

Accident No. 43-6-24-18
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 Notes Attention Col. Vest
Negligence

02
 (Nature Group Collision with objects
 { 05
 (Specific Nature Intercepting flight
 { path
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 (Underlying Nature Faulty and unauthor-
 ized operation of
 04 aircraft
 (Cause Group Negligence
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 (Specific Cause Wilful lack of care
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 (Underlying Cause Violation of safety
 regulations

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

ACCIDENT NO.

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

(1) Place Vicinity of Warrington, North Carolina (2) Date June 24, 1943 (3) Time 1630 EWT
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26C21 (5) A. F. No. 41-35047 (6) Station Myrtle Beach Bomb Rg.
Organization: (7) 3rd Bomb 3AF (8) 391st Bomb (9) 573rd Bomb.
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

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)
01 P	Sellers, Lamar (NMI)	P	0-793181	1st Lt.	01	AC	3AF	None	None
04 CP	Boylan, Joseph J.	P	0-796289	2nd Lt.	01	AC	3AF	None	None
95 BN	Hopkins, Mark F.	BNO	669047	2nd Lt.	01	AC	3AF	None	None
62 E	Sterns, Louis F.	E	14065573	S/Sgt.	20	AC	3AF	None	None
71 R	Onkst, James E.	R	35455182	T/Sgt.	38	AC	3AF	None	None
64 G	Mills, Charles W.	G	31136900	S/Sgt.	38	AC	3AF	None	None
67 X	Wos, Joseph (NMI)	X	33163261	M/Sgt.	38	AC	3AF	None	None
68 X	Carter, Lloyd (NMI)	X	15091794	Sgt.	20	AC	3AF	None	None

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Sellers Lamar (NMI) (21) 0-793181 (22) 1st Lt. (23) 01 (24) Air Corps
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) 3rd Bomb 3AF (26) 391st Bomb (27) 573rd Bomb. (28) Myrtle Beach Bomb
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) 3rd Bomb 3AF (30) 391st Bomb (31) 573rd Bomb (32) Myrtle Beach Bomb
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) P (34) 10/9/42 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 10/9/42 Instrument rating (37) 2/18/43
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type. 272.2 (42) Instrument time last 6 months. 27.0
(39) This model. 30.4 (43) Instrument time last 30 days. 7.0
(40) Last 90 days. 182.5 (44) Night time last 6 months. 25.1
(41) Total. 545.9 (45) Night time last 30 days. 0.0

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft. <u>M3</u>	Plexiglass nose, props, left aileron, left
(47) Engine(s). <u>1</u>	leading edge of wing
(48) Propeller(s). <u>2</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident. CAVU 00
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident. No
(52) Cleared from Ft. Dix, N. J. (53) To Myrtle Beach, S.C. (54) Kind of clearance Cross Country
(55) Pilot's mission Cross Country

(56) Nature of accident Air Collision with telephone wires.

(57) Cause of accident Low flying causing ship to strike telephone wires.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

Aircraft was flying a minimum altitude cross country in formation. Upon reaching a clearing pilot let down lower than the top level and in so doing struck a telephone line. Aircraft was not damaged to the extent that it could not continue so completed trip to Myrtle Beach.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Provisions of Third Air Force Memorandum 62-10, paragraph 2 b (2) & (3) be complied with.

Information of this accident unknown to Accident Investigation Committee until 25 July 1943.



Signature

Bernard F. Stralsper
BERNARD F. STRALSER, 1st Lt. AC

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

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

Date July 30, 1943

E X T R A C T

573RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
MYRTLE BEACH RANGE, SOUTH CAROLINA

June 25, 1943.

ACCIDENT REPORT

The following information is submitted as per 3BC
DO503F in connection with an aircraft accident which occurred
in the 573rd Bomb Sq, 391st Bomb Gp:

1. Time: 1630, June 24, 1943.
2. Place: Vicinity of Warrenton, N. C.
3. Aircraft Station: Myrtle Beach, S. C.
4. Aircraft Model: B-26C21, AC No 41-35047.
5. Pilot: 1st Lt Lamar Sellers, Jr., O-793181.
6. Total Pilot Hours: 564.1
7. Total Hours on this Model: 321.9.
8. Date of Original Pilot Rating: October 9, 1942.
9. Other Crew: Co-pilot - 2nd Lt Boylan, J. J., O-796289
Navigator- 2nd Lt Hopkins, M. F., O-669047
Engineer - S/Sgt Stern, L. F., 14065523
Radioman - S/Sgt Onkst, J. E., 35455182
Gunner - S/Sgt Mills, C. W., 31136900
Passenger- M/Sgt Wos, J. J., 33163261
Passenger- Sgt Carter, L., 15081794

