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AAF STATION 166
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

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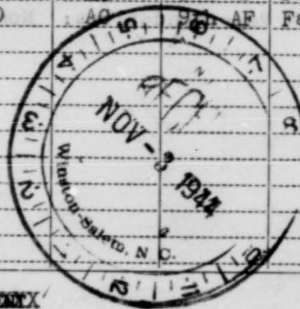
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

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(1) Place 2 mi NE of Rochford-Vicinity of S. End (2) Date September 24, 1944 (3) Time 2035 7
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26B55 (5) A. F. No. 42-96102 (6) Station AAF #166
Organization: (7) IX BC, Ninth AF (8) 391st Bomb (9) 573rd Bomb
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
01 P	HANLON, JACK T.	P	0-672084	1st Lt	20	AC	9th AF	Fatal	None
65 N	SINK, JAY M. JR.	B	0-733236	1st Lt	20	AC	9th AF	Fatal	None
71 R	SMITH, GERALD F.	R	37245841	Cpl	20	AC	9th AF	Fatal	None
62 E	MCCARTY, WILLIAM L.	E	37196353	S/Sgt	20	AC	9th AF	Fatal	None



PERSONNEL DATA WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Hanlon Jack (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) T (21) 0-672084 (Serial number) (22) 1st Lt (Rank) (23) 18 (Personnel class) (24) AC (Branch)
Assigned (25) IX BC, Ninth AF (Command and Air Force) (26) 391st Bomb (Group) (27) 572nd Bomb (Squadron) (28) AAF Station 166 (Station)
Attached for flying (29) IX BC, Ninth AF (Command and Air Force) (30) 391st Bomb (Group) (31) 573rd Bomb (Squadron) (32) AAF Station 166 (Station)
Original rating (33) P (Rating) (34) Feb 16, 43 (Date) Present rating (35) P (Rating) (36) Feb 16, 43 (Date) Instrument rating (37) Aug 31, 1944 (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 520:30 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 7:45
(39) This model 351:35 (43) Instrument time last 30 days 3:15
(40) Last 90 days 137:05 (44) Night time last 6 months 7:10
(41) Total 1090:10 (45) Night time last 30 days 2:15

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

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DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>W 5</u>	Airplane total loss
(47) Engine(s) <u>W 5 W 5</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>W 5 W 5</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Visibility four miles; ceiling at 900' of seven-eighths with ten tenths at 1000'; intermittent rain surface wind 25-30 mph from 320 degrees; gusty. (Ceiling variable from 500' to 1000!).

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident Yes
(52) Cleared from A-73 (53) To AAF #166 (54) Kind of clearance Ferrying.

(55) Pilot's mission Returning from ferrying personnel.

(56) Nature of accident Airplane crashed into ground during pilot's attempt to locate and land at home station.

(57) Cause of accident Inclement weather, darkness, and blacked-out terrain.

(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. Pilot was evidently endeavoring to let down under the overcast and then stay in contact while finding the landing field. The combination of blacked-out terrain and low ceilings with poor visibility made it necessary to fly dangerously low to maintain contact. The airplane flew into the ground due to these conditions.
2. Causes: Accident resulted from weather, darkness, and blacked-out terrain.
3. Recommendations: None.



Signature

Donald E. Brandon

(Investigating Officer)
DONALD E. BRANDON, Lt Col, AC.

Ernest N. Ljunggren
ERNEST N. LJUNGGREN, Lt Col, AC.

James A. Sullens
JAMES A. SULLENS, Maj, AC.

Date Oct. 2, 1944.

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(640-39186-2-5) (24 Sept 44) (Ac #102 B-26)

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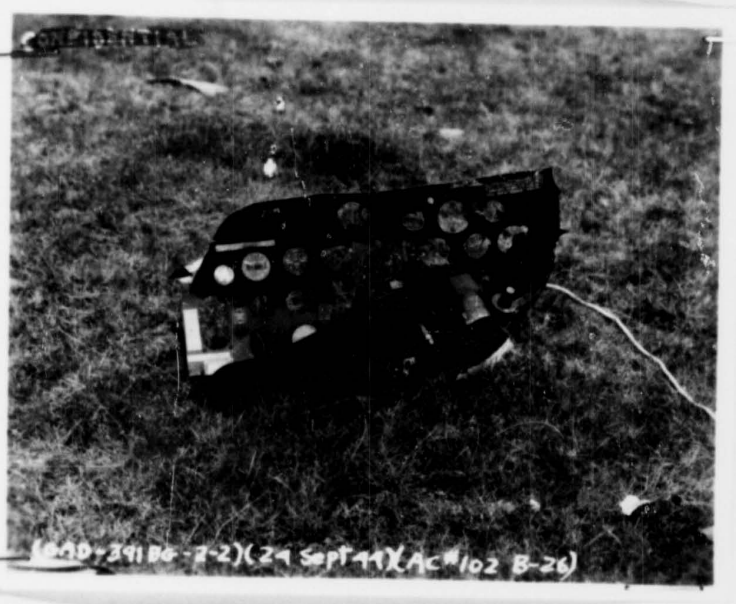


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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION A-73

AFPO 140, U S Army,
4 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Aircraft Accident, A.F. No. 42-96102.

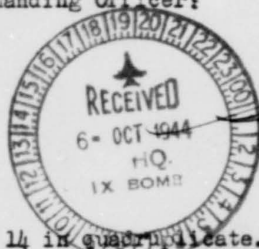
TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFPO 140, U S Army.

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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.

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For the Commanding Officer:



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

2 Incls:

- Incl #1 - WD AAF Form No. 14 in quadruplicate.
- Incl #2 - Set of accident pictures in quadruplicate.

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HEADQUARTERS 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), AFPO 140, U. S. ARMY, 16 October 1944.

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

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

For the Commanding General:

Richard G. Sanders
17 OCT 1944
RICHARD G. SANDERS,
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

TO: CHIEF, AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BOARD

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US Army.

25 OCT 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:

C.M. Seebach
C.M. SEEBACH,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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