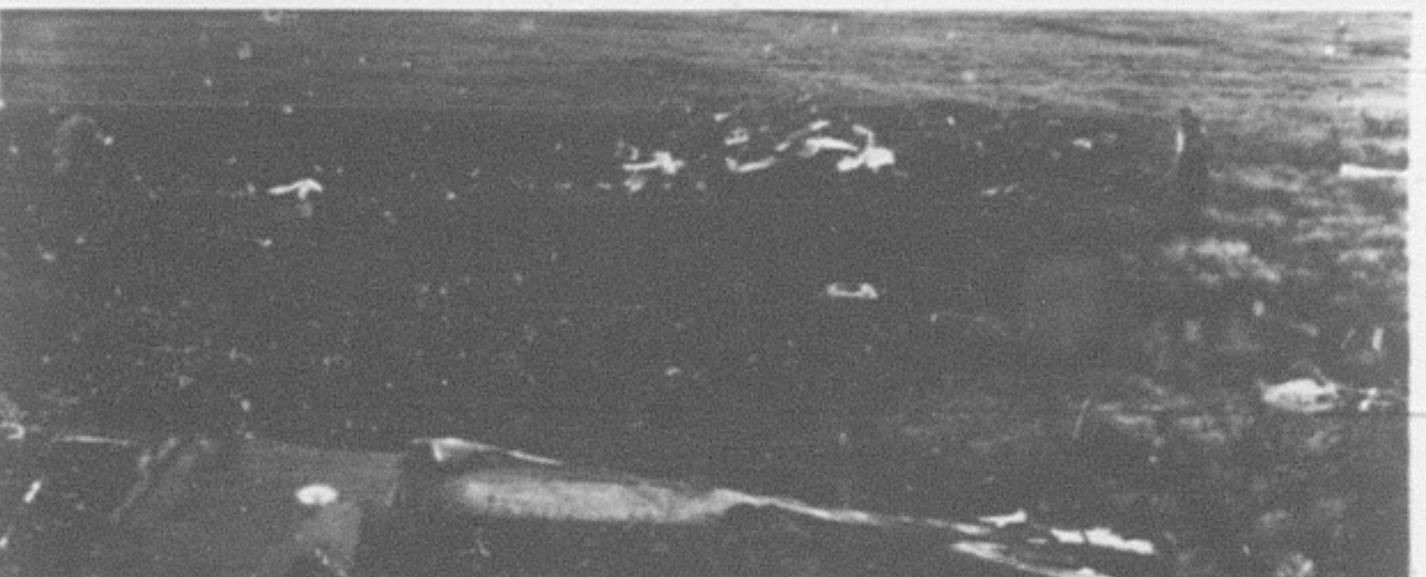


G-1707-575P] CRASH [A-20-G5-AG-42-53785] [GR-416-SQ-671]
5 SEPT. 43-8:00P] [63/8-F56] 20 MI. S.W. L.C., LA.



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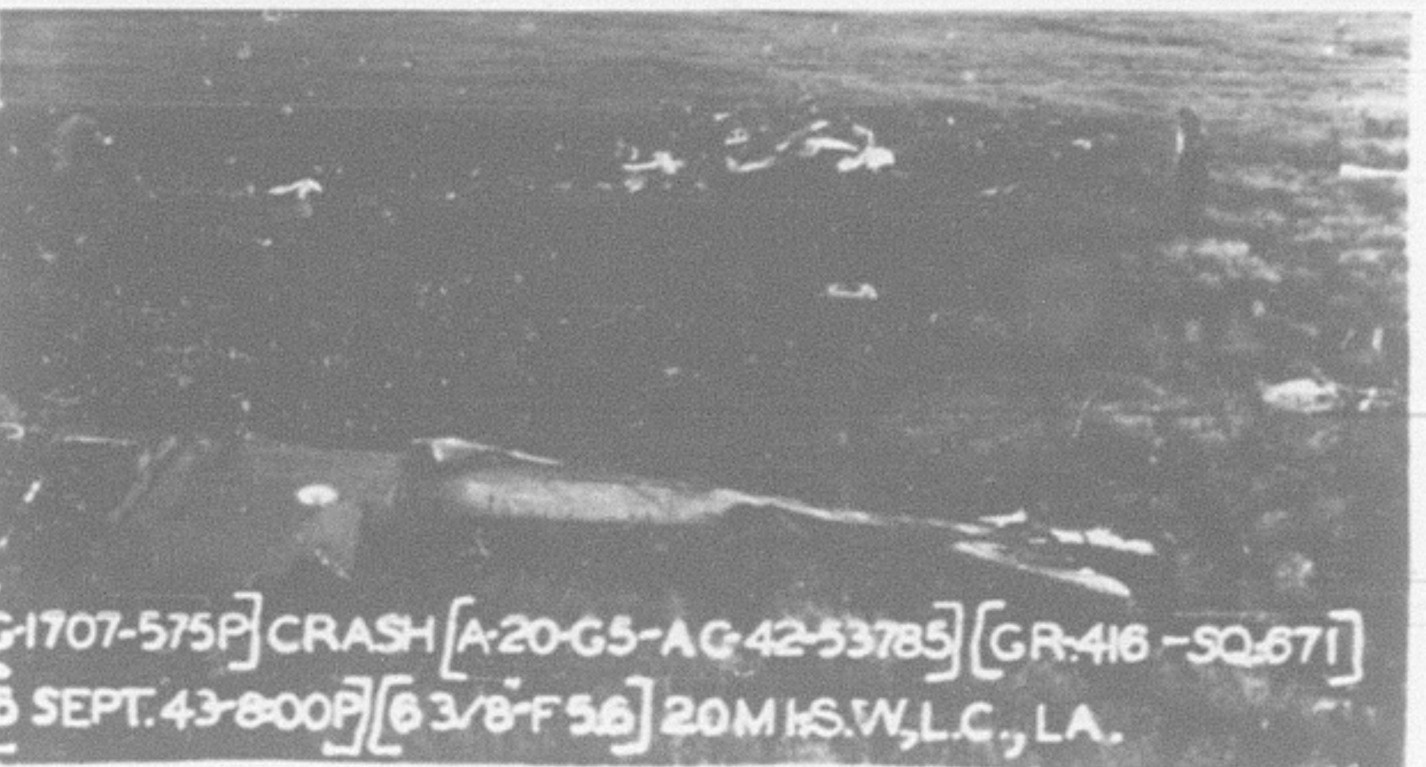


