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WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
AAF STATION 139 APO 9459
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

Accident No.

two planes

(1) Place AAF Station 139 (2) Date 19 April 1945 (3) Time 1540
Aircraft (4) Type and model B-17G (5) A. F. No. 42-32090 (6) Station AAF 139
Organization (7) 8th AF, 3rd A.D. (8) 100th (9) 418th Bombardment (B)
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	REPORT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P	Cullimore, Earl F.	P	0-781235	2nd Lt.	18	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
CP	Libby, William H.	P	0-781611	2nd Lt.	18	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
N	Royer, Paul A.	N	0-207287	2nd Lt.	18	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
B	Brekken, Burdell W.	B	0-780213	2nd Lt.	18	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
R	Maupin, Charles R.	R	13187827	S/Sgt.	20	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
E	Parker, Wesley C.	E	31398520	S/Sgt.	38	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
BTG	Hatfield, Glenn	AG	15200589	S/Sgt.	20	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
WG	Neison, Joseph	G	37632000	S/Sgt.	38	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
TG	Sutton, Robert W.	G	42075648	Sgt.	20	A.C.	8th AF	None	No

(20) Cullimore, Earl F. (21) 0-781235 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 18 (24) A.C.
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)

Assigned (25) 8th AF, 3rd A.D. (26) 100th (27) 418th (28) AAF 139
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)

Attached for flying (29) 8th AF, 3rd A.D. (30) 100th (31) 418th (32) AAF 139
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)

Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 27-6-42 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 27-6-42 Instrument rating (37) 25-2-45
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type B-17 185:35 (42A) Link Trainer 14 last 90 days 4:00
(39) This model B-17G 142:20 (42B) W. Volkmann " 30 " 1:00
(40) Last 90 days All Types 98:00 (43) Instrument time last 6 months 9:10
(41) Total All Types 194:10 (44) Instrument time last 30 days 9:10
(41A) Total Pilot Hours 615:40 (45) Night time last 6 months 9:30
(45) Night time last 30 days 0:00

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>M</u> <u>1</u> <u>M</u> <u>1</u> <u>M</u> <u>1</u> <u>M</u> <u>1</u>	Right Horizontal Stabilizer and elevator, Vertical stabilizer and dorsal fin, Right outer wing panel, right aileron.
(47) Engine(s) <u>7</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u>	

(49) Weather at the time of accident 2/10- 3/10 base clouds at 3,000'; visibility 15 miles, wind S E 3 MPH

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

(52) Cleared from 139 (53) To 139

(54) Kind of clearance Control

(55) Pilot's mission Combat Wing Practice Mission.

(56) Nature of accident Landing Accident.

(57) Cause of accident 100% other personnel error

(58) No AAF form #54 will be submitted.

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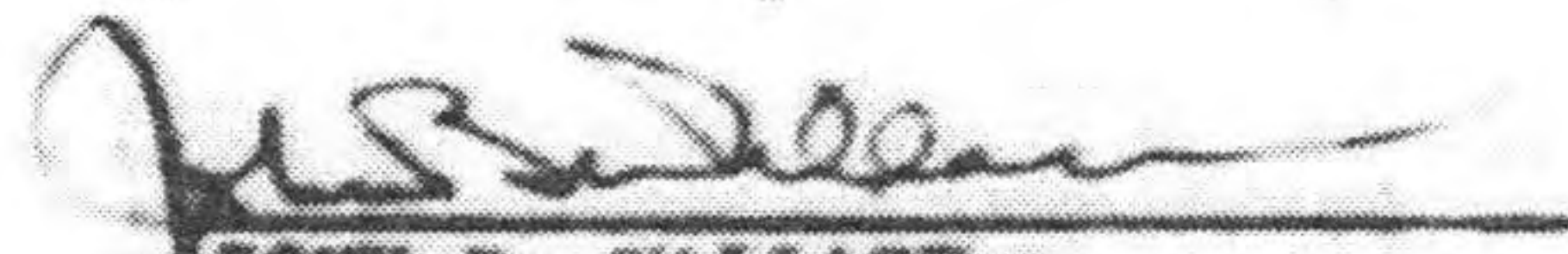
DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

