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Accident No.

U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place AAAF #139 (2) Date 21 June 1944 (3) Time 0435
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-17G (5) A. F. No. 42-8010 (6) Station AAF #139
Organization: (7) 8th AF (8) 100th (9) 418th Bomb
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	STATUS	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)
P	MCEWEN, DALE R.	P	0-816885	2nd Lt.	18	A.C.	8 AF	shock	none
P	GUTENKUNT, CHARLES D.	P	0-756100	2nd Lt.	18	A.C.	8th AF	none	none
N	MARUCH, S. ALEXANDER	N	0-2045261	2nd Lt.	18	A.C.	8th AF	outs	none
B	IRONS, DERRY D.	B	0-757532	2nd Lt.	18	A.C.	8th AF	outs	none
R	EMERICK, JAC. V.	R	35618957	T/Sgt.	35	A.C.	8th AF	none	none
S	HUBBARD, ALEXANDER L.	S	13056361	Sgt.	35	A.C.	8th AF	none	none
BT	STRAUSBAUGH, DALE E.	BT	33505627	Pvt.	35	A.C.	8th AF	none	none
RW	TYRRELL, EDWIN J.	RW	32726917	S/Sgt.	35	A.C.	8th AF	none	none
LW	HUSSINO, RICHARD H.	LW	39550304	S/Sgt.	35	A.C.	8th AF	none	none
X	ANDRA, VINCENT J.	X	17050616	S/Sgt.	20	A.C.	8th AF	none	none

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) MCEWEN, DALE R. (21) 0-816885 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 18 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) 8th AF (26) 100th (27) 418th Bomb (28) AAF #139
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) 8th AF (30) 100th (31) 418th Bomb (32) AAF 139
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
*Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 26 Oct. 43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 26 Oct. 43 Instrument rating (37) -
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type B-17 57.55 (43) Instrument time last 6 months not applicable
(39) This model B-17G 57.55 (44) Instrument time last 30 days -
(40) Last 90 days - 57.55 (45) Night time last 6 months -
(41) Total All types 57.55 (46) Night time last 30 days -

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(42) LIST OF DAMAGE PARTS
(47) Aircraft	W. W. W. W.
(48) Engine(s)	W. W. W. W.
(49) Propeller(s)	W. W. W. W.
(50) Salvage	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Overcast at 800 feet; visibility 3,000 yards, continuous moderate drizzle.

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No

(52) Cleared from 139 (53) To 139 (54) Kind of clearance Operational

(55) Pilot's mission Combat

(56) Nature of accident Taxiing accident.

(57) Cause of accident This aircraft was resting in its hardstand with engines running when aircraft #42-37886 taxied into it.

(60) AAF Form #64 will not be submitted.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

The pilot of this aircraft was in no way responsible for the accident as his aircraft was at rest in its own hangar and not in motion.

J. L. B. K. H.
JOHN L. KIM,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
President.

Wm. H. Mason
WILLIAM H. MASON,
Major, Air Corps,
Member.

Maurice P. Young
MAURICE P. YOUNG,
Captain, Air Corps,
Member.

2. Enclosures:

- Exhibit "A" - Pilot's Statement.
- Exhibit "B" - Flying Control Officer's Statement.
- Exhibit "C" - Commanding Authority.
- Exhibit "D" - Photographs.

Signature _____
(Investigating Officer)

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HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
APO #559

21 June 1944

SUBJECT: Pilot's Statement of Aircraft Accident of 21 June 1944.

TO : President, Aircraft Accident Board, Station 139.

1. At 0435 hours, 21 June 1944, we had started engines on our aircraft #42-6010, and were making ground checks when taxiing aircraft #42-31686 suddenly turned in our direction. His right wing collided with our aircraft, smashing the nose section. From the resistance of our aircraft on this right wing, the other aircraft turned to the right and came at us broadside, demolishing our right wing and collapsing our landing gear.

Dale R. McEwen
DALE R. MCEWEN
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

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22 June 1944

SUBJECT: Taxi Accident Involving B-17 #43-37586 G of the 350th Heavy Bombardment Squadron and B-17 #44-6010 W of the 418th Heavy Bombardment Squadron.

