

Accident No. 44-10-8-9

Date 10-21-43

Checked by RL

Analyzed by R. J. 10-22-43

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Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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Accident No.

44-70-8-9

Pilot's Name

Bouette, N. G.

04 Nature Group Spin at high altitude

14 Specific Nature Without engine failure

46 Underlying Nature Uncontrolled spin

100% 37 Cause Group Undetermined

93 Specific Cause Probable cause  
may be deduced

00 Underlying Cause Undetermined

Cause Group

Specific Cause

Underlying Cause

111789-05



BOYETTE

NORG

44 10 08 009

PROJ

413 / STAT PLANS BRANCH

04 16 44



Date 24 Feb  
Received from Accident Information Section, AAF Form 14  
Pilot Bayette, Max B.  
Accident No. 44-10-8-9  
This record will be in Room # 1431, if needed.  
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A. F. Form No. 14  
(Revised May 15, 1942)

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U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

ACCIDENT NO.

**REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT**

(1) Place Evans Landing, Indiana. (2) Date October 8, 1943 (3) Time 1430  
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26C21 (5) A. F. No. 41-35067 (6) Station Godman Field, Ky.  
Organization: (7) III B.C. III A.F. (8) 391 B.G. (9) 573rd Bomb Sq.  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

51061

31TD PERSONNEL BM BM 5248

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	Boyette, N. G.	P	0-795349	2nd Lt.	01	A-C	III	Fatal	No
04 CP	Abernathy, W. E.	P	0-731776	1st Lt.	01	A-C	III	Fatal	No
6/B	Davis, J. O.	B	0-741244	2nd Lt.	01	A-C	III	Fatal	No
6/B	Krelling, C. H.	B	0-672951	2nd Lt.	01	A-C	III	Fatal	No
62 E	Parnell, M. S.	CC	18010718	T/Sgt.	20	A-C	III	Fatal	No

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PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Boyette, Norment (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (21) 0-795349 (Serial number) (22) 2nd Lt. (Rank) (23) 01 (Personnel class) (24) A-C (Branch)

Assigned (25) III B.C. III A.F. (Command and Air Force) (26) 391 B.G. (Group) (27) 573rd Bomb Sq. (Squadron) (28) Godman Field, Ky. (Station)

Attached for flying (29) III B.C. III A.F. (Command and Air Force) (30) 391 B.G. (Group) (31) 573rd Bomb Sq. (Squadron) (32) Godman Field, Ky. (Station)

Original rating (33) P (Rating) (34) 1-14-43 (Date) Present rating (35) P (Rating) (36) 1-14-43 (Date) Instrument rating (37) 8-16-43 (Date)

**FIRST PILOT HOURS:**

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type B-26 159:45 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 16:00  
(39) This model B-26C21 82:30 (43) Instrument time last 30 days 3:30  
(40) Last 90 days 128:40 (44) Night time last 6 months 45:10  
(41) Total 661:05 (45) Night time last 30 days 0:00

**AIRCRAFT DAMAGE**

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>5</u>	Aircraft crashed and burned.
(47) Engine(s) <u>5</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>5</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident CAVU

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No

(52) Cleared from 1300 10-8-43 (53) To 1700 10-8-43 (54) Kind of clearance Local

(55) Pilot's mission Bombing Mission

(56) Nature of accident Spin without engine failure.

(57) Cause of accident Loss of right and left elevator in spin.

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## DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

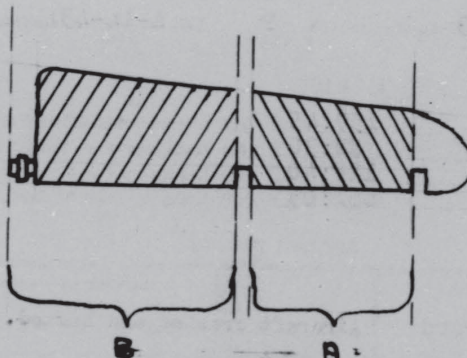
1. Subject airplane was on a high altitude bombing mission (12,000 feet). Called down to 10,000 feet because of haze.