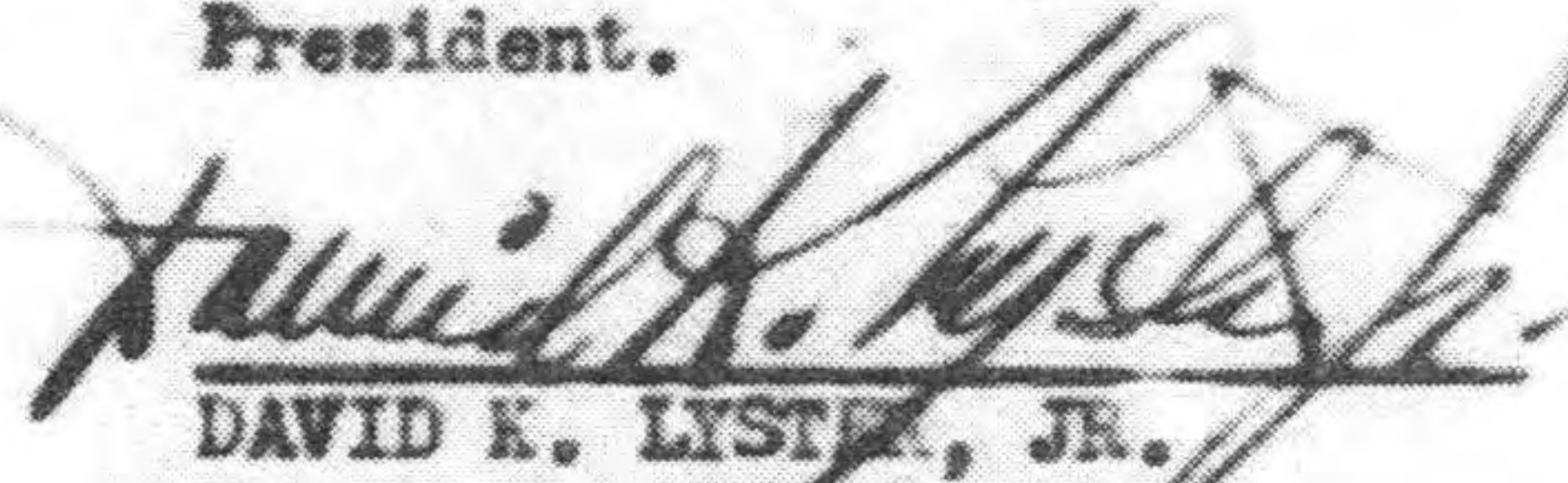
(Brief narrative of accident. Include statement of responsibility and recommendations for action to prevent repetition)

On 19 April 1945, 2nd Lt. Earl F. Cullimore was assigned as pilot of B-17G aircraft #42-32090 on a local practice mission. After a normal peel-off and landing, Lt. Cullimore's aircraft was overtaken by a landing aircraft and major damage resulted to both aircraft.

Investigation and actual witnessing of the accident by two members of this Board discloses that the accident occurred through no fault or neglect on the part of Lt. Cullimore.

The board is of the opinion that the accident is attributable to 100% Error on the part of other personnel.


JOHN B. WALLACE,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
President.


DAVID K. LYSTER, JR.,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Member.


JOHN S. ROBINSON,
Major, Air Corps,
Member.

INCLOSURES:

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

Signature _____
(Investigating Officer)

Date _____

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

21 April 1945

SUBJECT: Pilot's Statement of Aircraft Accident.

TO : President, Aircraft Accident Board, AAF Station #139.

1. On 19 April 1945 at approximately 1540 hours I made a normal approach and landing. Just passed intersection of runway 04 and 17 and was preparing to slow down to leave runway when the accident occurred.
2. The plane was bumped and thrown to the left and at the same time we saw the right wing of ship #17 swing toward our right wing and the props "Chewed" the right aileron and wing tip.
3. I tried to keep ship 090 on the runway but the left tire was blown when ship was hit so I could not do so.
4. Co-pilot cut the engines immediately after we were hit and we cut all switches to decrease fire threat.
5. The left tire of #090 ran off the runway into ground and ship halted.

