

Accident No. 43 6-1 67

Date 8-4-73

Checked by Jay

Analyzed by JHC

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Field by _____

Notes Brief for engineers
airport -

07 Take off
(Nature Group)

51 Collision with light poles
(Specific Nature)

65 Pilot failed to move clear
(Underlying Nature)
path

35 75% Airport
(Cause Group)

81 Inherent characteristics
(Specific Cause)

86 Hazardous approaches
(Underlying Cause)
61 - 25% P.E. Judgment
13 momentary lapse of mental efficiency
17 Lack of care in take off

WAR DEPARTMENT
Form No. 14
(Revised May 15, 1942)

Accident No. **43-6-1-67**

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

(1) Place **Myrtle Beach, S. C.** (2) Date **June 1, 1943** (3) Time **0825 EWT**
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model **B-26B20** (5) A. F. No. **41-31759** (6) Station **Myrtle Beach Bomb Range**
Organization: (7) **III Bomb. 3 AF** (8) **391st Bomb. (Group)** (9) **573rd Bomb. (Squadron)**
3 3B PERSONNEL 8m 4777

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 Porter, Harry D.	P	O-731156	2nd Lt	01	A. C.	3 AF	None	None
	CP Stokes, Milton R.	CP	O-796906	2nd Lt	01	A. C.	3 AF	None	None
	BN Williams, Billy F.	BN	O-733264	2nd Lt	01	A. C.	3 AF	None	None
	EG Reib, Carl O.	G	33270439	S/Sgt	38	A. C.	3 AF	None	None
	RG Grace, Thaddeus H.	G	34331037	S/Sgt	38	A. C.	3 AF	None	None
	G Sanders, George B.	G	35303680	Sgt	38	A. C.	3 AF	None	None

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) **Porter Harry D** (21) **O-731156** (22) **2nd Lt.** (23) **01** (24) **Air Corps**
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) **III Bomb. 3 AF** (26) **391st Bomb** (27) **573rd Bomb** (28) **Myrtle Beach B Rg**
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) **III Bomb 3 AF** (30) **391st Bomb** (31) **573rd Bomb** (32) **Myrtle Beach B Rg**
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) **P 3610/30/42** (34) **3610/30/42** (35) **P 3610/30/42** (36) **3610/30/42** (37) **3610/30/42**
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

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

(38) This type	183.8	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	13.1
(39) This model	20.6	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	.5
(40) Last 90 days	70.3	(44) Night time last 6 months	33.1
(41) Total	396.3	(45) Night time last 30 days	14.2

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft M	actuating cylinder brace, left bomb bay door
(47) Engine(s)	
(48) Propeller(s)	

(50) Weather at the time of accident

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident **No**
(52) Cleared from **Local** (53) To **4777** (54) Kind of clearance **0**
(55) Pilot's mission **Bombing and Gunnery**

(56) Nature of accident **Take off accident**

(57) Cause of accident **Close proximity and height of obstruction lights.**

2nd report - instrument obstruction **26-50-UC**
1st Pilot error - judgment **35-87-86**
01-13-17

RESTRICTED

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

Aircraft hit obstruction light with nose wheel during take off. Upon inspection light was found to be too close to end of runway creating a hazard. Lights have since been moved.

Recommendations:

None.

Signature *Bernard J. Stralser* BENARD J. STRALSER, 1st Lt., AC
(Investigating Officer)

Richard S. Anderson RICHARD S. ANDERSON, Capt., AC

Eugene R. Trombley EUGENE R. TROMBLEY, 1st Lt., AC

Date July 17, 1943

573RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

June 1, 1943.

SUBJECT: Report of Damage and Personnel Involved.

TO: Operations Officer, 391st Bombardment Group (M) AAF,
Myrtle Beach Range, South Carolina.

1. Extent of damage to aircraft No 41-31759 received
in take-off at 0825, June 1, 1943.

- a) Nose wheel.
- b) Nose wheel actuating cylinder brace.
- c) Aft left half bomb bay door beyond repair.
- d) 12" rip in bulkhead behind aft left bomb bay door.
- e) Rivet lost above bomb bay door aft fuselage.

2. The aircraft will be out of commission for approxi-
mately one (1) week.

3. Personnel in aircraft:

P	2nd Lt. Porter, H. D.	0-731656
CP	2nd Lt. Stokes, M. R.	0-796906
BN	2nd Lt. Williams, B. E.	0-733244
EG	S/Sgt. Reib, C. O.	33270439
RG	S/Sgt. Grace, T. H.	34331037
G	Sgt. Sanders, G. B.	35303680

4. Pilot's Statement:

While taking off west on east-west runway at Myrtle Beach Bombing Range, at full power of 50" of Hg and 2650 R.P.M., in airplane model B-26 B20, AAF Serial No 41-31759, the airplane collided with a light post at the end of the runway, causing damage to the aircraft with no injury to the crew. The damage is listed with this report, by the Squadron Engineering Officer.

Harry D. Porter
HARRY D. PORTER,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, 573rd Bomb Sq.

573RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer.
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

June 1, 1943.

SUBJECT: Damage on Airplane B-26 B20 Serial No 41-31759.

TO: 573rd Bombardment Squadron (M), Office of the Operations
Officer, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

1. A visual check immediately after emergency landing of the
above airplane disclosed the following damage:

- a. Nosewheel tire and tubing blown and rim cracked.
- b. Nosewheel actuating cylinder bulkhead brace wrinkled.
- c. Left aft bomb bay door damaged beyond repair.
- d. Bulkhead behind aft bomb bay doors has a tear
approximately twelve inches in diameter.
- e. One rivet thrown from left fuselage skin above
bomb bay door.

2. Estimated time for necessary repairs - approximately
one (1) week.

William C. Correll
WILLIAM C. CORRELL,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Engineering Officer.

HEADQUARTERS MYRTLE BEACH BOMBING RANGE
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

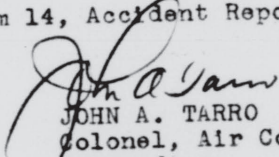
RSA/JAT/ebg

July 27, 1943

SUBJECT: Report of Aircraft Accident.

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

1. Inclosed, herewith, Form 14, Accident Report.


JOHN A. TARRO
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

- 3 Incls:
- Incl 1 - AAF Form 14.
 - Incl 2 - Statement of Pilot.
 - Incl 3 - Statement of Gp. Engineering Officer