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NAME OF PILOT			TYPE OF PLANE		ACCIDENT NUMBER	
CLARK ANDREW F			B-26 41		45-5-15-517	
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A. A. F. Form No. 14
(Revised May 15, 1942)

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WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

ACCIDENT No. 1

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place Urmond, Holland (2) Date 15 May 1945 (3) Time Approx. 1500

AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26G1 (5) A. F. No. 43-34164 (6) Station Y-55

Organization: (7) 9 A.D. (Ninth A.F.) (8) ____ (9) 1st. Pathfinder Sq. Prov.
(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	Clark, Andrew F.	P	O-720438	2nd Lt.	18	AC	9 A.D.	Killed	No
CP	Eaton, Norman H.	CP	O-836746	2nd Lt.	18	AC	9 A.D.	Killed	No
N	Hoarty, Michael J.	N	O-783422	2nd Lt.	18	AC	9 A.D.	Killed	No

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Clark (Last name) Andrew (First name) F. (Middle initial) (21) O-720438 (Serial number) (22) 2nd Lt. (Rank) (23) 18 (Personnel class) (24) AC. (Branch)

Assigned (25) 9 A.D. Ninth A.F. (Command and Air Force) (26) 394th. (Group) (27) 587th. (Squadron) (28) Y-55 (Station)

Attached for flying (29) 9 A.D. (Ninth A.F.) (Command and Air Force) (30) — (Group) (31) 1st Pathfinder (Squadron) (32) Y-55 (Station)

Original rating (33) Pilot (Rating) (34) 4-15-44 (Date) Present rating (35) Pilot (Rating) (36) 4-15-44 (Date) Instrument rating (37) ------- (Date)

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

(38) This type	250:55	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	09:30
(39) This model	100:40	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	03:15
(40) Last 90 days	71:30	(44) Night time last 6 months	00:00
(41) Total	627:45	(45) Night time last 30 days	00:00

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

Damage					(49) List of Damaged Parts	
(46) Aircraft	4			M	Complete, Wreck	
(47) Engine(s)	4	4		M	"	"
(48) Propeller(s)	4	4		M	"	"

(50) Weather at the time of accident 8/10 Low Clouds, Base 2,000 feet, Visibility 8 miles.

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

(52) Cleared from Y-55 (53) To A-93 (54) Kind of clearance X-C

(55) Pilot's mission Ferrying of Aircraft.

(56) Nature of accident Low flying over river.

(57) Cause of accident Aircraft hit two cables across river.

(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)

On the afternoon 15 May 1945, at approximately 1500 hours A/C B-26G1 43-34164 piloted by 2nd Lt. Andrew F. Clark Jr., was buzzing the Muese river (canal) in the vicinity of Urmond-Stein, Holland, 15 miles North of Maastricht). The aircraft hit one cable shearing off the rudder. Upon hitting the second cable the A/C flipped over on its back and hit a travelling crane, some coal piles, and a small building.

The aircraft was totally demolished and wreckage was strewn over a large area.

The responsibility for the accident rests 100% on the pilot for violation of low flying regulations.

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT COMMITTEE:

JOSEPH M. DUBOIS,
Captain, Air Corps,
(President)

ALLEN R. KANNAPEL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Flight Surgeon,

GEORGE B. DAVIS,
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Member.

GILBERT C. HINE,
Captain, Air Corps,
S-2 Officer.

DONALD C. MADDEN,
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Engineering Officer.

R.C. WEEDSALL,
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Weather Officer.

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Signature _____
(Investigating Officer)
JOSEPH M. DUBOIS, Capt., AC.

GEORGE B. DAVIS, 1st Lt., AC.

DONALD C. MADDEN, 1st Lt., AC.

Date 17 May 1945

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Office of Flying Control
USAAF Station A-72

11 June 1945

SUBJECT: Take-off of Aircraft without clearance.

TO : Flying Control, 9th Air Division, APO 140, US Army.
Att: Captain Neslin.