2. First seen by witnesses approximately 15 miles from bombing range at altitude variously estimated from 3000-6000 feet. Witnesses attracted by engines roaring. Plane apparently nosed up as though to start a climb, whipped over and came down in a spin or extremely steep diving spiral until it crashed and burned.

3. Piece of left elevator (between hinges - A) found approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from scene of crash in open field. Piece of right elevator (tailcone to first hinge - B) found approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from scene of crash on line from part of left elevator. Undetermined whether elevator tore off before or after beginning of final dive to ground. As far as could be determined the rest of the airplane was intact when it struck the ground. Practice bombs were found in the wreckage so the bombing mission had not been completed at the time of the accident.

4. Witnesses statements and examination of the remains were unsatisfactory in affixing responsibility. It is the opinion of the board that the elevator tore off due to excess stress during the dive to the ground. No opinion is hazarded as to what initiated the final dive.

5. The board does not believe that this accident would warrant a recommendation that the elevator be strengthened.



*Arthur E. Rice*  
ARTHUR E. RICE,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Member, A. C. C.

*Donald K. Brandon*  
DONALD K. BRANDON,  
Major, Air Corps,  
President, A. C. C.

*Jackson V. Rambeau*  
JACKSON V. RAMBEAU,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Member, A. C. C.

(Investigating Officer)

Date 14 October 1943.

*Maj. E. N. Leunggren*  
ERNEST N. LEUNGREN  
Major, Air Corps,  
Member, A. C. C.



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EYE-WITNESS STATEMENT

8 October 1943

When I saw the airplane it was coming straight down and observed yellow or something loose on the tail section. It looked like something was wrong on the tail section.

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ R. D. FROST

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*Arthur E. Rice*  
ARTHUR E. RICE,  
Captain, Air Corps

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*Incl 5'*



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REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type B-26C-21

A.F. No. 41-35067

573rd Bomb (M) Squadron, 391st Bomb (M) Group.

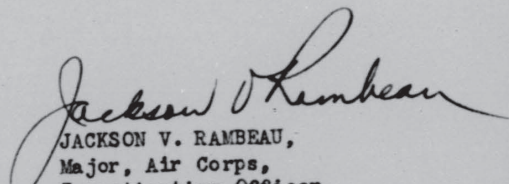
8 October 1943, Evans Landing, Indiana.

2nd Lieut. Norment G. Boyette,

573rd Bomb (M) Squadron, 391st Bomb (M) Group.

7 Incls

- Incl 1 W.D., AAF. Form No. 14 (Sextple.)
- Incl 2 Operations Order (Sextple.)
- Incl 3 Eye-Witness Statement (Sextple.)
- Incl 4 Eye-Witness Statement (Sextple.)
- Incl 5 Eye-Witness Statement (Sextple.)
- Incl 6 Photographs (Sextple.)
- Incl 7 Special Order Appointing Accident Committee (Sextple.)
- Incl 8 Diagram of position in which right elevator was found (Sextple.)

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

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EYE-WITNESS STATEMENT

8 October 1943

I first noticed the plane when I heard a loud noise. After looking up the plane pulled up slightly and fell off into a spin with its left wing down at about 300 feet.

/s/ J.A. Dooley,  
1st Group Vehicle Co.  
A.R.T.C.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*Arthur E. Rice*

ARTHUR E. RICE,  
Captain, Air Corps

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Incl 3'



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EYE-WITNESS STATEMENT

8 October 1943

I first saw the airplane when the motors roared full blast.  
Then I saw a little piece fall off and then it crashed. It was  
going awful fast.

/s/ JOHN E. LUTHER

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*Arthur E. Rice*  
ARTHUR E. RICE,  
Captain, Air Corps

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OPERATIONS ORDERS )  
NO 175)

## 391ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) A AF, FLIGHT SCHEDULE

SQUADRON 573rd BOMB  
DA TE October 8, 1943.