10. Pilot's Statement:

I was Pilot of B-26C21 Airplane AC No 41-35047 on a return flight from Fort Dix, New Jersey. We were flying a loose formation at minimum altitude over the trees, and upon reaching a clearing I let down a little lower. In doing so, I hit a telephone line which I did not see because it was hidden by the trees. I pulled up and as the damage did not seem to hinder the effectiveness of the plane, I continued my flight to Myrtle Beach. The damage to the plane was: half the nose plexiglass knocked out, hole in the left ailerons, and only small damage to the cowlings and propellers. There was no physical injury to any member of the crew.

/s/ Lamar Sellers, Jr.
LAMAR SELLERS, JR.,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Pilot, 573rd Bomb Sq.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Morton Gilbert
MORTON GILBERT,
2nd Lt, AC,
Adjutant.

573RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
Office of the Engineering Officer

Myrtle Beach, S.C.
July 29, 1943.

REPORT OF DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT

List of damage to Plane No. 41-35047, B-26 C21:

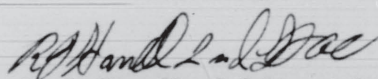
Flexiglass nose broken

Cuff on # 1 & 2 Prop Blades Right Engine damaged beyond repair

Cuff on # 2 & 3 Prop Blades Left Engine damaged beyond repair

Left Inboard De-Icer Boot damaged

Fabric on left Aileron, left wing torn approximately 6 inches


R. J. Harrell, 2nd Lt., A.C.
Asst. Engineering Officer

HEADQUARTERS MYRTLE BEACH BOMBING RANGE
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

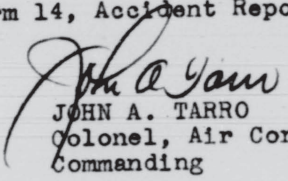
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July 31, 1943

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.

27 July 1943

Hq. Flight Control Command,
Winston-Salem, N. C.

LT. TERRY

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 HEADQUARTERS FLIGHT CONTROL COMMAND For Action ATU
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WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

DATE 6-26-43



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TELEGRAM



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MESSAGE NO. MSG 9

MSG 9 ARL 234 JUNE 26/43

MYRTLE BEAC SC 251840Z "P"

CG AAF WASHINGTON D C

FROM COBOMGR 391 MYRTLE BEACH SC

MSG 391 U0161

MASTER COPY

- A 6-24-43 1630 HOURS VICINITY OF WARRINGTON N C
- B LAMAR NMI SELLERS 1ST LT ORC 3 AIR FORCE MYRTLE BEACH S C
- C AIR COLLISION WITH TELEPHONE WIRES
- D PILOT SELLERS NMI 1ST LT ORC 3AF NO INJURY
- CO-PILOT DOLON JOSEPH H 2ND LT ORC 3AF NO INJURY
- PASSENGER WOS JOSEPH NMI M/SGT AUS 3AF NO INJURY
- BOMBARDIER HOPKINS MARK F 2ND LT ORC 3AF NO INJURY
- ENGINEER STERNS LOUIS F S/SGT AUS 3AF NO INJURY
- RADIO OPERATOR ONKST JAMES E T/SGT AUS 3AF NO INJURY
- GUNNER MILLS CHARLES W S/SGT AUS 3AF NO INJURY
- PASSENGER CARTER LLOYD NMI SGT AUS 3AF NO INJURY
- E MISSION MINIMUM ALTITUDE CROSS COUNTRY
- F WEATHER CAVU G 41-35047 B-26C-21
- H MYRTLE BEACH BOMBING RANGE SC
- I PLEXIGLASS NOSE PROPS LEFT AIRLERON LEFT LEADING LEDGE OF WING
- J NONE
- K TO BE REPAIRED LOCALLY AWAITING PARTS

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Z MYRTLE BEACH SC 251840Z "EP"

COMMANDING GENERAL ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON D C
FROM COBOMCR 391 MYRTLE BEACH SC

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I PLEXIGLASS NOSE PROPS LEFT AILERON LEFT LEADING LEDGE OF WING

J NONE

K TO BE REPAIRED LOCALLY AWAITING PARTS

L UNKNOWN

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