TO : President, Aircraft Accident Committee, AAF Station 139, APO #559.

1. Time of Accident: 0440 hours 21 June 1944.
2. Pilots Involved: In 686 G, 1st Lt. Henry (MMI) Rosins, O-813781, of the 350th Heavy Bombardment Squadron. In 010 W, 2nd Lt. Dale R. McEwen, O-816690, of the 418th Heavy Bombardment Squadron.
3. Synopsis of Accident: While taxiing around to take-off position for an operational mission, the brakes of 686 G gave way causing aircraft to run off Southwest perimeter track into Hardstand #48 where aircraft 010 W was just starting engines. Right wing and #1 engine of 686 G struck the nose section and right wing of 010 W. One engine of 010 W caught fire but crew extinguished it before crash crew arrived.
4. Damage: 010 W - Whole nose section back to wing completely demolished. All of right wing and #3 and 4 engines crumpled. Right landing gear gave away. 686 G - Right wing torn off down to #4 engine and prop ruined. Left wing tip slightly damaged.
5. Injuries: Pilot 2nd Lt. Dale R. McEwen; Bombardier 2nd Lt. Derry D. Irons and Navigator F/O Alexander (MMI) Maruchess; all in aircraft 010 W were taken to Station Sick Quarters with minor injuries - slight bruises and lacerations.

JAMES E. POUND,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Duty Flying Control
Officer.

26 April 1944

Special Orders)
Number.....114)

1. Extracted. (SM 28th Comp Sq DS Sheffield.)
2. Col John F. Callahan, 11098317, 458th Sub-Depot (C1 1), is rel'd fr Sp Dy with Sta Armament & reass'd Sp Dy with Sta S-3.
3. S Sgt Jack E. Marshall, 14102077, 350th Bomb Sq, is rel'd to the gr of Private, for cause, eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-8.)
4. Pvt John C. Riffle, 15070063, 350th Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Staff Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)
5. CPT GEORGE D. ALLEN, 0394610, 28th Sta Compl Sq, is apptd Ground Officers' Mess Officer; in addition to his other duties, vice 1ST LT LOIS (-41) DORTCH, 0572741, rel'd.
6. 1ST LT JOHN R. OLSON, 0561793, 418th Bomb Sq, is apptd Compd Intd SM Mess Officer, in addition to his other duties, vice 1ST LT FRANKLIN S. SEINERT, 0662013, rel'd.
7. 1ST LT FRANKLIN S. SEINERT, 0662013, 350th Bomb Sq, is apptd Station Mess Officer.
8. Par 2, SO 72, to the Hq Co, Airtc Aircraft Accident Committee, is rescinded.
9. In accordance with Par 1, Part 6, AAF Regulation No. 62-14, as modified by Section 3, VIII AF Memo 60-2, the following named officers are appointed a permanent Aircraft Accident Committee for this station. The first-named officer is designated as Aircraft Accident Officer:

LT COL JOHN S. RIDD	0598626	Hq Det 100th Gp
CAPT SUMNER H. REEDER	0729903	349th Bomb Sq
CAPT MAURICE F. YOUNG	0442321	Hq Det 100th Gp
CAPT ALBERT H. MIKELSEN	0703430	349th Bomb Sq

10. T Sgt Paul A. Vrabee, Jr., 15012394, 350th Bomb Sq, WP on TD c/a 1 May 44, for app seven (7) days, exclusive of travel, fr AAF Sta 139 to Bournemouth for the purpose of COGS, CTRG.

While at TD Sta EM will be paid an allowance not to exceed \$2.00 per day subs, as outlined in Cir 65 ETOUSA 43.

CONT TDN FD 91-6 P 432-02 & 0425-24, (Auth: Ltr Hq 5th AF, Subj: For Gen Allen at Rest House, dd 28 Nov 43 and Ltr Hq ETOUSA 3 Nov 43.)

By order of Lt Col R. C. ...

Horace L. Varian, Jr.
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