

Accident No. 44-17-29-507

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Accident No.

Pilot's Name

06 Nature Group Landing

37 Specific Nature Collision

32 Underlying Nature Brake locked

100 % 24 Cause Group Aircraft

70 Specific Cause Brakes

84 Underlying Cause Undetermined

Cause Group

Specific Cause

Underlying Cause

WAR DEPARTMENT "RESTRICTED"
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

44-12-29-507
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(1) Place Station # 180 (2) Date 11/29/44 (3) Time 1545 P.
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-17-D (5) A. F. No. 42-31000 (6) Station 8180 2904
Organization: (7) 8th AF (8) 100th (H) (9) REACT

PERSONNEL 8th AF 100th (H) 351 BH 89

TYPE	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	Serial No.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	GRADE	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	STATUS OF PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
07P	<u>Loay, Lucius G.</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>0-748938</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>8th AF</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
08	<u>Wynn, George W.</u>		<u>0-748939</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>20</u>		<u>8th AF</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
06	<u>Swallow, Hugh G.</u>	<u>4E</u>		<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>20</u>		<u>8th AF</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
07	<u>Sourbost, Jack E.</u>		<u>0-748938</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>01</u>		<u>8th AF</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT
(20) Loay Lucius G. (21) 0-748938 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) _____
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Grade)
Assigned (24) 8th AF (25) 100 (26) 351 BH 89 (27) 139 2904
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Signature) (Station)
Attached for flying (28) 8th AF (29) 100 (30) S A M 351-E (31) 139 2904
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Signature) (Station)
Original rating (32) 2nd Lt (33) 100 Present rating (34) 2nd Lt (35) 5-20-43 Instrument rating (36) 10-20-43
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

First Pilot Hours:
(at the time of this accident)
(37) This type 20 hrs (38) Instrument time last 6 months _____
(39) This model B17 (40) Instrument time last 30 days _____
(41) Last 90 days B17, B17C (42) Night time last 6 months _____
(43) Total 20 hrs (44) Night time last 30 days _____

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(45) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>4 4 4 4</u>	<u>Wing and Fuselage</u>
(47) Engine(s) <u>4 4 4 4</u>	<u>3 - Engine Stoppage</u>
(48) Propeller(s) <u>4 4 4 4</u>	<u>4 Propellers</u>

(49) Weather at the time of accident Clear vis. about 3 miles in haze.
(50) _____
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident (X)
(52) Cleared from Lower 8th AF (53) To Local (54) Kind of clearance Local - 0
(55) Pilot's mission 72
(56) Nature of accident Wing up after running off runway on landing.
(57) Cause of accident Left brake dragging to point of nearly landing.

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

1. Ship No. 41-51068, piloted by Lt. Lacy made a normal landing on the first fourth of runway 22. Immediately upon landing the plane swerved to the left, caused by the left brake dragging badly. Lt. Lacy took corrective action by applying right brake and advancing #1 and #2 throttles. In spite of action taken the plane continued to the left. At a point about two-thirds down the runway the plane ran off the runway so that the right wheel was in the drainage ditch. The right wheel suddenly hit a soft spot burying down deeply, causing the plane to nose up. The plane immediately dropped back onto the tailwheel, driving it up into the fuselage.

2. The resulting damage was the complete destruction of the nose section, damage to all four propellers, instant stoppage of three engines, and the destruction of the tailwheel assembly support structure.

John B. Kidd

JOHN B. KIDD
Lt. Col., Air Corps.

William Turner

WILLIAM TURNER
Major, Air Corps.

John H. Bennett

JOHN H. BENNETT
Major, Air Corps.

Signature _____

(Investigating Officer)

Date _____

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HEADQUARTERS
STATION 150 APO 854
Office of the Flying Control Officer

December 29, 1945
CTEL

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident, 29 December 1945 involving One B-17
of Station 150.

TO : Chairman of Aircraft Accident Committee, Station 150,
APO 854.

SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT

1. At 1555 hours, B-17 621028 in which Lt. L.G. Lacey, Pilot and Capt. J.R. Swanson, Instructor Pilot, requested landing instructions. Clearance was given by the AT Controller, "You are clear to land on R/V number 2, right hand circuit", in conjunction with visual signal from the airfield controller, which was acknowledged.

2. Aircraft then made a normal approach and landing and it seemed that the ship was under control. The aircraft then suddenly swerved off to the left hand side of the runway onto the grass where it crashed at 1555 hours.

3. The nature of the accident made it impossible for the Control Officer to prevent it since the pilot of the aircraft, up to the point of swerving off the runway, had followed good landing procedure.

