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Accident No. 44-12-2-42

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Accident No. 44-12-23-2

Pilot's Name Stimm, H. M. 1st Lt.

Nature Group 02 Collision with earth

Specific Nature 06 Due to misdirection of

Underlying Nature 88 flight path / Lost orientation

90 % Cause Group 05 Carelessness

Specific Cause 34 "

Underlying Cause 17 "

10 % Cause Group 36 Miscellaneous

Specific Cause 91 "

Underlying Cause 31 "

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ACCIDENT NO. 052

WAR DEPARTMENT
Codman Field, Fort Knox, Kentucky
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

Radio 44-12223-2

(1) Place Colesburg, Kentucky (2) Date December 23, 1943 (3) Time 1909

AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26B45 (5) A. F. No. 42-95824 (6) Station Codman Field, Ky.

Organization: (7) 3 A.F. & B.C. (Command and Air Force) (8) 391st Bomb (Group) (9) 573rd Bomb (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

(10) DUTY	(11) NAME (Last name first)	(12) RATING	(13) SERIAL NO.	(14) RANK	(15) PERSONNEL CLASS	(16) BRANCH	(17) AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	(18) RESULT TO PERSONNEL	(19) USE OF PARACHUTE
P	Stimm, Howard M.	P	0-664467	1st Lt.	01	A-C	3 A.F.	Fatal	No.
CP	Donnelly, Francis J.	P	0-693764	2nd Lt.	01	A-C	3 A.F.	Fatal	No.
CP	Dalman, Norwood G.	P	0-692952	2nd Lt.	01	A-C	3 A.F.	Fatal	No.
E	Wiley, Francis M.	E	17041487	S/Sgt.	20	A-C	3 A.F.	Fatal	No.

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PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Stimm, Howard M. (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (21) 0-664467 (Serial number) (22) 1st Lt. (Rank) (23) 01 (Personnel class) (24) A-C (Branch)

Assigned (25) 3 A.F. & B.C. (Command and Air Force) (26) 391st Bomb (Group) (27) 573rd Bomb (Squadron) (28) Codman Field, Ky. (Station)

Attached for flying (29) 3 A.F. & B.C. (Command and Air Force) (30) 391st (Group) (31) 573rd Bomb (Squadron) (32) Codman Field, Ky. (Station)

Original rating (33) Pilot (Rating) (34) 9-5-42 (Date) Present rating (35) Pilot (Rating) (36) 9-5-42 (Date) Instrument rating (37) 7-13-43 (Date)

RC 1-3-43

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

(38) This type	574:25	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	13:00
(39) This model	1:20	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	2:45
(40) Last 90 days	128:10	(44) Night time last 6 months	38:40
(41) Total	941:15	(45) Night time last 30 days	6:00

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft: Total	Airplane completely destroyed.
(47) Engine(s): Total	
(48) Propeller(s): Total	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Clear - 5 miles visibility - light smoke

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

(52) Cleared from Codman Field, Ky. (53) To Local (54) Kind of clearance Local CFR. 1

(55) Pilot's mission Night Transition

(56) Nature of accident Collision in full flight with earth.

(57) Cause of accident Pilot temporarily blinded by searchlights at a low altitude.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

On 23 December 1943 at 1830 CWT, a B-26B45 airplane, serial no. 42-95824, piloted by 1st Lieut. Howard M. Stimm, took off from Godman Field on a local night training mission with two co-pilots and an engineer-gunner.

At approximately 1909 CWT this airplane crashed ten (10) miles southeast of Godman Field in very hilly country. Witnesses of the crash gave information that the plane was flying normally and apparently there was no engine trouble while the plane was in flight. Different witnesses place the altitude of the plane at from five hundred (500) to one thousand five hundred (1500) feet. Prior to the crash, witnesses said that the plane encountered searchlights and that these lights were played on the plane while in flight over the Fort Knox Battle Training Area. The plane, at the time the witnesses saw it, was flying north to south and after the searchlights picked up the plane the plane continued over its course for a short time and it was next seen in a steep diving turn to the right, which ended in the crash.

