

Accident No. 44

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Pilot's Name

- 06 Nature Group *Landing*
34 Specific Nature *3 wheels not completely down*
82 Underlying Nature *Careless operation*
90% 06 Cause Group *Carelessness*
34 Specific Cause
17 Underlying Cause
109. 27 Cause Group *Aircraft*
69 Specific Cause *Tail wheel*
72 Underlying Cause *Miscellaneous*

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ACCIDENT NO. 000

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place AAF Station #139 (2) Date January 13, 1944 (3) Time 1330
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-17G (5) A. F. No. 31389 (6) Station 139
 Organization: (7) 8th (8) 100th (9) 351st
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

351 Bth Sq

DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P	JANSSEN, CARL A.	P	0-797544	1st Lt.	01	A.C.	8th	NONE	NONE
CP	OLLER, JACK H.	CP	0-685275	2nd Lt.	01	A.C.	8th	NONE	NONE
N	FULLER, F.D.	N	0-682172	2nd Lt.	01	A.C.	8th	NONE	NONE
B	CATHEY, JAMES H.	B	0-676506	2nd Lt.	01	A.C.	8th	NONE	NONE
E	SYMES, EARL L.	AE	37373187	T/Sgt.	30 38	A.C.	8th	NONE	NONE
R	GRABOYES, SIDNEY	R	13125758	Cpl.	20 28	A.C.	8th	NONE	NONE
BTG	CHAPPELL, THOMAS R.	BTG	19039617	S/Sgt.	20 38	A.C.	8th	NONE	NONE

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) JANSSEN, CARL (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) A (21) 0-797544 (Serial number) (22) 1st Lt. (Rank) (23) 01 (Personnel class.) (24) A.C. (Branch)
 Assigned (25) 8th (Command and Air Force) (26) 100th (Group) (27) 351st (Squadron) (28) 139 (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) 8th (Command and Air Force) (30) 100th (Group) (31) 351st (Squadron) (32) 139 (Station)
 Original rating (33) Pilot (Rating) (34) 2/16/43 (Date) Present rating (35) Pilot (Rating) (36) 2/16/43 (Date) Instrument rating (37) 28 Aug. 1943 (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type. 650 (39) This model. 100 (40) Last 90 days. 25 (41) Total. 800
 (42) Instrument time last 6 months. 20
 (43) Instrument time last 30 days. 2
 (44) Night time last 6 months. 50
 (45) Night time last 30 days. NONE

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>3</u>	<u>destroyed tail cone</u>
(47) Engine(s)	<u>none</u>
(48) Propeller(s)	<u>none</u>

(50) Weather at the time of accident at 1000 feet light drizzle; visibility three (3) miles; winds SW/20 - at 1500 feet 220 degrees/35 miles per hour.

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident no
 (52) Cleared from Honnington (53) To Thorpe Abotts (54) Kind of clearance direct

(55) Pilot's mission Ferry

(56) Nature of accident Landed with tail wheel retracted

(57) Cause of accident Tail wheel failed to go down and pilot did not have tail wheel checked before landing.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

This accident was caused by the tail wheel failing to extend electrically with the main gear, and the pilot's failure to check its position. The pilot did not obey existing instructions concerning use of check list. This regulation will have to be enforced.

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Signature
(Investigating Officer)

Date