S HIP NO	T/O	LAND	PILOT	CO-PILOT	BOMB-NAVI	ENGINEER	RADIO	GUNNER	REMARKS
067	1000	1200	Boylan	Porter	Mosser Parks	Parnell		Ryan	12000' Bombing
403	0800	1130	Shaffner	Jones		Seig			Transition
043	1300	1500	Armstrong	Clark	Rose	Quillian			Formation
083	1300	1500	Sellers	Peebles	Lemmon	Good			"
060	1300	1500	Snyder	Dearing	Edelston	Kelley			"
067	1300	1500	Bovette	Abernathy	Deviss Krelling	Parnell			10000' Bombing
403	1930	2300	Sloss	Bernzen	Johnston	Wernuth			XC Round Robin
LINK TRAINER SCHEDULE									
	1300	1430	Thorn		By order of the Squadron Commander,				
	1430	1600	Williamson						
A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:									
<i>James A. Sullens</i> JAMES A. SULLENS, Capt., Air Corps, Commanding Officer.									
<i>Lawrence H. Shaffner</i> LAWRENCE H. SHAFFNER, 1st Lt., Air Corps, Operations Officer.									

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$\frac{1}{2}$  MILE

X  
RIGHT HALF  
ELEVATOR  
FOUND

$\frac{1}{4}$  MILE

X  
LEFT HALF  
ELEVATOR  
FOUND

X

PLANE  
CRASHED

POSITION OF TWO SECTIONS  
OF RIGHT ELEVATOR

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## HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE

Gottman Field

Fort Knox, Kentucky

Special Orders  
Number 266

6 October 1943

1. The foll named EM, 99th B Hq & AB Sq, this sta, will be disch fr the AUS under the provisions of Sec II, AR 615-360, effective this date.

Pvt (901) Paul A Donnersbach, 35610787

2. PAC 3AF Memo 75-5, dtd 28 Aug 43 and in accordance with Rad 3BC COL29, Hq 3rd Bomber Command, MacDill Fld, Tampa, Fla the foll named O, orgns as indicated, this sta, WP w/d o/a 8 Oct 43 on temp dy to the 3AF Camouflage Sch, Walterberg NC for the purpose of attending a course of instruction thereat. O will rpt no later than 10 Oct 43. Upon completion of this temp dy O will ret to their proper station.

1ST LT BILLY F WILLIAMS O-733244 AC 573rd Bomb Sq  
2ND LT THEODORE G LYONS O-732872 AC 572nd Bomb Sq

TDN 1-5250 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

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 LJUNGREN O-25232, AC, Do  
MAJOR JACKSON V RAMBEAU O-411731, AC, 99th B Hq & AB Sq  
1ST LT ARTHUR E RICE O-663177, AC, Do

4. Having rptd this sta in compliance with par 1, SO 213, Hq 3AF Replacement Depot, Plant Park, Tampa, Fla, dtd 4 Oct 43, 2ND LT EDWARD (NMI) LEVENTHAL, O-866422, AC, is hereby asgd to the 99th B Hq & AB Sq, this sta, effective this date.

5. The foll C in dy asgmt is directed. All orders in conflict are hereby rescinded.

NAME	ASN	PRIMARY DUTY	ADDITIONAL DUTY
2ND LT EDWARD (NMI) LEVENTHAL	O-866422	Base Engineering O vice 1ST LT CARL A WILLE rlvd	Base Transient aircraft O

6. Leave of absence is granted the foll named O, o/a the effective date.

NAME	ASN	DAYS	EFFECTIVE DATE
2ND LT JOHN P MIKA	O-873305, AC	10	10 October 43
CAPT WILLIAM C KING	O-294839, AC	2	9 October 43

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SO 266, this Hq, dtd 6 Oct 43 cont'd

7. Having rptd this sta in compliance with par 1, SO 260, Hq III Bomber Comd, MacDill Fld, Fla, dtd 26 Sept 43, 2ND LT WILLIAM S AHRENDT, O-862813, AC, is hereby asgd to the 391st Bomb Gp (M), this station.