The crash occured on the down slope side of a steep hill and the path of the ship through the trees indicates that the plane struck the ground at an approximate thirty (30) degree dive and in a right hand turn. Wreckage was scattered over an area in the line of impact as far as one thousand seven hundred (1700) feet.

The searchlight operators say that the searchlights were played on the plane intermittently. Immediately before the crash three searchlights caught the plane at the same time. At this time, the plane was approximately eight hundred (800) feet. The pilot then started a steep turn to the right either to get out of the lights or because he was temporarily blinded.

Investigation reveals that the pilot had had searchlight missions, but at high altitudes only.

Inspection of the A.A.F. Form No. 41-B reveals that plane was flown on red diagonal but only because of the absence of flares and smoke grenades. The airplane had a total logged time at the time of crash of eight hours and forty minutes (8:40). Two hours and twenty minutes (2:20) of this time was flown from this field by Lieut. Howard Stimm.

It is the opinion of the Aircraft Accident Committee that the searchlights caused temporary loss of orientation and that the pilot banked to the right and dived into the ground.

The area over which the ship was flying at the time of the crash was restricted to all planes at all altitudes between the hours of 1630 and 0730. (See Inclosure No. 13.)

Donald K. Brandon
DONALD K. BRANDON,
Major, Air Corps,
President, Air Corps,

Ernest N. Ljunggren
ERNEST N. LJUNGGREN,
Major, Air Corps,
Member, A.A.C.

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

Signature Jackson V. Rambeau
(Investigating Officer)
JACKSON V. RAMBEAU,
Major, Air Corps,
Member, A. A. C.

Date 28 December 1943.

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573RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
Godman Field, Kentucky

24 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Crew Chief's Report.

TO : Operations Officer, Godman Field, Army Air Base, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

1. Airplane B-26B-45, AAF No. 42-95824, was preflighted and ground checked by the Acting Line Chief, and not the Crew Chief.

2. The Acting Line Chief's report is as follows:

3. On Thursday, December 23, 1943, at approximately 1700, I preflighted and ground checked Airplane B-26B-45, 42-95824. In making this check, everything checked satisfactory.

/s/Raymond M. Bishop,
RAYMOND M. BISHOP,
M/Sgt., Air Corps,
Actg Line Chief

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JACKSON V. RAMBEAU,
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SEARCHLIGHT OPERATORS STATEMENT

28 December 1943

I first noticed the plane flying overhead at approximately 1500 feet. After the plane passed over us we lost the plane. We caught the plane again and it was in a right vertical dive. At this time the plane was about 600 feet lower. The plane never seemed to straighten out. We held the plane to within about 300 feet above the valley and lost it behind a hill. We then heard the crash.

There were, I would say, never over 3 searchlights on the plane before its turn. One light was on the front, the other one was underneath as we could see the whole plane. The plane was practically over us before we caught him, as he had no lights on his ship. The plane was flying straight when we picked him up and the ship made no attempt to evade us up to the time he made the right vertical turn.

When the plane was in the right turn he was slipping out and away from us. We had the underside of the plane and not the top when he was in the turn.

/s/Sgt. Sokoloshi,
SGT. SOKOLOSHI,
A COMPANY,
738TH TANK BN.

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SEARCHLIGHT OPERATORS STATEMENT

28 December 1943

I first heard the ship but couldn't see it as lights were off when the first light caught him. I got him and he then cut his lights on. First light lost him and then I caught him. We would catch him then he would turn his lights off and when we lost him he would turn them off. All engines were functioning normally.

I cannot state at what altitude he was flying, as I was only catching him off and on.

The plane then banked and made a right turn and I didn't have him in my light. I never contacted him after that.

/s/J. M. Francis,
J. M. FRANCIS,
ASN [redacted]
Co. A,
738th Tank Bn.

