

WAR DEPARTMENT  
A. A. No. 14  
(15, 1942)

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AAF STATION 166  
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

Accident No. \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT**

(1) Place AAF Sta #166 (2) Date 6 July 1944 (3) Time 1044 4  
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26C15 030 (5) A. F. No. 41-34972 (6) Station AAF Sta #166  
Organization: (7) IX BC Ninth AF (8) 391st B.G. (9) 572nd Bomb Sq  
(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	Holliday, Robert L.	P	0-683703	2nd Lt	18	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
CP	Regan, Bernard J.	P	0-754196	2nd Lt	18	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
B	Snyder, Norbert J.	B	0-743859	2nd Lt	18	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
EG	VanAlstyne, William J.	EG	12168534	S/Sgt	20	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
RG	Bonham, Conrad G.	RG	34705063	T/Sgt	20	AC	Ninth AF	None	No
AG	Wierny, Anthony (NMI)	AG	12066915	S/Sgt	20	AC	Ninth AF	None	No

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED OR CHANGED,

TO **RESTRICTED**

BY AUTHORITY OF CG AAF

PV FC A DATE 2-28-46

**BLOCKED OUT INFORMATION**

(20) Holliday Robert L. (21) 0-683703 (22) 2nd Lt (23) 18 (24) AC  
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)  
Assigned (25) IX B.C. Ninth AF (26) 391st B.G. (27) 572nd B.S. (28) AAF Station 166  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station) 7310  
Attached for flying (29) IX B.C. Ninth AF (30) 391st B.G. (31) 572nd B.S. (32) AAF Station 166  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 26 Jun 43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 26 Jun 43 Instrument rating (37) 3 Dec 43  
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) K

**FIRST PILOT HOURS:**

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 363:03 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 13:12  
(39) This model 151:33 (43) Instrument time last 30 days None  
(40) Last 90 days 118:10 (44) Night time last 6 months 22:40  
(41) Total 492:45 (45) Night time last 30 days None

**AIRCRAFT DAMAGE**

**(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS**

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>M 3</u>	Left propeller, engine, nacelle and wing damaged.
(47) Engine(s) <u>04</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>W 4</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Ceiling 3000 feet; visibility 8 miles; wind 20 MPH from 150 degrees.

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No  
(52) Cleared from AAF Station 166 (53) To AAF Station 166 (54) Kind of clearance Operational D

(55) Pilot's mission Combat 05 7310

(56) Nature of accident Left main landing gear collapsed after landing. 06

(57) Cause of accident Left main landing gear was not locked in the down position

(58) Has form No 54 been submitted: No 03

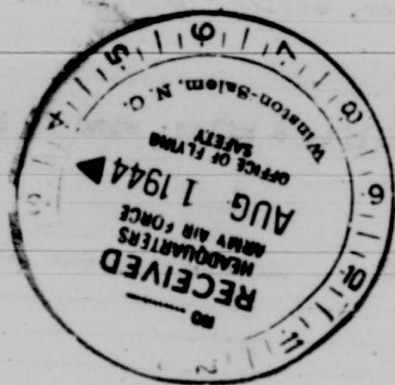
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## DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

1. On returning from a combat mission about 1040 on 6 July 1944, 2nd Lieut. Robert R. Holliday, flying B-26C15 AF No 41-34972 noticed that upon dropping his gear at about 170 MPH, the left main gear indicator did not show down and locked. Retracting the gear, Lieut. Holliday made a second approach at about 150MPH on which the indicator again failed to show down and locked but indicated better than previously. Influenced by the fact that the indicator was new (actually he had been asked to check it) and had not registered up and locked during the mission plus the fact he noted the distinct jars as he dropped the wheels, the pilot went ahead with the landing. As the plane lost speed, the left landing gear collapsed and the ship finally swerved off the runway ending up almost 180° to its original direction.
2. Accident due 100% to pilot's poor judgement in not doing enough to insure that the gear was down and locked.
3. No recommendations.



Signature

John S. Samuel, Lt Col., AC

Donald K. Brandon, Lt Col., AC

Ernest N. Ljunggren, Lt Col., AC

Date 10 July 1944

HQ SOS 5-43/10M/9093

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572ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

APO 140, U. S. Army,  
6 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Airplane Accident, Pilot's Statement, Airplane No. 972.

TO : Operations Officer, 391st Bombardment Group, APO 140, U. S. Army.

1. On returning from a combat mission on 6 July 1944, my left landing gear indicated only three quarters of the way down when approaching to land. There had been no battle damage received and the hydraulic pressure was reading 1,000 pounds. The gear was retracted and I went around to have another try. At the time of the first lowering the air speed was 170 M.P.H. On the second approach I slowed the airplane down to 150 M.P.H. The wheels came down and I was quite certain that I felt two distinct jars as the wheels went into position. However, the left gear indicated down, but did not give the last little flick indicating that the gear was in the locked position. The Crew Chief had told me earlier in the morning that a new transmitter had been installed and he wanted me to check and see if it indicated properly for the up position. The indicator did not show the gear all the way up and because of this I assumed the indicator to be at fault. The approach was made at 145 M.P.H. with half flaps and a slight cross wind from the right. It was my aim to land with the left wing slightly lower than the right and try out the left gear.

2. It is my belief that the gear held momentarily, but because of the low air speed, I was unable to catch the drop before the left prop had hit the runway.

3. There was no injury to personnel.

*Robert R. Holliday*  
2nd Lt. A.C.

ROBERT R. HOLLIDAY,  
2nd Lt, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE (HEAR), APO 696, U S ARMY, 22 July, 1944.

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TO: Chief Flying Safety, Army Air Forces, Winston-Salem 1, North Carolina.

Report of aircraft accident committee approved.

For the Commanding General:

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0-1992 *Harry E. Koch*  
HARRY E. KOCH,  
Major, A C  
Asst. Adj General.

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AAF STATION 166

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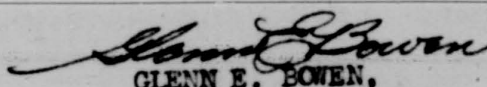
APO 140, U S Army  
11 July 1944

SUBJECT: Report of Aircraft Accident, AF No. 41-34972.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 140, U S Army.

Transmitted herewith WD AAF Form 14, Report of Aircraft Accident,  
in accordance with paragraph 2, Memorandum 62-2, IX Bomber Command, dated  
18 April 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

  
GLENN E. BOWEN,  
1st Lt, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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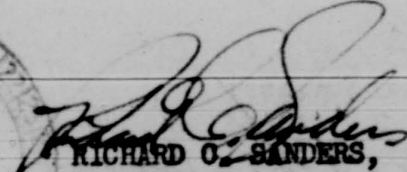
- 1 - WD AAF Form 14 (in quad).
- 2 - Statement of Pilot (in quad).
- 3 - One set pictures crash landing (in quad).

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HEADQUARTERS IX BOMBER COMMAND, APO 140, U.S. ARMY, 16 July 1944.

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

Submitted in compliance with Ninth Air Force Memorandum 55-1 dated 22 March  
1944.

For the Commanding General:

  
RICHARD O. SANDERS,  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,  
Chief of Staff.

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