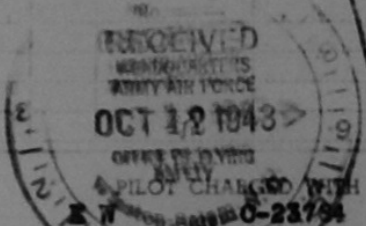


WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

1. Place: Vicinity of Lebanon, Tenn. (2) Date: 9 September 1943 (3) Time: 1600
4. Type and model: B-26C21 (4) A. F. No.: 41-35068 (5) Station: Godman Fld, Ft Knox, Ky
6. Organization: (7) III BC, 3rd AF (8) Hq. 391st BG (9) 575th Bombardment Squadron

PERSONNEL

INDEX	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)
1	P Stalnaker, George W.	P	O-23784	Major	00	AAF	III	None	None
2	CP Fleck, Wilbur E.	P	O-793094	1st Lt	02	AAF	III	None	None
3	N Williams, Edgar G.	N	O-791015	1st Lt	01	AAF	III	None	None
4	E Novak, Stanley (NMI)	E	6908665	T/Sgt	20	AAF	III	None	None
5	R Weis, Jerry E.	R	19080569	T/Sgt	20	AAF	III	None	None
6	G Alexander, L.V.	G	35330756	S/Sgt	20	AAF	III	None	None



(20) Stalnaker George (21) Major (22) 00 (23) AAF
(24) III BC, 3rd AF (25) 391st BG (26) 575th Bomb Sq (27) Godman Fld, Ky
(28) III BC, 3rd AF (29) 391st BG (30) 575th Bomb Sq (31) Godman Fld, Ky
(32) P (33) 3-7-42 (34) P (35) 3-7-42 (36) 5-17-42
(37) Instrument rating (38) 5-17-42

FIRST PILOT HOURS

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type	304	42	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	13	54
(39) This model	128	24	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	3	18
(40) Last 90 days	114	12	(44) Night time last 6 months	15	36
(41) Total	473	54	(45) Night time last 30 days	0	00

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

46. Amount of damage: 3
47. Description of damage: 1
48. Description of damage: 1
49. List of damaged parts: CAVU 00

50. Name of pilot in command at the time of accident: No
51. Name of pilot in command at the time of accident: Godman Fld
52. Name of pilot in command at the time of accident: Godman, Fld
53. Name of pilot in command at the time of accident: Local
54. Name of pilot in command at the time of accident: Simulated Combat 02

Cracked nose section, Dented prop cuff, Torn elevator

Land mine exploded while plane was making bomb run.

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

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- The accident was taken up with TASCO to prevent any recurrence.

The following damage was sustained by the airplane.- The left propeller cuff was bent, left wing dented, deicer boot torn, small holes in fabric on left aileron, dents in left wing and left horizontal stabilizer, trailing edge of left elevator bent and torn, and two holes in left elevator.

Signature _____

JACKSON V. LAMMERS

Major, Air Corps.

Investigating Officer, A.C.C.

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DATE

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REGISTRATION

57th Bomb. (M)

SQUADRON NO AND TYPE

B-26c21

AIRCRAFT MODEL

T/Sgt. P. V. Neil

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FLIGHT REPORT ENGINEERING

INSPECTION STATUS				SERVICING AT STATION OF TAKE-OFF (CHECK IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TAKE-OFF)												
	DATE OF OR HOURS DUE	INSPECTED TODAY		SERVICE	FUEL (GALLONS)		OIL RESTRICTED								RADIATOR CHECKED	
		BY	STATION		SERV-ICED	IN TANKS	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO. 4	SERV-ICED	IN TANKS	SERV-ICED	IN TANKS		
PREFLIGHT	9/9/43	Haine	Godman Field													
DAILY	9/8/43		Do													
25 HOURS	410		Do	1ST	-	960	-	120	-	120						
50 HOURS	435		Do	2ND	700	960	16	120	12	120						
100 HOURS	500		Do	3RD	596	960	32	120	24	120						
				4TH												
				5TH												