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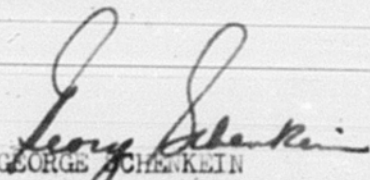
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11 September 1943

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident Report.

TO : Headquarters, Flight Control Command, Army Air Forces,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Submitted herewith is report of accident officer of accident involving 2nd Lt. Robert W. Merton, AC, ASN O-806309, in A-20G-5, and 2nd Lt. Walter J. Burke, AC, ASN O-800465, in A-20G-10, on 4 September 1943, at this station.

For the Commanding Officer:


GEORGE CHENKEIN
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

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INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED ON ACCIDENT INVOLVING 2ND LT, S ROBERT W

MORTON AND WALTER J BURKE 411BG 671 BOMRON GOLDN ACCIDENT FATAL TO

BOTH PILOTS PD UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT WAS MADE BY 2ND LT WALTER J BURKE

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LCAAF 416BG S26E PERIOD 4 SEPTEMBER 0815 TWENTY FIVE MILES SOUTHWEST
CALCASIEU LAKE LA PILOT ROBERT W MORTON 2ND AUS 3AF 3BC 56TH BOMB WG
416BG 671 BOMRON MID-AIR COLLISION PILOT INJURY UNKNOWN NO PASSENGERS.
UNKNOWN. FORMATION FLYING NO TWO POSITION VISIBILITY UNLIMITED SCATTERED
CLOUDS AT 1500 FEET. 42-53785 A-20G-5 416BG LCAAF TOTAL WRECK TURNED
OVER TO 50TH SUB-DEPOT LCAAF. UNKNOWN PILOT A-20G-10 42-54044 WALTER
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LCAAF, AFACG NOT NOTIFIED. ONE PILOT PARACHUTED OUT, NAME UNKNOWN
AT PRESENT

*Turned
Cherwell O
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Morton 75*

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Engines 55
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*5/5
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CALCASIEU LAKE LA. PILOT ROBERT W MORTON, 2ND-LT, AUS, 3AF 3BC,

56TH BOMB WG 416 BG 671 BOMRON. MID-AIR COLLISION. PILOT INJURY

UNKNOWN. NO PASSENGERS, UNKNOWN. FORMATION FLYING NO TWO POSITION.

VISIBILITY UNLIMITED SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 1500 FEET. 42-53785 A-20G-5

416BG LCAAF. TOTAL WRECK. TURNED OVER TO 50TH SUB DEPOT, LCAAF.

UNKNOWN. PILOT A-20G-10 42-54044 WALTER E BURKE, 2ND LT AUS, 3AF,

3BC, 56TH BOMB TRNG WG, 416BG, 671 BOMRON. MID-AIR COLLISION. PILOT

INJURY UNKNOWN, NO PASSENGERS. LEADING FORMATION FLIGHT. VISIBILITY

UNLIMITED, SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 1500 FEET 42-54044 A-20G-10 416 BG

LCAAF. TOTAL WRECK. UNKNOWN. TURNED OVER TO 50TH SUB DEPOT, LCAAF.

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