

Accident N.

457-11-53-12

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

Accident No. _____

1. Place Field near Manningtree (2) Date 11 July 1944 (3) Time 1615 - 1630
Aircraft: (4) Type and model B-17G (5) A. F. No. 42-102934 (6) Station AAF 139
(Organization: 7) 8th AF (8) 100th (9) 350th
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DDTY (10)	NAME (Last name first) (11)	RATING (12)	SERIAL No (13)	FLYING (14)	PERSONNEL CLASS (15)	BRANCH (16)	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND (17)	REPORT TO PERSONNEL (18)	USE OF PARACHUTE (19)
P	ROSINE, HENRY (NMI)	P	O-813781	1st Lt.	13	AC	8thAF	none	no
CP	LEAMAN, RICHARD P.	P	T-81702	P/O	13	AC	8thAF	none	no
N	HARTMAN, FLOYD E.	N	O-808050	2nd Lt.	13	AC	8thAF	none	no
E	KENNA, EDWARD P.	E	O-701457	2nd Lt.	13	AC	8thAF	none	no
R	HAINES, RICHARD V.	R	31313931	T/Sgt.	13	AC	8thAF	none	no
E	DEAR, WILLIAM F.	E	14070429	T/Sgt.	13	AC	8thAF	none	no
BT	RODREQUEZ, RAMON C.	G	39849047	S/Sgt.	13	AC	8thAF	none	no
SV	MAILLOUX, BENOIT G.	G	11037708	S/Sgt.	13	AC	8thAF	none	no
LW	PATE, CHARLES P.	G	34764465	S/Sgt.	13	AC	8thAF	none	no
TG	COLEMAN, CARL N.	G	39089911	S/Sgt.	13	AC	8thAF	none	no

(20) ROSINE, HENRY (NMI) (21) O-813781 (22) 1st Lt. (23) 13 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) 8thAF (26) 100th (27) 350th (28) AAF 139
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) 8thAF (30) 100th (31) 350th (32) AAF 139
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 1 Oct. '43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 1 Oct. '43 Instrument rating (37) 1 Oct. '43
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HISTORY:
(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type B-17 406:10 (39) Instrument time last 6 months Not applicable
(40) This model B-17G 277:25 (41) Instrument time last 30 days Not applicable
(42) Last 90 days All types 277:25 (43) Night time last 6 months Not applicable
(44) Total All types 505:06 (45) Night time last 30 days Not applicable

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(40) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>0 4 0 0 0</u> Right wing, landing gear.	SALVAGE
(47) Engine(s) <u>1 1</u> #3 and #4 engines damaged.	SALVAGE
(48) Propeller(s) <u>1 1</u> #3 and #4 props bent.	SALVAGE

(50) Weather at the time of accident Moderate rain. Visibility 4 to 6 miles.

