WAR DEPARTMENT
A. A. F. Form No. 64
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AAF STATION B-50
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

ACCIDENT No. 1

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place AAF Station B-50 (2) Date 17 June 1945 (3) Time 1430

AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model L-4H (5) A. F. No. 43-30411 (6) Station AAF Station B-50

Organization: (7) 9th A.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	Wilson, Hershel D.	P	0-758669	1st Lt	18	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
X	Stallings, Joe H.	B	0-1032613	1st Lt	18	AC	Ninth AF	None	No

PILOT OR OPERATOR WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Wilson (Last name) Hershel (First name) D. (Middle initial) (21) 0-758669 (Serial number) (22) 1st Lt (Rank) (23) 18 (Personnel class) (24) AC (Branch)

Assigned (25) 9th A.D. Ninth AF (Command and Air Force) (26) 391st Bomb (Group) (27) 573rd Bomb (Squadron) (28) AAF Station B-50 (Station)

Attached for flying (29) 9th A.D. Ninth AF (Command and Air Force) (30) 391st Bomb (31) 573rd Bomb (Squadron) (32) AAF Station B-50 (Station)

Original rating (33) Pilot (Rating) (34) 3-11-43 (Date) Present rating (35) Pilot (Rating) (36) 3-11-43 (Date) Instrument rating (37) 19 March 1945 (Date)

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

(38) This type	4;40	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	14;00
(39) This model	4;40	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	7;40
(40) Last 90 days	120;20	(44) Night time last 6 months	6;30
(41) Total	1016;05	(45) Night time last 30 days	2;30

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

	DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft	M	Right landing gear.
(47) Engine(s)		
(48) Propeller(s)		

(50) Weather at the time of accident: Visibility eight (8) miles; winds E NE two (2) to four (4) miles per hour; no clouds.

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

(52) Cleared from B-50 (53) To B-50 (54) Kind of clearance Local

(55) Pilot's mission: Local training.

(56) Nature of accident: Taxi accident.

(57) Cause of accident: Taxied into slit trench.

(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 17 June 1945, 1st Lt Hershel D. Wilson O-758669 was flying L-4H type aircraft A.F. No. 43-30411 on a local training flight.

After a normal landing Lt Wilson started a turn to the right and the right wheel of the ship dropped into a slit trench, shearing off the right landing gear and breaking the propeller.

Immediate Cause: Pilot taxied into slit trench.

Underlying Cause: Carelessness on the part of the pilot for landing on an uninspected part of the field.

Responsibility: 100% Pilot Error - Carelessness.

Recommendations: None.

Signature Ernest R. Lindgren
(Investigating Officer)
ERNEST R. LINDGREN, 1st Col. A.C.
Robert K. Jaeke
ROBERT K. JAEKE, Capt, A.C.
Alan D. Smith
ALAN D. SMITH, Capt, A.C.

Date 22 June 1945.

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17 June 1945 (DATE) | AAF B-50 (STATION) | 391st Bomb (M) (GROUP NO. AND TYPE) | L-4 (AIRCRAFT MODEL)

Sgt Seig (CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER) | 573rd Bomb (M) (SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE) | 43-30411 (AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.)

PERS. CLASS	— PRINT PLAINLY — NAME — RANK — ORGANIZATION	USE AS DIRECTED LOCALLY	ALWAYS ENTER DUTY SYMBOLS. WHEN APPLICABLE, ENTER N - NIGHT OR I - INSTRUMENT ENTER TIME FLOWN THEREUNDER				FLIGHT DATA	
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18	Clark, Harry W., 1st Lt		P 0:15		CP 0:15		:	:	FROM: L TO: C	06:30
18	Keller, Harry E., Jr., 1st Lt, O-713667		CP 0:15		P 0:15		:	:	FROM: A TO: A	07:00
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18	Keller, Harry E., Jr., 1st Lt, O-713667		P 2:50		:		:	:	FROM: B-50 TO: B-50	07:20
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18	Wilson, Hershel D., 1st Lt, O-758669		P 0:40		:		:	:	FROM: B-50 TO: B-50	13:15
18	Stallings, Joe H., 1st Lt, O-1032613		X 0:40		:		:	:		13:55
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	Herbert W. Dent Jr		:		:		:	:	MISSION: NO. OF LANDINGS:	:
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WAR DEPARTMENT A.A.F. FORM NO. 1 (1-44)