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EYE-WITNESS STATEMENT

Ft. Knox, Kentucky
27 December 1943

I first saw the plane at a little after 1900 on the 23rd of December. It was in the beam of two searchlights, and flying about 500 feet above the spot where I was. It was flying south in what appeared to be normal flight. I glanced away and then looked back to see the plane diving towards the ground, this time the nose was pointed north instead of south. I estimate the change in direction to be very few seconds. The searchlights followed the plane down until it disappeared below the crest of the hill. Then tothe east appeared a large ball of fire - approximately seven seconds after I last saw him in normal flight. I told Lt. Bond to call an ambulance and I proceeded to the scene of the crash.

/s/John K. Brier,
JOHN K. BRIER,
1st Lieut.,
738th Tank Bn. (M)

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EYE-WITNESS STATEMENT

27 December 1943

I saw the plane crossing overhead on the night of Thursday December 23, 1943 while on guard duty. I would say the plane was flying between 600 and 1000 feet. The ship was flying along normally with engine running all right.

The searchlights about three of them had the plane in their beam This was about 7 o'clock. A little later one of the searchlights lost the plane. The pilot seemed to be trying to get out of the searchlights. The ship was out of the searchlights for a few seconds, but they picked him up again.

The searchlights held the ship as it flew over my head. I was then facing the tail of the ship. It was right after the ship passed over me when he dived to the right. I didn't see the plane hit the ground, but I heard the explosion and saw a little flame. The searchlights held the ship after he made the right turn but did not hold him all the way down.

/s/ Pvt. Thomas P. Roach,
PVT. THOMAS P. ROACH,
ASN 34724280
738th Tank Bn.

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EYE-WITNESS STATEMENT

27 December 1943

The plane was flying around 500 feet. It was around 7 o'clock Thursday evening 23 December 1943. The searchlights were trying to catch the plane. They would hold the plane for a second and then lose it.

.The plane started a peel off to the right and then disappeared behind the trees. It was in about one second and the flames shot up into the air.

I arrived at the scene in about five minutes afterward. All that remained was two pieces of propeller buried in the ground. Two 50 cal. machine guns were sticking in the ground.

/s/ T/5 Raymond C. Britten,
T/5 RAYMOND C. BRITTEN,
ASN 38109249,
Special Training Group,
Armored Command,
Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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EYE-WITNESS STATEMENT

December 23, 1943

When I first saw the plane I was standing in the center of Lile Field and the plane was heading south. Two anti-aircraft searchlights had picked up the plane and were following it. I noticed on red light on the right wing and other than that I noticed no other markings. I would judge the altitude to be about 500 feet. The plane traveled in a south direction for about 300 to 400 yds. then banked sharply to the right and then seemed to turn completely over. I expected to see him level off and come back in our direction which would make him be traveling north, all this time the lights were following the plane. I could not see any of the occupants of the plane. I would say it took from 5 to 7 seconds from the time he banked to the right until the plane crashed. After the crash I went to a phone and called for the ambulance and waited for them. The crash occured at 1910. The ambulance arrived about 20 minutes later. I guided the ambulance to the crash where we searched the hill and surrounding territory for bodies. We could find no bodies or parts large enough to identify any of the occupants. I could not hear the engines - nor any unusual noises.

/s/Edwin F. Bond,
EDWIN F. BOND,
1st Lieut., Inf., AUS,
738th Tk Bn.(M)
Company "C"

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EYE-WITNESS STATEMENT

27 December 1943

At approximately 1930 hrs. on December 23, 1943 I heard an airplane approaching my post from the northeast. A searchlight located at Lile Field was engaging the plane. The plane seemed to be in normal flight. When the plane was almost directly over me and a little to the north. It turned on its side in a vertical position and came down to the earth in this position. I did not see it strike the earth as a small ridge was between myself and the point of impact. When it hit, or presumably when it hit the earth, I saw a brilliant flash light up the surrounding country and immediately afterwards I heard a large explosion.