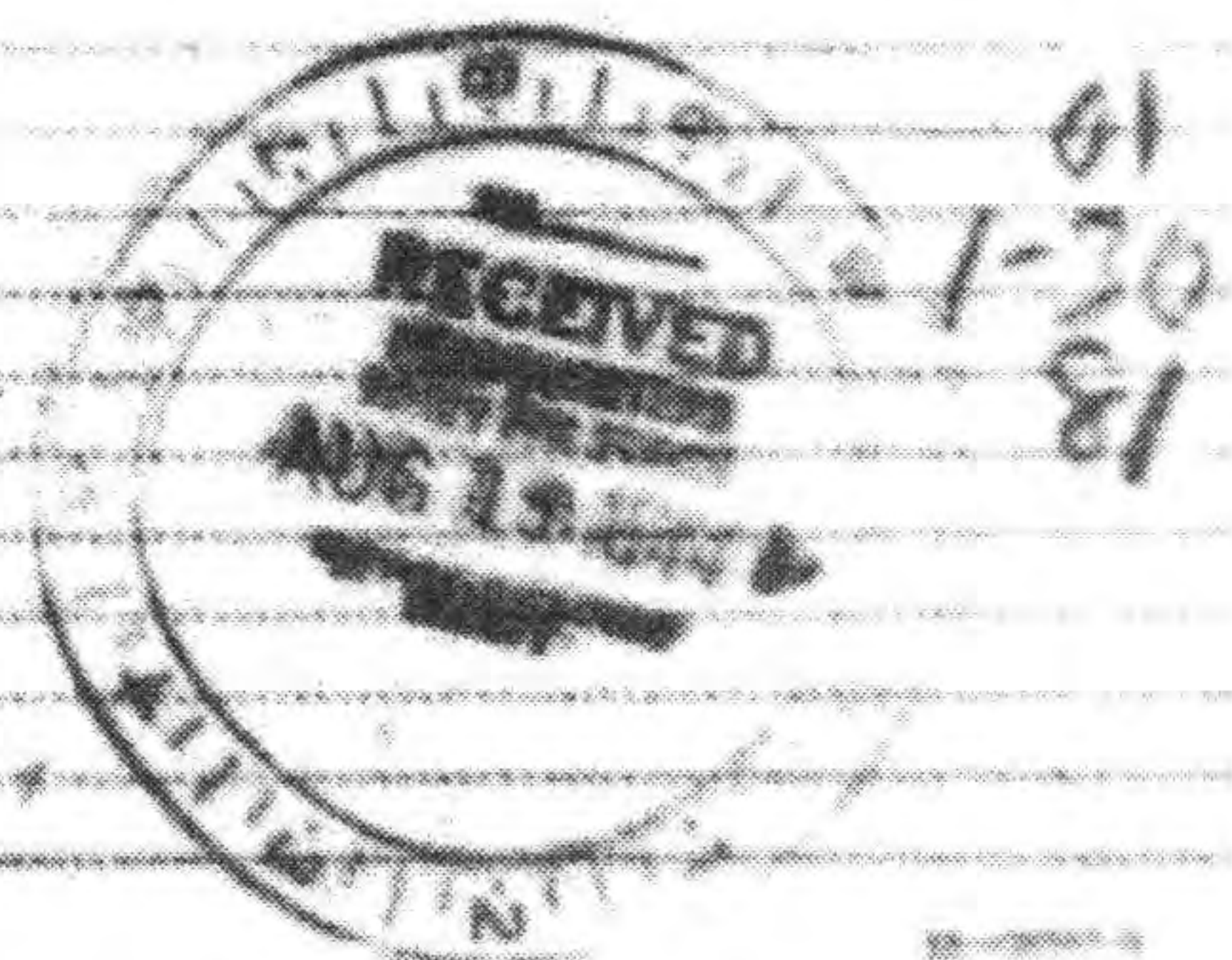
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
(52) Cleared from 139 (53) To 139 (54) Kind of clearance Operational

(55) Pilot's mission Combat

(56) Nature of accident Crash landing

(57) Cause of accident Ran out of gasoline.

(58) AAF Form #54 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)

1. It is the opinion of the Accident Board that 1st Lt. HENRY ROSINE did not use the best of judgment in landing his aircraft in an open field, thereby damaging the aircraft. In the first place he operated the aircraft at too high an R.P.M. throughout the nine (9) hour flight, thus burning his 2,750 gallons of gasoline at too high a rate. His position in the formation did not warrant high throttle and R.P.M. settings as he was flying second element lead behind the group leader.

2. Airdromes were available nearby for an emergency landing and in our opinion the pilot should have attempted to land in one of them. With one engine out he still could have made an airdrome, and if another cut out he should have had time to land in an open field.

J. B. Kidd
JOHN B. KIDD,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
President.

Sumner H. Reeder
SUMNER H. REEDER,
Major, Air Corps,
Member

Maurice P. Youngs
MAURICE P. YOUNGS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Member

EXHIBITS INCLUDED:

- "A" - Pilot's Statement
- "B" - Photographs
- "C" - Convening Authority

Signature _____

(Investigating Officer)

Date _____

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

12 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Pilot's Statement of Aircraft Accident of 11 July 1944.

