NAME OF PILOT	TYPE OF PLANE	ACCIDENT NUMBER
Mosher, William V.	B-26G-5	45-2-14-527

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

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place AAF Station A-73 (2) Date 14 February 1945 (3) Time 1755

AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26G5 (5) A. F. No. 43-34319 (6) Station A-73

Organization: (7) 9th B.D. NINTH AF (Command and Air Force) (8) 391st Bomb (Group) (9) 573rd 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	Mosher, William V.	P	O-705766	1st Lt	18	AC	NINTH AF	None	No
CP	Jacobson, Willard J.	P	O-713459	2nd Lt	18	AC	NINTH AF	None	No
BN	Solomon, Sidney (nmi)	B	O-765742	1st Lt	18	AC	NINTH AF	None	No
RG	Withers, Charles A.	RG	39692026	T/Sgt	38	AC	NINTH AF	None	No
EG	Wogringig, John J.	EG	33621112	S/Sgt	38	AC	NINTH AF	None	No
AG	Price, John M. Jr.	AG	33584423	S/Sgt	38	AC	NINTH AF	None	No

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(20) Mosher, (Last name) William (First name) V. (Middle initial) (21) O-705766 (Serial number) (22) 1st 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) 573rd Bomb (Squadron) (28) A-73 (Station)

Attached for flying (29) 9th B.D., NINTH AF (Command and Air Force) (30) 391st Bomb (Group) (31) 573rd Bomb (Squadron) (32) A-73 (Station)

Original rating (33) Pilot (Rating) (34) 7 Jan 44 (Date) Present rating (35) Pilot (Rating) (36) 7 Jan 44 (Date) Instrument rating (37) 15 May 1944 (Date)

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

(38) This type	309:45	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	2:30
(39) This model	61:00	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	1:15
(40) Last 90 days	38:25	(44) Night time last 6 months	3:00
(41) Total	573:55	(45) Night time last 30 days	1:15

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

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	DAMAGE R	DAMAGE L	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft	M		Fuselage from Navigator's Compartment forward.
(47) Engine(s)	O	O	Overhaul.
(48) Propeller(s)	M	M	All blades of both propellers bent.

(50) Weather at the time of accident Visibility of seven (7) miles; two-three tenths (.2-.3) low cloud; surface wind from 240° at four-seven (4-7) MPH.

(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 Operational

(55) Pilot's mission Combat

(56) Nature of accident Landing accident. Aircraft left runway upon landing.

(57) Cause of accident Aircraft landed with deflated tire.

(58) Has Form 54 been submitted: No.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

1. On 14 February 1945, 1st Lt William V. Mosher, after completing an operational mission, returned to base in a B-26G5 aircraft, A.F. #43-34319.

Lt Mosher made a normal approach to the field and landed at proper interval behind the preceding aircraft. He made a smooth landing, at normal landing speed, touching down on the left side of the runway, in the first quarter of its length. Immediately after landing, the ship showed a tendency to yaw to the left. Lt Mosher endeavored to keep his ship rolling straight by using right brake and increasing the power on his left engine. His efforts were unsuccessful, however, and the ship left the left edge of the runway approximately three-hundred (300) yards from the point of touch-down. Upon striking the soft and irregular terrain adjacent to the runway, the nose gear collapsed and the ship skidded to a stop on its nose section and two main gear.

Examination of tire tracks indicated that the left main tire was deflated at the touch-down point, its track being almost twice as wide as that made by a normally inflated tire. Inspection of the tire, subsequent to accident, showed it to be deflated.

2. 100% materiel failure. Aircraft landed with deflated left main tire, causing it to leave runway.

3. Recommendations: None.

Signature James A Sullens
(Investigating Officer)
JAMES A. SULLENS, Lt Col, AC,
Walter J. Ives (CAS)
WALTER J. IVES, Maj, AC.
Carroll A Santos, Jr.
CARROLL A. SANTOS, JR., Maj, AC.

Date 17 February 1945.

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CO-PILOT Statement of Aircraft Accident.

I was co-pilot on Aircraft #43-34319, February 14, 1945. We were coming in on a normal landing approach on the left hand side of the runway. After proceeding for a short distance down the runway, the ship swerved to the left. The pilot applied left throttle and right brake and rudder, but was unable to keep the plane from leaving the runway. The nose strut buckled and we skidded to a stop. We immediately cut the switches and mixture.

Willard J. Jacobson

WILLARD J. JACOBSON,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Co-Pilot.

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Pilot's Statement of Aircraft Accident.

I was flying Aircraft #43-34319, February 14, 1945, on returning from a combat mission, I was coming in on my final approach and every thing seemed to be normal. My engineer checked the tires after the wheels were lowered and the tires seemed to be all right.

After touching the runway there was a very definite pull to the left. I landed on the left hand side of the runway as the ship in front of me landed on the right hand side. I was unable to hold the ship on the runway in spite of the use of right rudder and brake and left throttle. The ship skidded off the left hand side of the runway. When the nose wheel collapsed, I shut off the main line switch and the battery swithches. The co-pilot cut the mixture.

William V. Mosher

WILLIAM V. MOSHER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

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APO 140, U S Army
18 February 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Aircraft Accident, A.F. No. 43-34319.

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:

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1st Lt, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

3 Inclosures:
1 - WD AAF Form No. 14 in quad.
2 - Statement of Pilot in quad.
3 - Statement of Co-Pilot in quad.

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HEADQUARTERS 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), APO 140, U. S. ARMY, 2 March 1945.

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

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

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360.33 2nd Ind. E-
HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US Army, 9 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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