INSPECTION OF AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT				STATUS TODAY		EXPLANATION	
EQUIPMENT	SYMBOL	INSPECTED BY	STATION	1	2		
BOMBARDMENT	H	Haine	Godman Fld			No Oxygen Windshield Wiper Out	
GUNNERY	H	Haine	Do				
CHEMICAL			Do				
COMMUNICATIONS	B	Brooks	Do	3	4		
PHOTOGRAPHIC							
NAVIGATION							

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 s/ W. E. Fleck 1 s/ G. W. Stalnaker

REMARKS, PILOTS AND MECHANICS - SEE INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE FRONT COVER

S/Sgt

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

Plate Current Meter Replaced. Pre-Flight OK-Brooks

#1 W.E. Fleck 1st Lt. OK

Serviced by Sommers.

#2 W. L. Fleck 1st Lt. Broken Plexiglass in

nose - Dented Prop Cuffs on Left Prop

Serviced by Sommers.

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Harry O. Gubner Jr.
Major J. Gubner, Jr.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

ENGINE	NO 1	NO 2	NO 3	NO 4
HOURS TO DATE	405.6	405.6		
HOURS TODAY	6.8	6.8		
TOTAL	412.4	412.4		
OIL CHANGE DUE				
CAND CLEAN OIL DUE				
AIRCRAFT	HOURS TO DATE	405.6		
	HOURS TODAY	6.8		
	TOTAL	412.4		

ENGINE DATA		AIRCRAFT DATA		AIRCRAFT ORG. DATA	
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OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER
575TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M), ARMY AIR FORCES
391st Bombardment Group (M), Godman Field, Ft. Knox, Ky.

13 September 1943

The following information is submitted as per JBC Memo 70-2-20 in connection with an accident which was accomplished by the 391st BOMB GROUP, 575th BOMB SQUADRON:

1. PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF ACCIDENT: Lebanon, Tennessee September 9, 1943 1600 CWT
2. AIRCRAFT STATION: Godman Field, Fort Knox, Kentucky
3. AIRCRAFT MODEL: B-26C21
4. PILOT (NAME AND RANK): GEORGE W. STALNAKER, Major
5. TOTAL PILOT HOURS: 425.7
6. HOURS ON THIS MODEL: 128.4
7. DATE OF ORIGINAL PILOT RATING: March 7, 1942.
8. CAUSE OF ACCIDENT: Explosion of land mine
9. Pilot's Statement:

I was pilot of a B-26C21 airplane 41-35068 on the afternoon of September 9, 1943. I was flying the lead ship of a formation on a low altitude maneuver with TASCO.

At about 1600 CWT, I flew over the last target at a minimum altitude. Just before I reached the target a land mine was exploded in front of my plane throwing up a large quantity of dirt and rocks. I was unable to avoid the explosion and had to fly through it. The plane received a violent shock and was thrown partially out of control.

When we passed through the column of dirt we found that there were holes in the nose plexiglass and that the gunner, S/Sgt Lloyd V. Alexander, 35330756 who had opened the bomb bay doors was severely bruised in the arm by a rock which had broken in. I could see dirt in the engines and dents in the cowling.

After landing I found that the left cowling was cracked, and the left elevator was ripped.

No injuries other than the above mentioned S/Sgt were sustained.

/s/George W. Stalnaker
GEORGE W. STALNAKER,
Major, Air Corps,
Pilot.

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NO.	NAME	CO-PILOT	ENGINEER	RADIO	CORNER	REMARKS
0745	Stalnaker	Fleck	Williams	Weis	Alexander	Practice Maneuver
"	Olfson	Jacobi	Clark	Newton	Armstrong	"
"	Schirmer	Tucker	Bacon	Vansickle	Clark	"
"	Wolfe	Talton	Bass	Weather-	Holtz	"
"	Mitchell	Wanstreet	Murphy	Krol	Holland	"
1345	Stalnaker	Fleck	Williams	Weis	Alexander	"
"	Olfson	Smith, D.G.	Clark	Newton	Armstrong	"
"	Tucker	Schirmer	Bacon	Vansickle	Sigillo	"
"	Aldridge	Smith, R.B.	Wechsler	Waldrup	Baker	"
"	Mitchell	Winterbottom	Murphy	Krol	Holland	"
1430	O'Hare	Wilkinson	Kolak Drake	Bates	XC Patterson Fld	