TO : Aircraft Accident Board, Station #139, APO #559.

1. I was flying aircraft # 42-102934, with a full crew, returning from an operational mission. The aircraft had been loaded with 2780 gallons of gas before take-off. We had been airborne approximately nine (9) hours when I observed that the #1 tank gave an empty reading, #4 had only 40 gals, the others had approximately 20 gallons. At this time we were just inside the enemy coast. My engineer transferred some gas from #4 tank to #1. We flew for approximately 10-15 minutes. Then #1 engine cut out. We were on the North Sea at this time, having left the formation approximately 10 minutes before. We lost altitude from 20,000 feet at the rate of 700 feet per minute. I reduced the R. P. M. and manifold pressure to conserve gasoline. We flew a course of 270 degrees. We prepared to ditch by throwing out equipment such as flak suits, guns and ammunition. However, we crossed the English coast at 1,000 feet altitude. Five (5) minutes later the fuel pressure gauge commenced oscillating and one of the engines started to cut out. I observed a field ahead, which appeared to be a smooth field for landing. I approached from an altitude of approximately 600 feet, put the wheels down. The landing was normal. The field was covered with a crop of growing oats. The aircraft cut across a dirt wagon road, at a slight angle, and tore off the right landing gear on a "hump" or rise on the side of the road. No one was injured. There was no damage to civilian property other than the crop of oats. I had cut the engines on approaching the field for a landing to prevent a fire. Number 3 and Number 4 engines and props, the right wheel and right wing were damaged.

Henry Resine
HENRY RESINE,
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139
HQ 550

28 April 1944

Special Orders)
Number.....111)

1. Extracted. (AM 28th Comp Sq RD Sheffield.)
2. Cpl John F Callahan, 11396317, 456th Sub-Depot (C1 1), is retd fr Sp Dy with Sta Armament & reassg Sp Dy with Sta S-3.
3. S Sgt Jack E Marshall, 14162077, 350th Bomb Sq, is retd to the gr of Private, for cause, eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)
4. Pvt John C Riffle, 16070055, 350th Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Staff Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)
5. CAPT GEORGE D ALLEN, 0394816, 10th Sta-Comp Sq, is apptd Group Officers' Mess Officer, in addition to his other duties, vice 1ST LT LOUIS (JMI) MICHEL, 0572741, retd.
6. 1ST LT JOHN R OLSON, 0561793, 418th Bomb Sq, is apptd Consolidated Mess Officer, in addition to his other duties, vice 1ST LT FRANKLIN S SEIBERT, 0562013, retd.
7. 1ST LT FRANKLIN S SEIBERT, 0562013, 350th Bomb Sq, is apptd Station Mess Officer.
8. Par 2, 60-72, this Hq cs, apptg Aircraft Accident Committee, is rescinded.
9. In accordance with Par 1, Part G, AAF Regulation No. 62-1, 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 B KIDD	0398525	Hq Det 100th Gp
CAPT SUMNER H REIDER	0725003	349th Bomb Sq
CAPT MAURICE F YOUNG	0448721	Hq Det 100th Gp
CAPT ALBERT H MICKELSEN	0709430	349th Bomb Sq

10. T Sgt Paul A Vrabec, Jr., 13019254, 350th Bomb Sq, SP 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 COOG. CTRB.

While at TD Sta AM will be furnished allowance not to exceed \$2.00 per day for subs, as outlined in Cir 65 ETOWSA 13.

TONT TDM PD 91-5 P 112-02 A 0425-24. (Auth: Ltr Hq 8th AF, Subjs: For Non Alms at Rest Homes, 23 22 Nov 43 and Ltr Hq ETOWSA 3 Nov 43.)

By order of Lt Col [Signature]

OFFICIAL:
EXHIBIT "C"

[Signature]
HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Station Adjutant.

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