As the plane passed over me it appeared to be a B-26 and I judged it to be flying about 1500 to 2000 ft in the air.

/s/Pfc. Chas M. Rutherford,
PFC. CHAS.M. RUTHERFORD
ASN 34721124
738th Tank Bn.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE
Godman Field
Fort Knox, Kentucky

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 286

26 October 43

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

T/Sgt (687) Marvin A Landin 35258858

2. So much of par 7, SO 285, this Hq, dtd 25 Oct 43 as reads:

for qrs and rations

is amended to read:

for qrs, rations and administration

3. The foll named military and civilian personnel are hereby appointed as members of an Efficiency Rating Committee, effective this date. (Auth: Sec 3, par 3-1, W.D. Civ Personnel Reg 95.3).

CAPTAIN BERNARD FISHER,	O-649334	AC
2ND LT WILLIAM A PANKONIN,	O-1846502	AC
CAF8 Kenneth J Aud	(Civilian)	

4. 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 orders 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 RAMBEAU	O-411731, AC	99th B Hq & AB Sq
*MAJOR LOUIS F ROGEL	O-331178, MC	Medical Detachment
1ST LT ARTHUR E RICE	O-663177, AC	99th B Hq & AB Sq
*1ST LT ROBERT W. McINTOSH	O-561599, AC	1008th Guard Sq

*Officer will serve as ex-officio, nonvoting members of the committee.

5. 2ND LT ARTHUR J RAPPORT, O-1995674, AC, 99th B Hq & AB Sq, is aptd to investigate facts and circumstances connected with the injuries of Cpl (055) Robert L Sandefer, 36049892, 99th B Hq & AB Sq. Officer will be guided by AR 345-415, Changes thereto; as amended. Officer will determine LDS of soldier. Report will be submitted in quadruplicate.

6. Cpl (522) Maurice C Connors, 32504257, 1008th Guard Sq, this sta, NP w/d o/a 26 Oct 43 by rail to Buffalo, NY, Pvt Arthur J Murley, 11027799, Hq 73rd Tact Rcn Gp, now in confinement at Buffalo, NY will be released fr conft into the custody of Cpl (522) Maurice C Connors, 32504257, who will take chg of the prisoner for the purpose of returning the pris to Godman Fld, Ft Knox, Ky for disposition. Cpl (522) Maurice C Connors, will rpt upon arrival at Buffalo, NY to US Marshal, Buffalo, NY. Gd will also contact U. S. Attorney, Buffalo, NY in order to received a complete release for the prisoner. Upon completion of this temp dy, the Gd, will ret to his proper sta, Godman Fld, Ft Knox, Ky.

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Par 6, SO 286, this Hq, dtd 26 Oct 43 cont'd

T Corps will furn the necessary rail T. IGF rations and qrs in kind. UP AR 30-2215 meal tickets for one (1) EM for four (4) meals furn for the T fr Ft Knox, Ky to Buffalo, NY and for two (2) EM for four (4) meals furn for the T fr Buffalo, NY to Ft Knox, Ky. Recoupment of the entire cost of travel and increase cost of subs will be secured. (AR 30-920) TDN 1-5000 P 432-02 A 212/40425. CA 7 P 411-07 A 0502-3.

7. PAC 3AF Memo 75-5, dtd 28 Aug 43, the foll named EM, Det 2065th Ord Co (Avn) Serv, now on temp dy at this sta, will proceed w/d o/a 26 Oct 43 by rail to his proper sta, Atterbury A Air Fld, Columbus, Ind, rptg upon arrival thereat to the Sub-Base Comdr thereof for dy. This is a perm C of sta.

T/5 (901) Russell L Ashbaugh 35644808

T Corps will furn the necessary rail T. IGF rations and qrs in kind. UP AR 30-2215 meal tickets for one (1) EM for one (1) meal furn for the T fr Ft Knox, Ky to the Atterbury A Air Fld, Columbus, Ind. TDN 1-5250 P 431-02 A 0425-24.

