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U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

ACCIDENT No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT**

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(1) Place Blackmore, Essex (2) Date September 24, 1944 (3) Time 2100 3  
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26B45 (5) A. F. No. 42-95823 (6) Station AAF Station #166  
 Organization: (7) 9th BC, 9th 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	BAEHR, RICHARD E.	P	0-795337	1st Lt	18	AC	9th AF	Fatal	None
N	YAWITZ, FRANK I.	B	0-678590	1st Lt	18	AC	9th AF	Fatal	None
R	MYERS, JOHN M.	R	16015010	Cpl	20	AC	9th AF	Fatal	None
E	REMYANOVICH, EDWARD G.	E	12145428	S/Sgt	20	AC	9th AF	Fatal	None

**PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT**

(20) Baehr Richard E. (21) 0-795337 (22) 1st Lt (23) 18 (24) AC  
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)  
 Assigned (25) IX BC, Ninth AF (26) 391st Bomb (27) 572nd Bomb (28) AAF Station 166  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
 Attached for flying (29) IX BC, Ninth AF (30) 391st Bomb (31) 572nd Bomb (32) AAF Station 166  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
 Original rating (33) P (34) Jan 14, 43 Present rating (35) P (36) Jan 14, 43 Instrument rating (37) July 4, 1944  
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

**FIRST PILOT HOURS:**

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 523:50 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 1:00  
 (39) This model 355:40 (43) Instrument time last 30 days 0:00  
 (40) Last 90 days 101:15 (44) Night time last 6 months 3:55  
 (41) Total 1111:25 (45) Night time last 30 days 0:00

**AIRCRAFT DAMAGE**

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 two miles; ceiling at 1000' of ten tenths; surface wind from 290° at 25 MPH, gusty; intermittent rain. (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 Incllement 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)

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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, low ceilings, and poor visibility made it necessary to fly dangerously low in order to maintain contact. The airplane flew into the ground due to these conditions.

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2. Cause; Accident resulted from weather, darkness, and blacked-out terrain.

3. Recommendations; None.

Signature

*Donald K. Brandon*

DONALD K. BRANDON, Lt Col, AG.

*Ernest N. Ljunggren*  
ERNEST N. LJUNGGREN, Lt Col, AG.

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

Date 2 October 1944

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HEADQUARTERS  
AAF STATION A-73

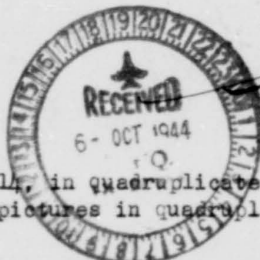
AFPO 140, U S Army,  
4 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Aircraft Accident, A.F. No. 42-95823.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, AFPO 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*  
GLENN E. BOWEN,  
1st Lt, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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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 C. Sanders*  
RICHARD C. SANDERS,  
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.,  
Chief of Staff.

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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TO: Chief, Staff, AFPO 140, U. S. ARMY, 16 October 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US Army. 24 OCT 1944

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,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adj. General.

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