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ACCIDENT NO. [illegible]

WAR DEPARTMENT
AAF STATION A-73
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

45-2-3-703

3-15-45

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place AAF Station A-73 (2) Date 3 February 1945 (3) Time 2000

AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26C45 (5) A. F. No. 42-107743 (6) Station A-73

Organization: (7) 9th B.D. NINTH AF (Command and Air Force) (8) 391st Bomb (Group) (9) 575th Bomb (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	Goble, William (nmd)	P	O-713402	2nd Lt	18	AC	NINTH AF	None	No
CP	Lindsay, Francis J.	P	O-2062237	2nd Lt	18	AC	NINTH AF	None	No
BT	Demarco, Anthony R.	G	35322041	Cpl	38	AC	NINTH AF	None	No
RG	Madeley, George N.	RG	38538457	Cpl	38	AC	NINTH AF	None	No
EG	Middleton, Robert W.	EG	32911679	Cpl	38	AC	NINTH AF	None	No
AG	Melzow, Ernest J.	AG	32983498	Cpl	38	AC	NINTH AF	None	No

(20) Goble (Last name) William (First name) (nmd) (Middle initial) (21) O-713402 (Serial number) (22) 2nd Lt (Rank) (23) 18 (Personnel class) (24) AC (Branch)

Assigned (25) 9th B.D., NINTH AF (Command and Air Force) (26) 391st Bomb (Group) (27) 575th Bomb (Squadron) (28) A-73 (Station)

Attached for flying (29) 9th B.D., NINTH AF (Command and Air Force) (30) 391st Bomb (Group) (31) 575th Bomb (Squadron) (32) A-73 (Station)

Original rating (33) Pilot (Rating) (34) Mar 12 '44 (Date) Present rating (35) Pilot (Rating) (36) Mar 12 '44 (Date) Instrument rating (37) Oct. 24, 1944 (Date)

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

(38) This type	104:45	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	13:10
(39) This model	42:35	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	4:15
(40) Last 90 days	16:35	(44) Night time last 6 months	33:00
(41) Total	237:45	(45) Night time last 30 days	0:00

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

	DAMAGE L	R			(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft					Two (2) propeller blades.
(47) Engine(s)					
(48) Propeller(s)	M				

(50) Weather at the time of accident Scattered medium clouds above ten thousand (10,000) feet; visibility of four (4) miles; no surface wind.

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

(52) Cleared from A-73 (53) To A-73 (54) Kind of clearance Local.

(55) Pilot's mission Local night training.

(56) Nature of accident Taxiing accident. Left propeller struck portable generator on hardstand.

(57) Cause of accident Aircraft, while taxiing in darkness, was signalled into obstruction by ground crewman.

(58) Has Form 54 been submitted: No.

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575TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M), ARMY AIR FORCES
391ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP

APO 140, U.S. ARMY,
4 FEBRUARY 1945.

"PILOT'S STATEMENT"

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

"I WAS PILOT OF SHIP NO 743 ON 3 FEB 45. I HAD JUST MADE A DRY RUN ON TAKE-OFF AND WAS SENT BACK TO THE LINE. ARRIVING AT THE HARDSTAND IWAS MET AND DIRECTED INTO THE PARKING SPACE BY ONE MAN WITH ONE FLASHLIGHT. HE DIRECTED ME INTO A PUT-PUT WHICH MY LEFT PROP HIT AND SMASHED. I IMMEDIATELY CUT MY ENGINES AND STOPPED THE SHIP. WHEN I GOT OUT OF THE SHIP THE MAN THAT DIRECTED ME SAID HE DIDN'T SEE THE PUT-PUT. HE SAID THAT HE COULDN'T SHINE THE FLASHLIGHT ON THE GROUND AND DIRECT WITH IT AT THE SAME TIME."

William Goble Jr.
WILLIAM GOBLE, JR,
2ND LT, AIR CORPS,
PILOT.

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4 FEBRUARY 1945.

"GROUNDCREW MAN'S STATEMENT"
AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

RE: SHIP NO 743 - 3RD FEB 1945 - TAXIING ACCIDENT.

"IN REGARD TO DAMAGE TO PROP AND AUX POWER PLANT, I WAS TRYING TO SIGNAL THE PILOT TO TURN AROUND HIS SHIP. THE PILOT DID NOT SEE CORRECT SIGNALS AND TAXIED OVER AUX POWER PLANT,, DAMAGING THE LEFT PROP. THE HARDSTAND ON WHICH THE SHIP WAS TRYING TO PARK WAS IN A DIFFICULT PLACE SO PILOT HAD A HANDICAP.

PHILLIP T. HOLBROOK, JR
PFC, AAF.

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION A-73

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APO 140, U S Army
9 February 1945

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

TO : Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U S Army.

Transmitted herewith WD AAF Form No. 14, Report of Aircraft Accident, in accordance with paragraph 2, Memorandum 62-2, Headquarters, IX Bomber Command dated 18 April 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

RECEIVED 9 FEB 1945

CYRIL S. FARFEL,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

3 Inclosures:
Incl # 1 - WD AAF Form No. 14 in quadruplicate.
Incl # 2 - Statement of Ground Crewman in quadruplicate.
Incl # 3 - Statement of Pilot in quadruplicate.

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HEADQUARTERS 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), APO 140, U. S. ARMY, 15 February 1945.

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

Submitted in compliance with Memorandum 55-1, Headquarters Ninth Air Force, 27 November 1944.

For the Commanding General:

RECEIVED FEB 1945 A.G. MAIL ROOM

S. L. PARMENTER
CAPTAIN, A.C.
ASST. ADJ. GEN'L

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US Army, 7 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, AAF, Winston-Salem 1, North Carolina. (Att: Chief, Flying Safety).

Report of Aircraft Accident Committee approved.

For the Commanding General:

HERBERT B. LEWIS,
Captain, A.G.D,
Asst Adj General.

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