8. Having been asgd to this sta per par 1, SO 260, Hq III Bomber Comd, MacDill Fld, Fla, dtd 26 Sept 43, 1ST LT KELLER J WAGNER, O-1699181, AC, is hereby asgd to the 391st Bomb Gp (M), this station.

9. So much of par 8, SO 264, this Hq, dtd 4 Oct 43 as reads:

Pfc (196) Ford W Hughes 39350197

is amended to read:

Pfc (196) Ford W Hughes 39035197

10. The foll named EM, Air Corps Unawgd, this sta, is hereby asgd to the 99th B Hq & AB Sq.

Pvt (521) Buford C Steelman 34811685

11. PAC AR 615-360 as amended, the foll named EM, orgns as indicated, CAAF, Camp Campbell, Ky are hereby trfd to the 99th B Hq & AB Sq, this sta, and will remain on DS at the CAAF, Camp Campbell, Ky pending the initiation of CDD proceedings.

S/Sgt Wade G Wallace	39922932	56th Serv Sq
Pfc Neal D Hansen	39532647	1732nd Ord Co, 31st Serv Gp
Pfc Francis J Rohan	36258211	Do

By order of Lieutenant Colonel FICKLEN:

BERNARD FISHER  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Assistant Adjutant.

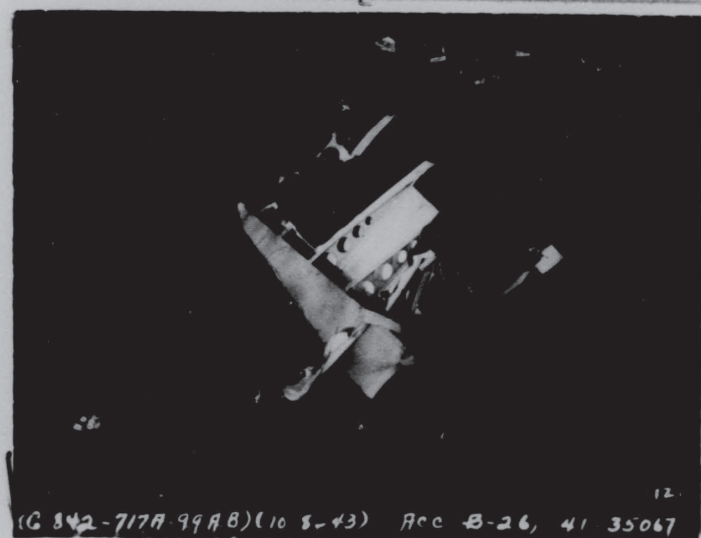
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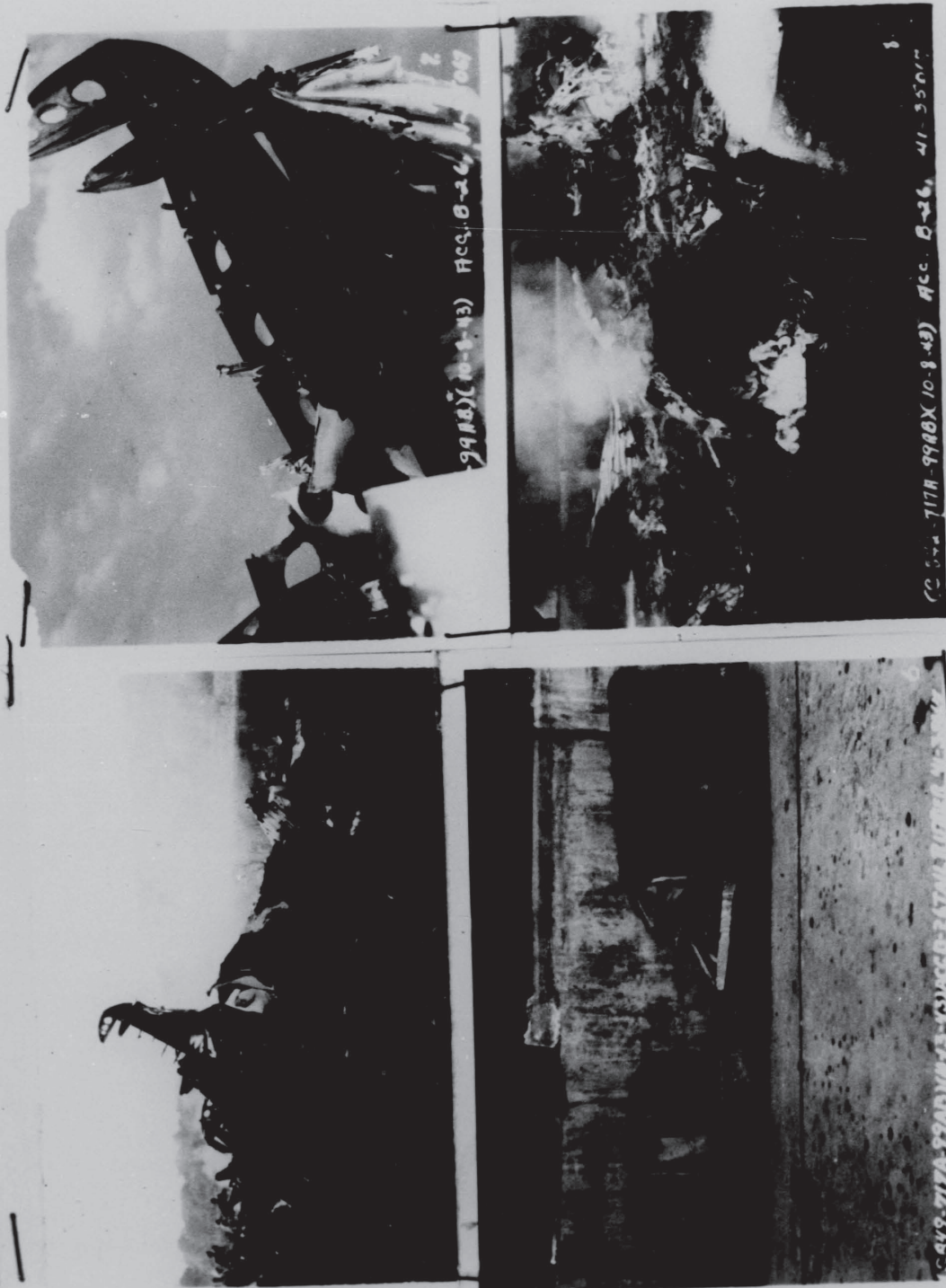
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Class "C" Dist, Godman Fld, Kentucky.....	25	Officers concerned.....	5
CO, 99th B Hq & AB Sq, this sta.....	5	Enlisted men concerned.....	5
CO, 3AF Camouflage Sch, Walterboro, NC..	5	Administrative Inspector, this sta....	3
CO, Station Hospital, Camp Campbell, Ky.	5	Base QM Officer, this sta.....	3
Exec O, CAAF, Camp Campbell, Ky.....	5	Message Center, this sta.....	3
Exec O, Sturgis AAF, Sturgis, Ky.....	5	Sq Postal Clerk, this sta.....	3
Exec O, Atterbury AAF, Columbus, Ind....	5	Postal Locator, Ft Knox, Ky.....	3
Exec O, Vichy A Air Fld, Vichy, Mo.....	5	CO, 391st Bomb Gp, (M), this sta.....	10
The Adj Gen, Washington, DC.....	1	Classification Sec, this Hq.....	3
CG, 3AF, Tampa, Fla.....	3	Files.....	20
CO, 1732nd Ord Co, 31st Serv Gp, CAAF...	5	CO, 56th Serv Sq, CAAF, C Campbell, Ky.	5





