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Accident No.

Pilot's Name Jacobi

Nature Group 06 Landing

Specific Nature 37 Overshot

Underlying Nature 61 Misjudged distance

10 % Cause Group 01 Judgment

Specific Cause 13 Momentary lack

Underlying Cause 02 Incorrect decision

30 % Cause Group 02 Technique

Specific Cause 17 Momentary lack

Underlying Cause 12 General lack of alertness

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WAR DEPARTMENT
AAF STA 166
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

Accident No. 172

44-3-20-511

(1) Place: AAF Sta 166 (2) Date: 20 March 1944 (3) Time: 1055

(4) Type and model: B-26B50MA (5) A. C. No. 42-95432 (6) Station: AAF Sta 166

Organization: (7) IX BC, Ninth AF (8) 391st B.G. (9) 575th B.S.

PERSONNEL

(10)	(11) NAME (Last name first)	(12) RATING	(13) SERIAL NO.	(14) RANK	(15) PERSONNEL CLASS	(16) BRANCH	(17) AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	(18) RELIEVED FROM DUTY	(19) USE OF PARACHUTE
P	Jacobi, Samuel (nmi)	P	0-796828	1st Lt	1	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
CP	Hudson, Donald J.	P	0-693781	2nd Lt	01	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
B	Emminger, Harold J.	B	0-733165	2nd Lt	01	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
RG	Grazier, Guy W.	RG	35896133	T/Sgt	20	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
LG	Boston, George A.	BG	17160225	S/Sgt	20	AC	NinthAF	None	No
AG	Surman, John S.	AG	32732716	S/Sgt	20	AC	Ninth AF	None	No

(20) Jacobi (Last name) Samuel (First name) (nmi) (Middle name) (21) 0-796828 (Serial number) (22) 1st Lt (Rank) (23) 01 (Personnel class) (24) AC (Branch)

Assigned (25) IX BC, Ninth AF (Command and Air Force) (26) 391st B.G. (Group) (27) 575th B.S. (Squadron) (28) AAF STa 166 (Station)

Attached for flying (29) IX BC, Ninth AF (Command and Air Force) (30) 391st B.G. (Group) (31) 575th B.S. (Squadron) (32) AAF Sta 166 (Station)

Original rating (33) Pilot (Rating) (34) 14 Jan 43 (Date) Present rating (35) Pilot (Rating) (36) 14 Jan 43 (Date) Instrument rating (37) 24 Aug 43 (Date)

Prior Flying Hours (at the time of this accident)

(38) This type	207:00	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	6:00
(39) This model	59:55	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	None
(40) Last 90 days	67:10	(44) Night time last 6 months	11:50
(41) Total	416:20	(45) Night time last 30 days	None

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE NF

(46) Aircraft: Propeller nicked and dented

(47) Engine(s):

(48) Propeller(s):

(49) DAMAGE (50) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS

(50) Weather at the time of accident: Ceiling 8,000', 5/10 Cloud Coverage, Visibility 6 Miles Hazy, Wind 10 M.P.H.

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

(52) Cleared from: AAF, Sta 166 (53) To: AAF Sta 166 (54) Kind of flying: Operational 0 Combat 05

(55) Pilot's flying time: Left propeller dug into soft earth

(56) Nature of accident:

(57) Cause of accident: A skid in turning off end of runway sunk left main gear deep enough into soft earth to allow the propeller to touch the ground.

(58) Has Form 54 been completed? No

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

1. The pilot landed out of a fast approach at least two thirds of the way down the runway. His immediate use of brakes was attested to by the appearance of smoke for a short period after landing, but it disappeared until shortly before his attempted turn at the end of the runway where it appeared again. Inspection of the runway right after the accident showed that the right wheel skidded for about 100 yards. The ship was unable to make the turn and the left wheel, under the added download caused by the turn, sank deep into the soft earth allowing the left prop to hit the ground.

2. The accident was due 100% to pilot error, about 80% judgement and 20% technique.

3. It is recommended that if a stop appears impossible, the pilot roll straight ahead on the soft earth not using brakes off the runway.

Signature John S. Samuel
(Investigating Officer)
JOHN S. SAMUEL, Lt Col, AC.

Date 24 March 1944

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APO 140, U. S ARMY,
1 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 140, U S Army
THRU: Commanding Officer, 99th Combat Wing, APO 140, U S Army.

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Transmitted herewith are Reports of Aircraft Accidents in compliance with IX Bomber Command Memorandum No. 62-2.

For the Group Commander:

/s/ EDWARD N. KOENIG,
/t/ EDWARD N. KOENIG,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Incl #1 - Report of Aircraft Accident (in quint)
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Subject: Aircraft Accident Report - 42-95932.
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HEADQUARTERS IX BOMBER COMMAND, APO 140, U. S. ARMY, 8 April 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U. S. Army.

Approved.

For the Commanding Officer:

RICHARD C. SANDERS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

1 Incl: WD, AAF Form 14 (in trip)

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