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U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

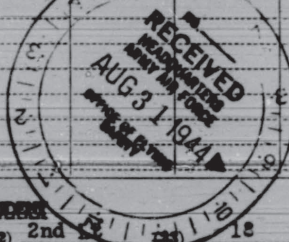
ACCIDENT No. _____

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place RAF Station Tangmere, Sussex (2) Date 8 August 1944 (3) Time 1345 4
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26B35 (5) A. F. No. 41-31978 (6) Station AAF Station #166
Organization: (7) IX BC Ninth AF (8) 391st B.G. (9) 573rd Sqdn
(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)
P	Crim, Herman L.	P	Q-747753	2nd Lt	18	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
CP	Binkley, Walter E.	P	Q-747720	1st Lt	18	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
B	Rolontz, Robert (NMI)	B	O-681808	1st Lt	18	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
EG	Nicholson, Richard A.	EG	17046721	S/Sgt	38	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
RG	McFeeters, Harold R.	RG	35643202	S/Sgt	38	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
AG	Moyers, Rayford F.	AG	17015660	S/Sgt	38	AC	Ninth AF	None	No



(20) Crim Herman L. (21) O-747753 (22) 2nd Lt (23) 18 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) IX B.C. 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) 22 Jun 43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 22 Jun 43 Instrument rating (37) 15 Nov 43
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type	534:50	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	0:00
(39) This model	220:00	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	0:00
(40) Last 90 days	125:05	(44) Night time last 6 months	3:40
(41) Total	624:50	(45) Night time last 30 days	0:00

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>0</u>	Left aileron and main spar cracked and split.
(47) Engine(s) <u>None</u>	Wing badly battered approx one third way from outer tip.
(48) Propeller(s) <u>None</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Clouding; unlimited; Visibility; 6 miles, hazy; Wind; 3 MPH from 200°

(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 Outer one third of left wing crushed.

(57) Cause of accident Pilot taxied left wing into building at edge of perimeter strip.

(58) Has form 54 been submitted? No.

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RESTRICTED**DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT**

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

1. Second Lieutenant Herman L. Crim, O-747753, A.C., in ship B-26B35, AF. No. 41-31978 landed at Tangmere, Sussex (RAF) due to lack of petrol upon return from a combat mission.

When taxiing out for take-off, Lt. Crim did not take due care and caution and taxied into a building near the perimeter strip. This resulted in damage to the left wing of the airplane.

2. Accident due 100% to pilot's error (carelessness) in not analyzing the situation when taxiing.

3. No recommendations.

Signature

Donald K. Brandcamp

Donald K. Brandcamp, Major, Col. AC

Ernest N. Ljunggren

Ernest N. Ljunggren, Lt Col, AC

James A. Sullens

James A. Sullens, Major, AC

Date 11 August 1944

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572ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

APC 140, U. S. Army,
8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Taxi Accident to Airplane # 41-31978 at Tangmere (RAF) on 8
August 1944 - Pilot's Statement.

TO : Operations Officer, 391st Bombardment Group, APC 140, U. S. Army.

1. I called the tower asking for taxi and take-off instructions. I was instructed to taxi around to runway #25 using grass to cut across. I started around perimeter to clear the Spitfires in front of me before crossing grass to runway. One Spitfire was being turned around and the wing was out over the perimeter. I slowed down and moved over to allow room to clear the wing. My left wing tip touched a building extending to edge of perimeter strip. This swerved the airplane toward the building. I stopped at once, but the wing tip dragged for about three (3) feet. The wing tip was rather badly battered. The aileron cracked and the main spar was split. I immediately moved the airplane and called the 391st Group to report the accident.

Herman L. Crim
HERMAN L. CRIM,
2nd Lt, Air Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE (REAR), APO 696, U. S. ARMY, 24 August 1944.

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

Report of Aircraft Accident Committee approved.

For the Commanding General:

2 Incls: n/c (2 cys ea w/d)

Harold L. Carter
HAROLD L. CARTER
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Asst. Adj. General.

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AAF STATION #166

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APO 140, U S Army,
13 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of AirSeaft Accident.

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

Transmitted herewith WD AAF Form No. 14, Report of Aircraft Accident
(in quadruplicate) of aircraft No. 41-31978.

For the Commanding Officer:

Glenn E. Bowen
GLENN E. BOWEN,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Adjutant.2 Incls:
#1 Incl:- WD AAF Form No. 14 in quadruplicate.
#2 Incl:- Pilots statement in quadruplicate.360.38 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, IX BOMBER COMMAND, APO 140, U. S. ARMY, 17 August 1944.

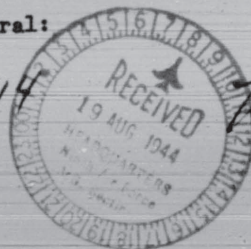
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TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear), APO 696, U. S. Army.

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

For the Commanding General:

2 Incls: n/c (1 cy. ea. w/d.)

*Richard S. Sanders*
RICHARD S. SANDERS,
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.
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