4. The aircraft was cleared properly through Flying Control for a local instrument check flight.

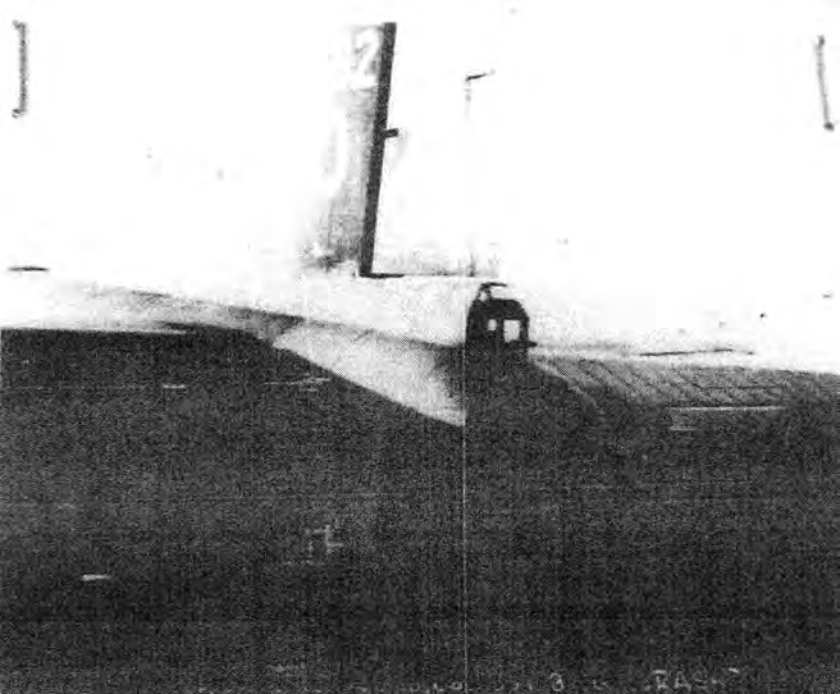
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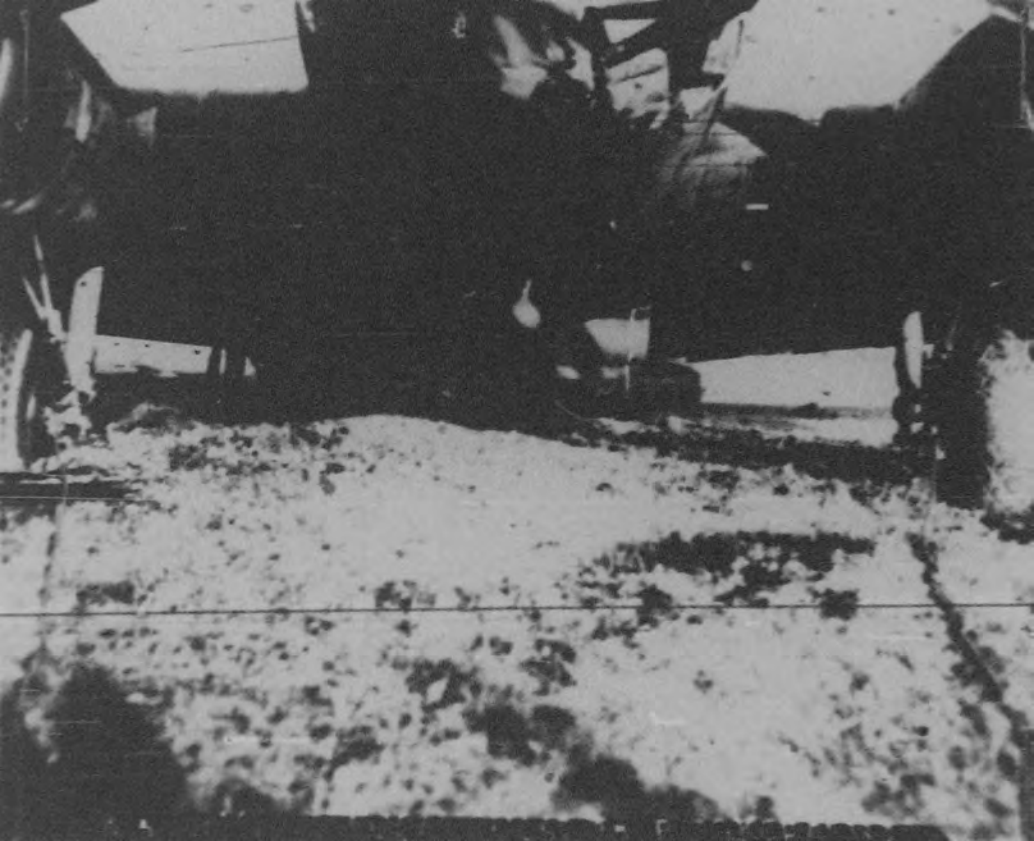
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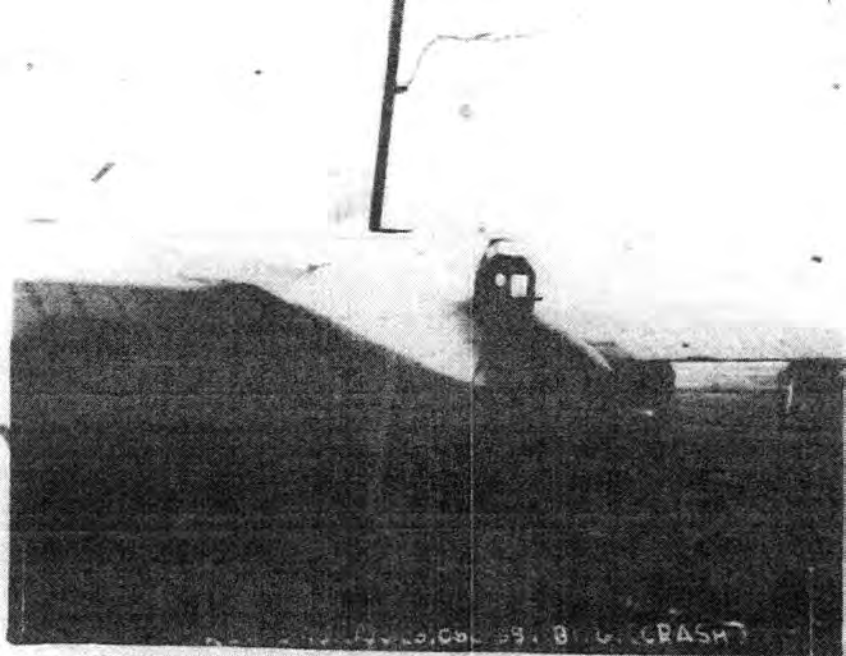
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1st Lt., Air Corps
Duty Control Officer

