

NAME	<u>Personnel</u>
AIR FORCE & COM.	<u>9</u>
GROUP NO.	<u>391</u>
GROUP TYPE	<u>BM</u>
AIRCRAFT CODE	<u>2</u>

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A. A. F. FORM No. 14
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AAF Station 166
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

Accident No. _____

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

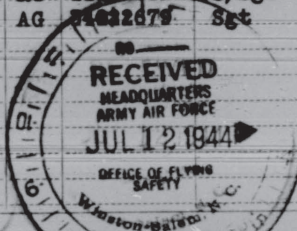
(1) Place AAF Station 166 (2) Date 21 June 1944 (3) Time 1000

AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26C45 (5) A. F. No. 42-197748 (6) Station AAF Station 166

Organization: (7) IX BC Ninth AF (8) 391st B.G. (9) 572nd B.S.
(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)
61 P	Blute, John W.	P	0-795686	1st Lt	20 U	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
62 CP	Baldwin, Laurence P.	P	0-689009	2nd Lt	20 U	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
63 B	Tischer, Cecil C.	RG	16154871	S/Sgt	38 W	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
64 EG	Sitchenko, Leonard J.	EG	12168707	S/Sgt	38 W	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
71 RG	Partridge, Harvey L.	RG	11055599	S/Sgt	38 W	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
64 AG	Cole, Herman A.	AG	5422675	Sgt	38 W	AC	Ninth AF	None	No



(20) Blute John W 0-795686 (22) 1st Lt (23) 18 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)

Assigned (25) IX B.G. Ninth AF (26) 391st B.G. (27) 572nd B.S. (28) AAF Station 166
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)

Attached for flying (29) IX B.C. Ninth AF (30) 391st B.G. (31) 572nd B.S. (32) AAF Station 166
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)

Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 4 Jan 43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 4 Jan 43 Instrument rating (37) 1 Aug 43
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type	<u>200:24</u>	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	<u>0:00</u>
(39) This model	<u>78:53</u>	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	<u>0:00</u>
(40) Last 90 days	<u>119:45</u>	(44) Night time last 6 months	<u>0:00</u>
(41) Total	<u>412:36</u>	(45) Night time last 30 days	<u>0:00</u>

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE		(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft	<u>M 3</u>	R.horizontal stabilizer and elevator almost completely out off, tail sec. of fuselage twisted badly
(47) Engine(s)	<u>None</u>	
(48) Propeller(s)	<u>None</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Ceiling: 700 feet; visibility in cloud: 50 yds. Wind: 18 MPH
30°

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
(52) Cleared from AAF Station 166 (53) To AAF Station 166 (54) Kind of clearance Operational

(55) Pilot's mission Combat

(56) Nature of accident collision while in flight

(57) Cause of accident Pilot of plane on left wing lost contact in overcast and collided with tail section of plane.

(58) Has form No 54 been submitted: No

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CONFIDENTIAL**DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT**

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

1. In climbing thru the overcast in formation on the morning of 21 June 1944, B-26B45 AF No 42-95809 piloted by 2nd Lieutenant George A. Dewitt, got enough separated from the leader to cause loss of visual contact. In transferring from contact flying to instrument, instead of turning away from the formation as briefed, Lieutenant Dewitt allowed the plane to turn slightly toward the formation with the result that he crossed under the formation without seeing it. In attempting to establish his altitude he pulled up as he was crossing under the number two man and his left wing tip struck the right horizontal stabilizer assembly of the number two ship, B-26C45 AF No 42-107748, piloted by 1st Lieut. John W. Blute. Both planes remained under control though the damage to the empennage of Lieut. Blute's ship decided him to abandon his mission and return to base immediately. Lieut. Dewitt completed his mission.

2. There is no responsibility for the accident on the part of either the pilot or his aircraft.

3. There are no recommendations.

Signature

John S. Sammel
John S. Sammel, Lieut. Col AC

Donald K. Brandon
Donald K. Brandon, Lieut. Col AC

Ernest N. Ljunggren
Ernest N. Ljunggren, Lieut. Col. AC

Date 25 June 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 166

APC 140, U S Army,
26 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Aircraft Accident, A.F. No. 42-107743.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APC 140, U S Army.

1. Transmitted herewith WD AAF Form 14, Report of Aircraft Accident, in accordance with paragraph 2, Memorandum 62-2, IX Bomber Command, dated 18 April 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:



Glenn E. Bowen
GLENN E. BOWEN,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

Incl: Report of Aircraft Accident

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HEADQUARTERS IX BOMBER COMMAND, APC 140, U. S. ARMY, 30 June 1944.

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TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear), APC 696, U. S. Army.

Submitted in compliance with Memorandum 55-1, Headquarters Ninth Air Force, dated 22 March 1944.

For the Commanding General:

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Richard B. Smith
RICHARD B. SMITH,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff



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HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE (REAR), APO 696, U S Army, 6 July, 1944.

TO: Chief Flying Safety, Army Air Forces, Winston-Salem 1, North Carolina.

Report of aircraft accident committee approved.

For the Commanding General:

1 Incl: n/c (2 cys w/d)

Harry E. Koch
HARRY E. KOCH, 1-573
Major, A C
Asst Adj General.

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