FLIGHT REPORT - OPERATIONS

CHECKED: LEGIBLE AND CORRECT — OPER. CLERK

TRANSCRIBED: TOTAL FLIGHT TIME ENTERED ON FORM 1A — CREW CHIEF

TOTAL FLIGHT TIME: 4:00

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FORM NO. 1 A
2-1-42

FLIGHT REPORT - ENGINEERING

INSPECTION STATUS

	DATE OF OR HOURS DUE	INSPECTED TODAY BY	INSPECTED TODAY STATION
PREFLIGHT	17June	S	-
DAILY	16June	S	-
25 HOURS	25:00		-
50 HOURS	50:00		B-50
100 HOURS	100:00		-
			-
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SERVICING AT STATION OF TAKE-OFF (CHECK IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TAKE-OFF)

SERVICE	FUEL (GALLONS) SERV-ICED	FUEL (GALLONS) IN TANKS	OIL (QUARTS) NO. 1 SERV-ICED	NO. 1 IN TANKS	NO. 2 SERV-ICED	NO. 2 IN TANKS	NO. 3 SERV-ICED	NO. 3 IN TANKS	NO. 4 SERV-ICED	NO. 4 IN TANKS	RADIATOR CHECKED
1ST	S	12 S	-	4 S							
2ND											
3RD											
4TH											
5TH											

INSPECTION OF AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT	SYMBOL	INSPECTED BY	STATION
BOMBARDMENT			
GUNNERY			
CHEMICAL			
COMMUNICATIONS			
PHOTOGRAPHIC			
NAVIGATION			

STATUS TODAY

1.	2.
S	X
3.	4.

EXPLANATION: Propeller Damaged, Right Strut Damaged.

EXCEPTIONAL RELEASE

WHEN THE "STATUS TODAY" IS INDICATED BY A RED SYMBOL, AND AN "EXCEPTIONAL RELEASE" HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED BY AN AUTHORIZED ENGINEERING OFFICER, THE PILOT OF THE AIRCRAFT WILL SIGN THIS RELEASE BEFORE FLIGHT.

RELEASED FOR FLIGHT: 1. H W CLARK, H WILSON 1st Lt; 2. H W CLARK; 3. ; 4.

REMARKS: PILOTS AND MECHANICS - SEE INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE FRONT COVER.

#1 H W CLARK ok.
#2 H W CLARK ok.
#3 Cracked up on landing Lt Hal Wilson

AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE TIME RECORD (ENTER IN HOURS AND MINUTES)

ENGINE	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO. 4
HOURS TO DATE	14:30			
HOURS TODAY	4:00			
TOTAL	18:30			
OIL CHANGE DUE	50:00			
CARB. CLEANING DUE				

AIRCRAFT		
	HOURS TO DATE	14:30
	HOURS TODAY	4:00
	TOTAL	18:30

Certified True Copy:

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DEAN HUCKS,
WOJG, AUS,
Asst. Engrg Officer.

Preflight & Daily by - Sgt. Seig.