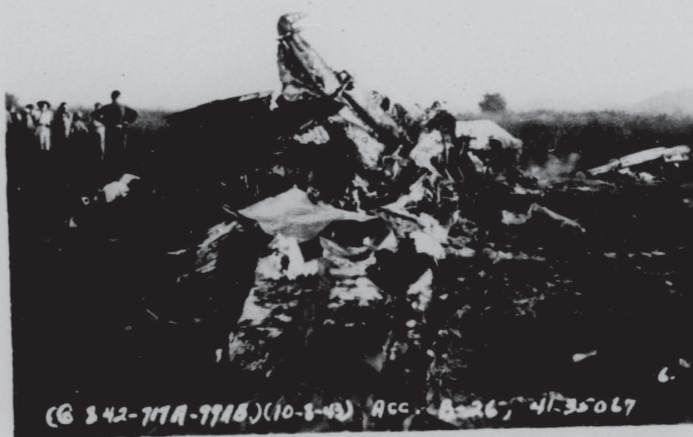














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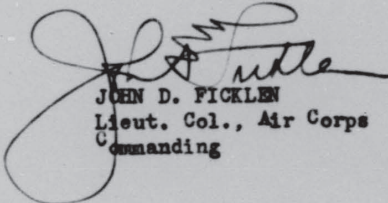
IN REPLY REFER TO:

18 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 Number 41-35067, Pilot 2nd Lieutenant Norment G. Boyette, Evans Landing, Indiana, October 8, 1943.

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

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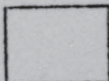


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OFFICE OF FLYING SAFETY  
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR ACTION A I U  
FOR INFO OFC MGMT  
FOR FILE M & R  
DATE 10 OCT 43



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TELEGRAM

FROM WILLIAMS COBOMGR 391 GODMAN FLD FT KNOX KY  
TO CO FLIGHT CONTROL COMMAND NISSEN BLDG WINSTON SALE MNC  
GR 176 BT

391BG 0081C PERIOD FOLLOW UP OF 391BG 0055 TWX

C 41-35067 B-26C21, PERIOD CAUSE OF ACCIDENT UNDETERMINED BUT THE  
FOLLOWING FACTS OF EYE WITNESSES ARE PRESENTED PERIOD THE SHIP IN  
A CLIMB AT ABOUT 5000 FEET WASH HEARD TO COUGH BUT THE POWER CAME BACK  
ON PERIOD SHORTLY THERE AFTER THE SIP CLIMBED INTO A POWER STALL AFTER  
WHICH THE NOSE WAS LOWERED AND A POWER DIVE ENSUED PERIOD IN THE COURSE  
OF THE POWER DIVE THE PILOT SEEMED TO BE JAZZING THE THROTTLE PERIOD  
AT ABOUT 1000 FEET THE SHIP WENT INTO A FLAT SPIN AND MADE TWO  
COMPLETE TURNS BEFORE HITTING THE GROUND PERIOD SOME WITNESSES STATE THAT  
AT APPROXIMATELY THIS ALTITUDE AN OBJECT WAS SEEN TO BE THROWN FROM THE  
SHIP PERIOD A FLIPPER FOUND ABOUT ONE HALF MILE FROM SCENE OF CRASH  
SEEM TO BEAR OUT THIS STATEMENT AND MAY WELL HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF  
THE SPIN PERIOD J UNKNOWN DUE TO COMPLETE WRECKAGE AND BURNING OF AIRCRAFT  
PERIOD K 412TH SUB-DEPOT GODMAN FIELD FORT KNOX KENTUCKY PERIOD  
L NONE PERIOD END

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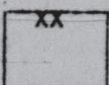
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TELEGRAM

WU17 66/62 GOVT LOUISVILLE KY 9 355P.

COMMANDING OFFICER FCC NISSEN BLDG..