8. PAC 3AFK 2670, Tampa, Fla, dtd 24 Oct 43, to CO, Godman Fld, Ft Knox, Ky, the foll named EM, Det 2065th Ord Co (Avn) Serv, Atterbury A Air Fld, Columbus, Ind are trfd to Hunter Fld, Savannah, Ga and will proceed thereto w/d o/a 29 Oct 43, rptg upon arrival thereat to the CO thereof for asgmt to Airdrome Sqs as indicated. This is a perm C of sta.

NAME	ASN	ASSIGNED TO
T/5 (901) Russell L Ashbaugh	35644808	326th Airdrome Sq
Pfc (501) Albert (NMI) Sotak	35719654	325th Airdrome Sq

T by rail is auth. T Corps will furn the necessary rail T. IGF rations & qrs in kind. UP AR 30-2215 meal tickets for two (2) EM for six (6) meals furn for the T fr the Atterbury A Air Fld, Columbus, Ind to Hunter Fld, Savahnah, Ga. TDN 1-5250 P 431-02 A 0425-24.

9. PAC 3AF K 2670, Tampa, Fla, dtd 24 Oct 43, to CO, Godman Fld, Ft Knox, Ky the foll named EM, orgns as indicated, this sta, are trfd to Hunter Fld, Savannah, Ga and will proceed thereto w/d o/a 27 Oct 43, rptg upon arrival thereat to the CO thereof for asgmt to 326th Airdrome Sq, This is a perm C of sta.

Pvt (901) Guido J Rapacioli	31298162	Ord Sec, 99th B Hq & AB Sq
Pvt (901) Eugene (NMI) Robertson	35093697	Det 2065th Ord Co (Avn) Serv
Pvt (901) Edward P Ramm	35547323	Do
Pvt (901) Tom C Shaffer	33573321	Do

T by rail is auth. T Corps will furn the necessary rail T. IGF rations & qrs in kind. UP AR 30-2215 meal tickets for four (4) EM for five (5) meals furn for the T fr Ft Knox, Ky to Hunter Fld, Savannah, Ga. TDN 1-5250 P 431-02 A 0425-24.

10. Having rptd this sta in compliance with par 11, SO 291, Hq AAB Drew Fld, Tampa, Fla, dtd 18 Oct 43, 1ST LT MD 1N C MYERS, O-5312356, DC, is hereby asgd to the Medical Det, this sta.

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SO 286, this Hq, dtd 28 Oct 43 cont'd RESTRICTED

11. Leave of absence is granted the foll named O, now on DS at the Vichy A Air Fld, Vichy, Mo, o/a the effective date.

NAME	ASN	DAYS	EFFECTIVE DATE
2ND LT STACY BREWER JR	O-1591013, QMC	7	28 October 43

12. So much of par 2, SO 264, this Hq, dtd 4 Oct 43 as reads:

CAPT (1035) EVERETT N WOODS O-42905 (Bomb)
CAPT (2161) EDWARD B SIEBOLD O-659918 (Nav)

is amended to read:

CAPT (1035) EVERETT N WOODS O-402905 (Bomb)
CAPT (2161) EDWARD G SIEBOLD O-659918 (Nav)

13. PAC 3AF Memo 75-5, dtd 28 Aug 43 and in accordance with Rad 3BCC 0927, III Bomber Comd, MacDill Fld, Fla, dtd 21 Oct 43, the foll named EM, 391st Bomb Gp, is trfd in gr to 336th Bomb Gp, MacDill Fld, Fla and will proceed thereto w/d o/a 29 Oct 43, rptg upon arrival thereat to the CO thereof for dy. This is a perm C of sta.