1. The aircraft in question is 1st Provisional Pathfinder aircraft number 164/B, pilot, A. F. Clark.

2. In the past when groups were making a change of station the policy was to have a briefing in Group briefing room, at which time pilots were told the number of trips to be made and personnel carried. This was done by flights by Squadrons. The use of the form 1-E, and later the form 23 had not been used for a change of station until after the 9th Air Division letter dated 20 May 1945.

3. The above aircraft was one of thirty-six being ferried to A-93, and listed on a loading list received by Flying Control from PFF operations. No clearance was filed because all the aircraft were covered in the above mentioned loading list.

4. A Departure signal, number AF 551 was sent to Flying Control A-93 with the numbers of all airborne aircraft listed.

5. Major John D. Murphy was the Flying Control Officer on duty at that time, and has since changed station.



Robert H. R. Risley
Captain, Air Corps
Sr. Flying Control Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (M), PROVISIONAL, AAF
APO 140, U.S. ARMY,
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING OFFICER

F1-M-1

18 May 1945

SUBJECT: Accident Report of Aireraft, Serial No. 43-34164.

TO : Commanding Officer, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional,
APO 140, U.S. Army.
(Attention: S-3 Officer)

At approximately 15:00 hours, 15 May 1945, Aireraft Model No. B-26G1, Serial No. 43-34164, crashed near Urmond-Stein, Holland (15 miles north of Maastricht, Holland) and was completely destroyed.

A visual eximation of the Aireraft determined that it was a complete loss. The Aireraft was in very good condition, the crash was due to bad judgement by the Personnel flying the ship.

The Aireraft has been turned over to 304th Service Group, AAF Sta. Y-55.

Donald C. Madden
DONALD C. MADDEN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Engineering Officer.

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21ST WEATHER SQUADRON
DETACHMENT "ZD"

16 May 1945

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident Report.

TO : Director of Weather Services, Ninth Air Force, APO #696, U. S. Army.

1. Accident occurred : Vicinity of Urmond, Holland.
On : 15 May 1945.
At : 1500B.
Type Aircraft : B-26-G, #43-34164.
Pilot : 2nd Lt. A. S. CLARK, JR. 0720430.
Co-Pilot : 2nd Lt. M. H. EATON, 0836747.
Circumstance : Aircraft hit cable while buzzing.

2. The weather at the time of the accident was: 8/10 cloud, base 2000 ft. Visibility 7 miles.

3. Weather was not a factor in this accident.

R. O. WEEDFALL
1st Lt., Air Corps
Station Weather Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (M), PROVISIONAL, AAF
APO 140, U.S. ARMY,
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING OFFICER

F1-M-1

18 May 1945

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that Aircraft Model B-26G1, Serial Number 43-34164, crashed at approximately 15:00 hours, 15 May 1945, and is a complete loss.

Donald C. Madden
DONALD C. MADDEN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Engineering Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
1st. Pathfinder Squadron Prov.
APO 140, U.S. Army

E-D-2

17 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident Report.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U.S. Army.
Attention: A-3.

1. Transmitted herewith is AAF Form 14 and supporting papers concerning accident of aircraft B-26G1 43-34164, which occurred on 15 May 1945, Urmond-Stein, Holland, 15 miles North of Maastricht.

RECEIVED 24 MAY 1945

For the Squadron Commander:

William F. McCrone

WILLIAM F. McCRONE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Incl. 1: AAF Form 14.
Incl. 2: Statement of Engineering Officer.
Incl. 3: Statement of Weather Officer.
Incl. 4: Assessment of Damage.

360.33 1st Ind. E-W-3
HEADQUARTERS 9TH AIR DIVISION, APO 140, U. S. ARMY, 18 June 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U. S. Army. 114

1. Submitted in compliance with Memorandum 55-1, Headquarters Ninth Air Force, dated 5 March 1945.

2. Delay in submission due to return to Group for reconsideration.

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For the Commanding General:

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C. C. VEGA, Jr.,
LT. COLONEL, A.C.,
ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, U S Army, 23 June 1945.

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

Report of Aircraft Accident Committee approved.

For the Commanding General:

HARRY E. KOCH
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst Adj Gen.

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