TOTAL FLIGHT TIME	ENGINE DATA	AIRCRAFT DATA	AIRCRAFT ORG. DATA		
4:00	ENGINE MODEL: A65 - 83	AIRCRAFT MODEL: 14 - H	ORGANIZATION AND STATION: 91st Bomb (L)	8th	17 June 42
	ENGINE SERIAL NO. (3): 43-157714	AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.: 43-30411	ORGANIZATION AND STATION: 573rd Bomb (L)	9th AD	3-60
	ENGINE SERIAL NO. (2): -------	COMPONENT: -------			
	ENGINE SERIAL NO. (1): -------				Sgt Seig
	ENGINE SERIAL NO. (4): -------				

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573RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
AAF Station B-50

18 June 1945

PILOT'S STATEMENT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

1. I was flying L-4 ap #43-30411 on 17 June 1945. After approximately forty minutes of flying, I came in and landed. A normal landing was made, but at the end of the landing roll as I started to turn the ship to the right, the right landing gear dropped into a slit trench. As a result the right gear was broken off at the fuselage and the propellor was broken.

Hershel D. Wilson

HERSHEL D. WILSON
1st Lt, AC
Pilot

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573RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
AAF Station B-50

18 June 1945

STATEMENT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

1. On 17 June 1945 Lt Hershel D. Wilson and I were flying the 573rd Bombardment Squadron's L-4 #43-30411. After approximately forty minutes of flying time we landed to change pilots as our period had expired.

2. A normal landing was made and as the plane lost momentum, the pilot, Lt Wilson, started the aircraft in a turn to the right. At this time our right landing gear dropped into a slit trench, concealed by weeds. This caused the nose to drop thereby breaking the propellor on one end and snapping the right main gear.

Jack H. Stallings

JOE H. STALLINGS
1st Lt, AC

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573RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L) AAF
Office of the Engineering Officer.

APO 140, U S Army
21 June 1945

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident Report.

TO : Operations Officer, 391st Bombardment Group (L) AAF, APO 140, U S Army.

1. Aircraft Type: L4-H.
2. Aircraft Serial Number: 43-30411.
3. Description of Accident or Crash: On landing of aircraft it was taxied into fox hole.
4. Description of Damage: Propeller and right landing gear strut were damaged, necessitating replacement.

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DOYLE HUCKS,
WOJG, AUS,
Asst. Engrg Officer.

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OFFICE OF FLYING CONTROL
AAF STATION B-50
APO 140

19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident.

TO : WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

1. At about 1430, 17 June 1945, L-4, AAF No. 330411, Pilot Lt. Wilson landed in an uninspected grass strip between 573rd Area and parking runway and ran into a hole washing out landing gear and prop.

2. Wind was about 060°, 4 to 6 MPH. Above L-4 was landing and taking off without direction. Pilot had not reported to tower by phone or in person.

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MARION MAYSE
2nd Lt, Air Corps
D.F.C.O.

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION B-50

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APO 140, US Army,
22 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Report of Aircraft Accident, A.F. No. 43-30411.

TO : Commanding General, 9th Air Division, APO 140, U S Army.

Transmitted herewith in compliance with 9th Air Division Memorandum No. 62-2, dated 12 March 1945, AAF Form No. 14, "Report of Aircraft Accident" on Aircraft L-4H, A.F. No. 43-30411, dated 17 June 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

HARLEY N. COX,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

8 Incls:
Incl 1- A.A.F. Form No. 14 (Quad)
Incl 2- Pilot's Statement (Quad)
Incl 3- Passenger's Statement (Quad)
Incl 4- Asst Engineering Officer's Statement (Quad)
Incl 5- Flying Control Officer's Statement (Quad)
Incl 6- A.A.F. Form No. 1 (Quad)
Incl 7- A.A.F. Form No. 1A (Quad)
Incl 8- Aircraft Accident Pictures (Quad)

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HEADQUARTERS 9TH AIR DIVISION, APO 140, U. S. ARMY, 2 July 1945.

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

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

2. Delay in submission due to coordination and investigation within this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

8 Incls: m/e (in trip)

CHARLES E. WARREN
Lt Col A.G.
Asst Adj. General

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360.33 2nd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, U S Army, 12 July 1945.

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

Report of Aircraft Accident Committee approved.

For the Commanding General:

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

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

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