M/Sgt (752) Arthur J Beatty 33088444

T by rail is auth. T Corps will furn the necessary rail T. IGF rations and qrs in kind. UP AR 30-2215 meal tickets for one (1) EM for four (4) meals furn for the T fr Ft Knox, Ky to MacDill Fld, Fla. TDN 1-5250 P-431-02 A 0425-24.

14. PAC Ltr War Dept, Washington, DC, File AG 201 Barnes, William P (19 Oct 43) PE-A, Subject: Request for Orders, dtd 22 Oct 43, the foll named EM, Air Corps, Unasgd, now atchd to the 99th B Hq & AB Sq, this sta, is rlvd fr atchd 99th B Hq & AB Sq and trfd to Seymour Johnson Fld, Goldsboro, NC and will proceed thereto o/a 6 Nov 43, rptg upon arrival thereat to the CO, Aviation Cadet Pre-Technical School for asgmt to basic pre-technical trng. This is a perm C of sta. EM will rpt to the CO thereof no later than 8 Nov 43.

Pvt (521) William P Barnes 39917083

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15. UP par 18, AR 210-10 as amended, a Bd of O is aptd to meet at this station, Godman Fld, Ky at the call of the Senior Member thereof, to investigate and report upon all the facts and circumstances surrounding the damage by fire to CA Day Room, this station. The estimated damage and cost of repairs thereto will be reported upon by the Bd together with the responsibility of any person or persons connected therewith. The Jr member of the Bd will act as the recorder.

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

CAPTAIN LEWIS B BUCKWITH O-484732, AC
1ST LT GEORGE W McLEOD O-561605, AC
2ND LT HAROLD J FREIT O-1591129, QMC

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SO 286, this Hq, dtd 26 Oct 43 cont'd

By order of Lieutenant Colonel PICKLER:

CHARLES A DAVIS, JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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CHARLES A DAVIS, JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Exec O, Sturgis A Air Fld, Sturgis, Ky... 5
Sub-Base Comdr, Atterbury AAF, Col, Ind..10
Sub-Base Comdr, CA F, C Campbell, Ky..... 5
Civilian Personnel, this sta..... 5
CO, Hunter Fld, Savannah, Ga.....10
CO, Medical Det, Godman Fld, Ft Knox, Ky. 5
CO, 336th Bomb Gp, MacDill Fld, Fla..... 5
CO, 391st Bomb Gp, this sta.....20
CO, Seymour Johnson Fld, Goldsboro, NC... 5
First Sgt, 99th B Hq & AB Sq, this sta... 5
Officers concerned..... 5
EM concerned..... 5
Message Center, this sta..... 1
Sq Postal Clerk, this sta..... 1
Postal Locator, Ft Knox, Ky..... 3
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FLIGHT CHEVRON

...RATIONS
...RDER NO. 249 379TH BOMB SQUADRON DATE 12-23-43
391ST BOMB GROUP (H) AAF

TIME	SHIP	P	CP	N	AG	RG	TG
18:00 21:00	824	Stimm	Dalman Donnelly		Wiley		
18:00 21:00	831	Sloss	Jones Duerlein Rooney		Meyer		

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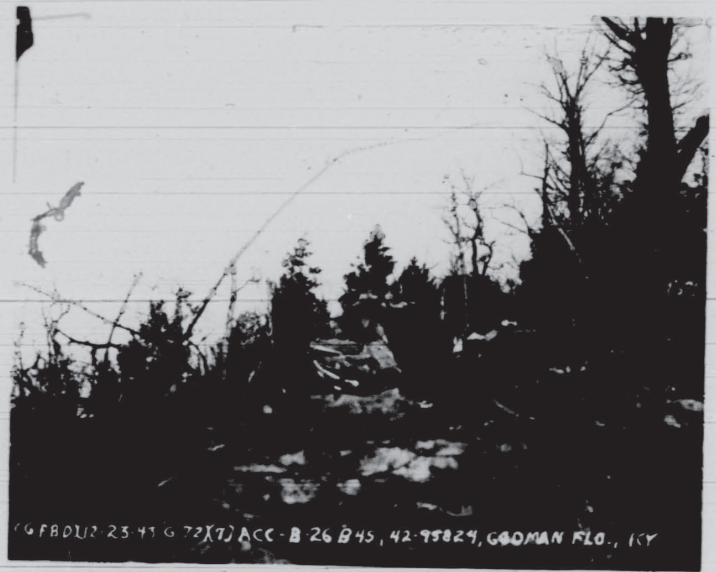
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REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type B-26B-45