Earl F. Cullimore

EARL F. CULLIMORE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

Exhibit "A"

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139
APO 559Special Orders)
Number.....3)

3 January 1945

1. Pvt Edward P Butler, 34331208, 349th Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Private-First-Class (Temp), eff this date. (AR 615-5).
2. Sgt Harvey J Lehman, 35550406, 351st Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Staff Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)
3. Par 7, SO#2, this Hq cs, is revoked.
4. In accordance with Par 1, Part 6, AAF Regulation No. 62-14A, as modified by Section 3, 8th AF Memo 60-2 and USSTAF Reg No. 62-1, 4 Nov 44, the following named Officers are appointed a permanent Aircraft Accident Committee for this station. The first-named officer is designated as Aircraft Accident Officer:

MAJ JOHN B WALLACE, 0388897, AC	Hq 100th Bomb Gp
MAJ MARVIN S BOTMAN, 0474852, AC	Hq 100th Bomb Gp
MAJ DAVID K Lyster, JR., 0393149, AC	350th Bomb Sq
MAJ GEORGE O EMERSON, 0382947, MC	Hq 100th Bomb Gp
CAPT EDWARD D WOOTEN, 0792087, AC	418th Bomb Sq
CAPT JOHN S ROBINSON, 0426428, AC	Hq 100th Bomb Gp
1ST LT ELLIS D PIKE, 0873991, AC	18th Wea Det 139

5. VOCO, this Hq, 30 Dec '44, as follows: *PAC Par 2, sub-par 13, AR 35-1480, 10 Oct 42, the foll-named Officers, orgns indicated, having been found physically disqualified for all flying duty, are suspended fr dy involving flying, eff this date:

	ORGN:
F/O SALVATORE ANZALDI, T-124486, AC	351st Bomb Sq
2D LT ANTHONY B DeSILVIO, 02059003, AC	418th Bomb Sq

is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. The exigencies of the service precluded the issuance of written orders in advance. (AR 35-4890).

6. The foll named EM, 350th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the gr of Private-First-Class (Temp), eff this date: (AR 615-5).

Pvt Richard C Bissell, 38484713	Pvt Angelo G Frudakis, 39111794
Pvt Robert L McRae, 39027718	

7. A sk lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is granted F/O MARVIN BERG, T-4589, 350th Bomb Sq, eff q/a 4 Jan '45. (AR 605-115).

8. 1ST LT WILLIAM H TITLEY, 0555630, AC, 351st Bomb Sq, WF fr AAF Sta 139 to London, RUAT Lt Col Ben Lyons 28 Grosvenor Sq, on TD for a period not to exceed two (2) days, for purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CO. CTRS. While in the London Area O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley St., who will provide govt billets. Govt messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House and at 44 Grosvenor Sq. TONT. IDN. FD-60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Rail or GVN. (PAC Ltr Hq STOUA 14 May 44). O will report to Lt Col Lyons prior to 1100 hrs 5 Jan 45.

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Exhibit "D"

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SO/3, Hq AAF Sta 139, APO 559, U.S. Army, 3 January '45, Cont'd:

9. A sk lv of absence for a period of five (5) days is granted the foll-named Officers, 349th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 4 Jan '45: (AR 605-115).

1ST LT RAYMOND L HEIRONIMUS, JR., 0817437, AC 2D LT GEORGE E GEISE, 0723054, AC
1ST LT GLEN H PEAVY, 0822794, AC F/O RAYMOND A DECKER, T-125711, AC

10. The foll named EM, 456th Sub-Depot, WP GMV fr AAF Sta 139
o/a 4 Jan '45 to Blythe Bridge, on TD for a period not to exceed three
(3) days, for purpose of CCO. CTRS.

Sgt Raymond H Wilson, 17089096.

Sgt James L Bolan, 32455620

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy & while at
TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. GC-
136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44).

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.,
Major, Air Corps,
Station Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

S. Dale Z. Hobbs
DALE Z. HOBBS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't Adjutant.

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