WAR DEPARTMENT
A. A. F. Form No. 14
(Revised May 15, 1942)

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Accident No. _____

WAR DEPARTMENT
AAF STATION B-50
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place Seven (7) miles NE of B-50 (2) Date 24 June 1945 (3) Time 1630

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

Organization: (7) 9th A.D. Ninth AF (8) 391st Bomb (9) 573rd Bomb
(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	Jordan, John D.	P	O-836807	2nd Lt	18	AC	Ninth AF	Minor	No
X	Kidd, Donald H.	P	O-835215	2nd Lt	18	AC	Ninth AF	None	No

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Jordan (Last name) John (First name) D. (Middle initial) (21) O-836807 (Serial number) (22) 2nd 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) B-50 (Station)

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

Original rating (33) Pilot (Rating) (34) 4-8-44 (Date) Present rating (35) Pilot (Rating) (36) 4-8-44 (Date) Instrument rating (37) 23-10-44 (Date)

First Pilot Hours: *(at the time of this accident)*

(38) This type	7:15	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	14:50
(39) This model	7:15	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	6:20
(40) Last 90 days	103:45	(44) Night time last 6 months	13:30
(41) Total	591:55	(45) Night time last 30 days	5:30

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

	Damage	(49) List of damaged parts
(46) Aircraft	W	Complete Wreck
(47) Engine(s)	W	
(48) Propeller(s)	W	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Haze, Visibility of Six (6) miles; three tenths (.3) clouds at 2500 feet; wind 335° at 15 MPH.

(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 transition.

(56) Nature of accident Takeoff accident, engine failure after takeoff caused aircraft to crash and burn.

(57) Cause of accident Engine failure shortly after takeoff

(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 24 June 1946, 2nd Lt. John D. Jordan, O-833907, was flying L-4H type aircraft AAF No. 43-30411 on a local transition flight.

About seven miles from the field the engine started cutting out so Lt. Jordan landed the plane in a hay field. Lt. Jordan and Lt. Kidd, his passenger, inspected the plane and after a ground runup decided to takeoff again.

When the plane reached an altitude of about fifty feet the engine quit completely and Lt. Jordan had to make a forced landing. During the landing the right wing struck a tree causing the plane to cartwheel and burn. The pilot was slightly injured on the right leg and the passenger was uninjured.

Immediate Cause : Engine quit shortly after takeoff causing plane to crash and burn.

Underlying Cause : Undeterminable due to the condition of the wreckage. It is possible that the engine failure was due to water in the gasoline as the plane was serviced from a jerrican. This was necessary because this field has no other means of servicing planes with 80 octane gasoline.

Responsibility : 100% Pilot error(judgement). It is the opinion of this board that the pilot is at fault for attempting a takeoff. The engine should have been inspected by a rated mechanic after the forced landing.

Recommendations : None.

Signature Ernest N. Livingston
ERNEST N. LIVINGSTON, Lt. Col, AC
Robert N. Lakin
ROBERT N. LAKIN, Capt, AC.
Alan D. Smith
ALAN D. SMITH, Capt, AC.

Date 1 July 1946

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24 June 1945 (DATE) | AAF B-50 (STATION) | 391 Bomb (M) (GROUP NO AND TYPE) | 314 | L-4H (AIRCRAFT MODEL) | 1

Sgt Seig (CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER) | 573 Bomb (M) (SQUADRON NO AND TYPE) | 43-30411 (AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO) | 90

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WAR DEPARTMENT A.A.F. FORM NO. 1 2-42

FLIGHT REPORT - OPERATIONS

CHECKED LEGIBLE AND CORRECT — G OPER. CLERK — TRANSCRIBED TOTAL FLIGHT TIME ENTERED ON FORM 1A — S CREW CHIEF — TOTAL FLIGHT TIME 6 : 35

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A. A. F.
FORM NO. 1 A

FLIGHT REPORT - ENGINEERING

INSPECTION STATUS

	DATE OF OR HOURS DUE	INSPECTED TODAY BY	INSPECTED TODAY STATION
PREFLIGHT	24June45	Lt Clark	
DAILY	23June45	-	
25 HOURS	25:00	-	
50 HOURS	50:00		B-50
100 HOURS	100:00		-
Plugs	25:05		-
			-

SERVICING AT STATION OF TAKE-OFF
(CHECK IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TAKE-OFF)

SERVICE	FUEL (GALLONS) SERVICED	FUEL (GALLONS) IN TANKS	OIL (QUARTS) NO. 1 SERVICED	NO. 1 IN TANKS	NO. 2 SERVICED	NO. 2 IN TANKS	NO. 3 SERVICED	NO. 3 IN TANKS	NO. 4 SERVICED	NO. 4 IN TANKS	RADIATOR CHECKED
1ST	-	12	-	4							
2ND	10	12	-	4							
3RD											
4TH											
5TH											