A.F. No. 42-95824

573rd Bomb Squadron, 391st Bomb Group.

23 December 1943, Ten (10) Miles Southeast Godman Field, Ft. Knox, Ky.

1st Lieut. Howard M. Stimm

573rd Bomb Squadron, 391st Bomb Group.

Jackson V Rambeau

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

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Godman Field
Fort Knox, Kentucky

IN REPLY REFER TO:

29 December 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 26 May 1942, Aircraft Accident Report Form No. 14, for Model B-26B-45, AF No. 42-95824, Pilot 1st Lt. Howard M. Stimm, ten miles southeast Godman Field, Fort Knox, Kentucky, 23 December 1943.

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DATE 24 DEC 43

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TO. HQS FLIGHT CONTROL COMMAND, WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.
CHIEF, FLYING SAFETY, NISSEN BLDG., WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

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A. 23 DEC 1943 AT 1910 CWT TEN MILE SOUTHEAST GODMAN FLD FT KNOX KY

B. HOWARD M STIMM 1ST LT AUS 3RD AF 3RD BC 391ST BOMB GP 573RD BOMB SQDN GODMAN FLD FT KNOX KY

C. COLLISION IN FULL FLIGHT WITH GROUND OPINION PILOT WHILE FLYING AT 500 FEET FLEW INTO THE BEAM OF TWO SEARCHLIGHTS CAUSING TEMPORARY BLINDNESS

D. HOWARD M STIMM 1ST LT AUS 3RD AF FATAL NO PARACHUTE USED
NORWOOD G DALMAN 2ND LT AUS 3RD AF FATAL NO PARACHUTE USED
FRANCIS J DONNELLY 2ND LT AUS 3RD AF FATAL NO PARACHUTE USED
FRANCIS M WILEY S/SGT AUS 3RD AF FATAL NO PARACHUTE USED

E. LOCAL TRSNSITION

F. 4 1/2 MILE VISIBILITY UNLIMITED CEILING

G. 42-95824 B-26B-45MA

H. GODMAN FLD FT KNOX KY

I. COMPLETELY DESTROYED

J. NONE

K. 412 SUB DEPOT
L. UNDETERMINED
M. AFACG NOTIFIED

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FROM WILLIAMS COBOMGR 391 GODMAN FLD FTKNOX KY

TO CO FLIGHT CONTROL COMMAND WINSTON SALEM NCAR

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391BG D236E

A. 23 DEC 1943 1910CWT FORT KNOX KY

B. HOWARD M STIMM 1ST LT AUS 3AF 3 BC 391BG 573 SQ GODMAN FORT KNOX KY

C. UNKNOWN NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE

D. PILOT HOWARD M STIMM 1ST LT AUS 3AF FATAL NO PARACHUTE USED

CO-PILOT NORWOOD G DALMAN 2ND LT AUS 3AF FATAL NO PARACHUTE USED

CO-PILOT FRANCIS J DONNELLY 2ND LT AUS 3AF FATAL NO PARACHUTE USED

ENGINEER FRANCIS M WILEY S/SGT AUS 3AF FATAL NO PARACHUTE USED

E. LOCAL TRANSITION

F. CAVU

G. 42-95824 B-26B45MA

H. GODMAN FIELD FORT KNOX KY

I. UNKNOWN

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WINSTONSALEM, NC

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Stevens, Howard M.

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