GOD O 0021E PERIOD CITE PART FIVE AAF REG SIXTY TWO DASH FOURTEEN  
FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO ACCIDENT REPORT NUMBERED GOD O 0019  
E IS SUBMITTED B PASSENGERS FIRST LT WILLIAM E ABERNATHY O-731778  
SECOND LT NORMENT G BOYETTE O-795349 SECOND LT JOHN O DAVIS O-741244  
SECOND LT CHARLES H KREILING O-672951 TECHNICAL SGT MORRIS S PARNELL  
1801718 ALL FATAL END..

FICKLEN COAB GODMAN..

#96.

PS.

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TELEGRAM

WSAL 361 V FT KNOX 363 NR 1 -OP- 082400Z.

FROM COBOMGR 391 GODMAN FLD FT KNOX KY.

TO CO FLIGHT CONTROL COMMAND NISSEN BLDG WINSTON-SALEM NORTH CAROLINA.

391BG 0056 PD.

3  
1TD  
391  
Bm  
5248  
A. 8 OCTOBER 1943 1430CWT 3/4 MILES NORTHWEST OF WESTPOINT DAM  
KENTUCKY. B. BOYETTE NORMAN G 2ND LT ORC 3AF GODMAN FIELD  
KENTUCKY. C. UNKNOWN. D. PILOT - NORMAN G BOYETTE 2ND LT ORC  
3AF FATAL. CO-PILOT - WILLIAM E ABERNATHY 1ST LT ORC 3AF FATAL.  
BOMB-NAV - JOHN O DAVIS 2ND LT ORC 3AF FATAL. BOMB-NAV - CHARLES H.  
KREILING 2ND LT ORC 3AF FATAL. ENGINEER - MORRIS S PARNELL T/SGT AUS  
3AF FATAL. PARACHUTES NOT USED..  
E. NORDEN BOMBING. F. CAVU. G. 41-35067 B-26C21..  
H. GODMAN FIELD KENTUCKY. I. TOTAL LOSS. J. UNKNOWN.  
K. UNKNOWN. L. UNKNOWN.

Boyette 2nd Lt. 4  
Abernathy 1st Lt. 4  
Davis 2nd Lt. 4  
Kreiling 2nd Lt. 4  
Parnell T/Sgt. 4

WILLIAMS BOMBOMGR 391.

Damages  
Aircraft - 5  
Engines 5 5  
Props 5 5

#2.

PS.

100% Undetermined —

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DATE 9 OCT 43

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☐ TELEGRAM

NR 45 GODMANFLD KY 090035 Z OCT 43 RD  
TO CO FCC NISSEN BLDG WINSTON SALEM NC  
GOD O 0019 E PERIOD CITE PART FIVE AAF REG SIXTY TWO DASH  
FOURTEEN FOLLOWING ACCIDENT REPORT IS SUBMITTED

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ITD*  
*391  
BM*  
*573  
BM*  
*5248*
- A. 8 OCT 1943 1430 CWT 1/2 MILE EAST NEW BOSTON IND
  - B. WILLIAM E ABERNATHY FIRST LT AUS THREE AF THREE B C 391 B G  
573 BSQ
  - C. SPINS OR STALLS WITHOUT LOSS OF POWER ESTIMATED
  - D. PILOT FATAL FOUR OTHER PASSENGERS FATAL NAMES NOT DEFINITELY  
KNOWN ALL 573 BSQ
  - E. BOMBING MISSION
  - F. BROKEN SKY VIS THREE HAZE AND SMOKE WIND N 4 MI CEILING EST 8000 FT
  - G. 41-35067 B-26
  - H. GODMAN FLD FT KNOX KY
  - I. COMPLETE WRECK
  - J. LOSS OF RIGHT ELEVATOR ESTIMATED
  - K. 412TH SUB DEPOT
  - L. SMALL OR NONE
  - M. AFACT NOTIFIED

*Abernathy - 1st Lt - 4*  
*4 passengers - 4*

*Damages*  
*aircraft - 5*  
*engines 5*  
*props 5*

*NG SN UN*  
*11 15 00*

*100% Undetermined*  
*CG SC UC*  
*37 92 00*  
FICKLEN CO AB GOD

#4-090040Z

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