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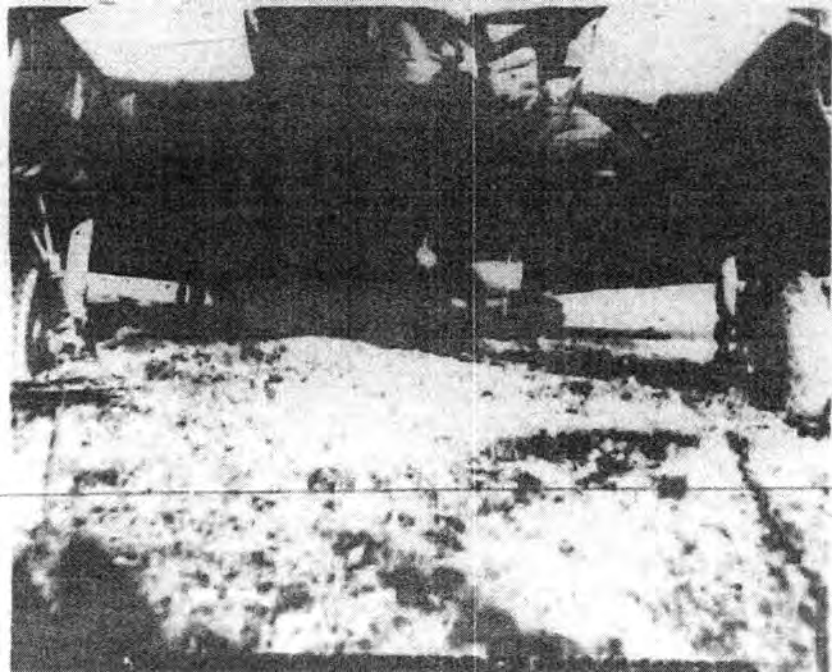
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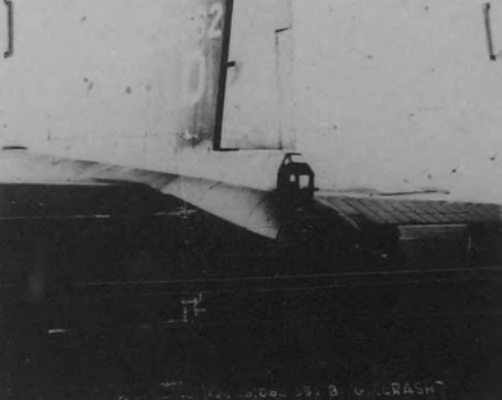






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