INSPECTION OF AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT	SYMBOL	INSPECTED BY	STATION
BOMBARDMENT			-
GUNNERY			-
CHEMICAL			-
COMMUNICATIONS			B-50
PHOTOGRAPHIC			-
NAVIGATION			-
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STATUS TODAY

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EXPLANATION

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

REMARKS PILOTS AND MECHANICS - SEE INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE FRONT COVER

#1 OK H W CLARK 1st Lt.
#2 OK C H THOMAS 1st Lt.
#3 OK H MAY 1st Lt.
#4 Crashed and burned. JOHN D. JORDAN, 2nd Lt AC.

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

ENGINE	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO. 4
HOURS TO DATE	25:05			
HOURS TODAY	6:35			
TOTAL	31:40			
OIL CHANGE DUE	50:00			
CYLINDER CLEANING DUE				

AIRCRAFT		
	HOURS TO DATE	25:05
	HOURS TODAY	6:35
	TOTAL	31:40

Certified True Copy:

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

#2 Service Sgt. Seig.

TOTAL FLIGHT TIME	ENGINE DATA (1) ENGINE SERIAL NO.	(2)	(3)	(4)	AIRCRAFT DATA AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.	AIRCRAFT MODEL	AIRCRAFT ORG DATA SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE	GROUP NO. AND TYPE	COMMAND CORPS AREA OR DEPT.	AIR FORCE	CREW CHIEF OR ENGINEER	DATE	STATION
6:35	43-157714				43-30411	L4-H	575rd Bomb (M)	391st Bomb (M)	9th AD	9th	Sgt. Seig	27 June 45	B-50

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

24 June 1945

PILOT'S STATEMENT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

1. Lt Donald H. Kidd and I took off in L-4 ap #43-30411 from our Squadron area about 1600 this date and flew in a northwesterly direction. About seven miles from the field the engine was cutting out so I immediately landed in a hay field.

2. Lt Kidd and I checked gasoline and wiring and gave the ship a ground run-up which checked O. K. We took off and approximately fifty feet off the ground the engine cut out completely. I, attempting a forced landing, hit a tree with the right wing causing the ship to cart-wheel and burn.

3. The ship was completely demolished and burned. I received a minor injury on the right leg. My passenger, Lt Kidd, was not injured.

John D Jordan

JOHN D. JORDAN
2nd Lt, AC
Pilot

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HEADQUARTERS
391st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Weather Officer

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APO # 140
30 June 1945

SUBJECT : Weather Conditions Prevailing During Aircraft Accident.

TO : Group Operations Officer, 391st Bomb Group, (M), APO # 140, U.S. Army.

1. Weather which occured at AAF Station B-50 on 24 June 1945 at 1630 hours was as follows:

a. Clouds: 5/10 stratocumulus - base 3500 ft.

b. Visibility: 6 miles.

c. Surface Wind: 350 degs. - 15 MPH.

2. Weather conditions were above contact minimums.

Lloyd A. Stuebinger

LLOYD A. STUEBINGER
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Staff Weather Officer

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

APO # 140
United States Army
30 June 1945

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident Report.

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

1. Aircraft Type: L-4H
2. Aircraft Serial Number: 43-30411
3. Description of Accident or Crash: Aircraft crashed and burned on take off after emergency landing.
4. Description of Damage: Aircraft total loss.
5. Details as to Cause: Unable to determine cause due to complete destruction of Aircraft.
6. Recommendations as to Corrective Action to Eliminate Recurrance: None

DOZIER HUCKS,
WOJG, AUS,
Asst Engrg Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION B-50

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APO 140, U S Army,
3 July 1945.

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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 24 June 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

6 Incls:
Incl 1- A.A.F. Form No. 14 (Quad)
Incl 2- Pilot's Statement (Quad)
Incl 3- Weather Officer's Statement (Quad)
Incl 4- Asst Engineering Officer's Statement (Quad)
Incl 5- A.A.F. Form No. 1 (Quad)
Incl 6- A.A.F. Form No. 1A (Quad)

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360.33 1st Ind. E-Q-1
HEADQUARTERS 9TH AIR DIVISION, APO 140, U.S. ARMY, 13 August 1945.

F 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 within this headquarters. 314

For the Commanding Officer:

S. L. PARMENTER
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant General

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360.33 2nd Ind.

HEAD.[illegible], NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, U S Army, 23 August 1945.

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

Report of Aircraft Accident Committee approved.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

[signature]

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Major, A.G.D.,
Asst Adj General.

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