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER: /s/ Harry D. Gubner, Jr.,
HARRY D. GUBNER, JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER:

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE
Godman Field
Fort Knox, Kentucky

SPECIAL ORDERS
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3. In compliance with par 1, Sec VI, AAF Reg 62-14, dtd 26 May 42, as amended, the foll named O, orgns as indicated, are hereby aptd members of the Aircraft Accident Committee. All O in conflict are hereby rescinded.

MAJOR DONALD K BRANDON	O-388874	AC Hq 391st Bomb Gp (M)
MAJOR ERNEST N LJUNGGREN	O-25232	AC Do
MAJOR JACKSON V R. LEBEAU	O-411731	AC 99th B Hq & AB Sq
1ST LT ARTHUR E RICE	O-663177	AC Do

By order of Lieutenant Colonel FICKLEN:

BERNARD FISHER
Captain, Air Corps,
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575TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M), ARMY AIR FORCES
391st Bombardment Group (M)
Engineering Office.

Godman Field,
Fort Knox, Ky.
8 October 1943

SUBJECT: Damage to B-26C21 Airplane Serial No. 41-35068.

TO : Base Operations Officer, Godman Field, Fort Knox, Ky.

1. Damage to B-26C21 Airplane serial no. 41-35068, occurring on 9 September 1943 when land mine was exploded beneath the airplane in flight is as follows:

- a. Two cuffs on left propeller dented.
- b. Dent in nose of left wing near fuselage.
- c. De-icer boot torn on left inboard wing.
- d. Several small holes in fabric on left aileron.
- e. Several small dents on bottom of left wing.
- f. Several small dents on bottom of left horizontal stabilizer.
- g. Trailing edge strip on left elevator bent and torn in one place.
- h. Two holes through fabric in left elevator.

2. Airplane was out of commission two (2) days because of this damage.

L E Dougherty
L. E. DOUGHERTY,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Engineering Officer.

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REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

JVR/TWH

Aircraft Type B-26C-21

A.F. No. 41-35068

575th Bombardment (M) Squadron, 391st Bombardment (M) Group.

9 September 1943, Vicinity of Lebanon, Tennessee.

Major George W. Stalnaker,

575th Bombardment (M) Squadron, 391st Bombardment (M) Group.

Jackson V. Rambeau
JACKSON V. RAMBEAU,
Major, Air Corps,
Investigating Officer.

7 Incls:

- Incl 1 W.D., AAF. Form No. 14 (Sextple.)
- Incl 2 Pilot's Statement (Sextple.)
- Incl 3 W.D., AAF. Form No. 1 (Sextple.)
- Incl 4 W.D., AAF. Form No. 1A (Sextple.)
- Incl 5 Operations Order (Sextple.)
- Incl 6 Special Order Appointing Accident Committee (Sextple.)
- Incl 7 Squadron Engineering Report. (Sextple.)

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AIR BASE HEADQUARTERS
Godman Field
Fort Knox, Kentucky

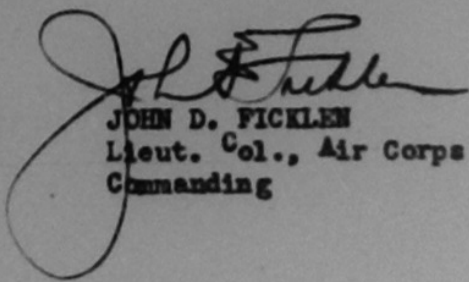
IN REPLY REFER TO:

9 October 1943

Subject: Report of Aircraft Accident

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

Submitted herewith in compliance with AAF Regulation 62-14, dated May 26, 1942, Aircraft Accident Report Form No. 14, for Model B-26C-21, AF No. 41-35068, Major George W. Stalnaker, vicinity of Lebanon, Tennessee, September 9, 1943.



JOHN D. FICKLEN
Lieut. Col., Air Corps
Commanding

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