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U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
AAF STATION 139 APO 559

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

Accident No.

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(1) Place **AAF Station 139** (2) Date **24 April 1945** (3) Time **0935**
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model **B-17F** (5) A. F. No. **42-3472** (6) Station **AAF 139**
Organization: (7) **8th AF, 3rd AD** (8) **100th Bomb. Gp.** Headquarters Detachment
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUTY (10)	NAME (Last name first) (11)	RATING (12)	SERIAL NO. (13)	RANK (14)	PERSONNEL CLASS (15)	BRANCH (16)	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND (17)	RESULT TO PERSONNEL (18)	USE OF PARACHUTE (19)
P	Albright, Raymond T.	P	0-206241	2nd Lt.	18	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
CP	Brockhorst, John W.	P	0-2015208	2nd Lt.	18	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
N	Schlemmer, Hubert C.	N	0-2070146	2nd Lt.	18	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
R	Glenn, Herschel R.	R	35236352	T/Sgt.	38	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
E	Bogard, Martin P.	E	36182917	T/Sgt.	38	A.C.	8th AF	None	No
X	Kirk, R.C.	X	32759790	Pfc.	38	A.P.U.	8th AF	None	No
X	Lienesch, George W.	X	17133515	Pfc.	38	A.C.	8th AF	None	No

(20) **Albright, Raymond T.** (21) **0-206241** (22) **2nd Lt.** (23) **18** (24) **A.C.**
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) **8th AF** (26) **100th** (27) **350th Bomb.** (28) **AAF 139**
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) **8th AF** (30) **100th** (31) **350th Bomb.** (32) **AAF 139**
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) **Pilot** (34) **21-6-44** Present rating (35) **Pilot** (36) **27-6-44** Instrument rating (37) **18-5-44**
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
(at the time of this accident) **PROP -**
(38) This type **B-17** 27:00 (42) Link Trainer Time Last 90 days **2:00**
(39) This model **B-17F** 00:00 (42B) " " " " 30 " **0:00**
(40) Last 90 days **All Types** 27:00 (43) Instrument time last 6 months **13:30**
(41) Total **All Types** 27:00 (44) Instrument time last 30 days **1:45**
(41A) Total Pilot Time **593:00** (45) Night time last 6 months **0:00**
(45) Night time last 30 days **0:00**

DAMAGE				(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft	0	0	0	Left outer wing tip damaged.
(47) Engine(s)	-1	-1	-1	
(48) Propeller(s)	-1	-1	-1	

(49) Weather at the time of accident **Visibility 6 miles; 9/10th, base 2500'; Winds South 3 MPH.**

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident **No**
(52) Cleared from **139** (53) To **594** (54) Kind of clearance **Non-operational**
Cross-Country **2** **0**
(55) Pilot's mission **Cross Country Non-operational**

(56) Nature of accident **Taxiing Accident**

(57) Cause of accident **100% Pilot 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 24 April 1945, 2nd Lt. Raymond T. Albright was scheduled for a non-operational cross-country flight in B-17F aircraft #42-34725W. Upon starting to taxi, Lt. Albright taxied his aircraft into B-17E aircraft #41-2629W which was parked in the same hardstand; the left wing tip of the aircraft being taxied striking the nose of the parked aircraft.

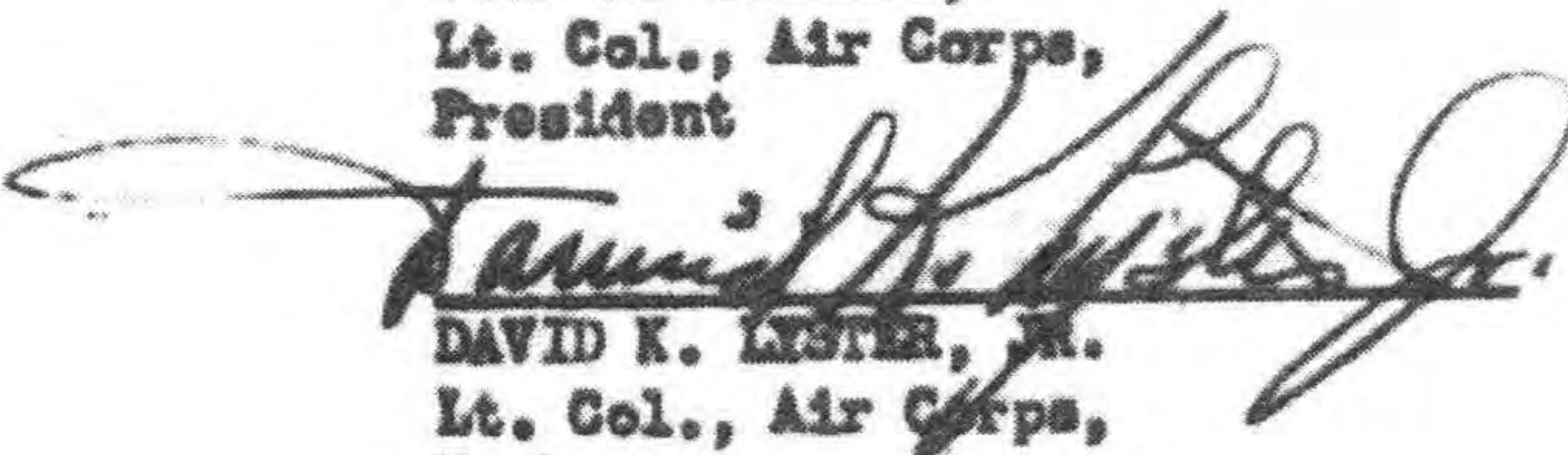
Investigation has disclosed that a qualified ground crew-man was directing the pilot from a position in front of the aircraft but that the pilot was not watching his signals. Pilot states that he was looking out the right window to be sure not to run off the hardstand. His primary interest should have been to avoid collision with the aircraft which he knew to be parked to his left by centering his attention on the parked aircraft and signals from the ground crew-man.

The Board is of the opinion that the accident is attributable to 100% Pilot Error due to carelessness and poor judgement.

It is recommended that continued emphasis be placed upon extreme caution in taxiing, particularly when in close proximity to parked aircraft or other obstructions.


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

24 April 1945

SUBJECT: Pilots Statement of Aircraft Accident of 24 April 1945.

TO : President Aircraft Accident Board, AAF Station 139.

On the 24th. April 1945, at approximately 0900 hours I was taxiing aircraft No. 42-3472 WW in hardstand No. 26. Parked in the same hardstand was aircraft No. 41-2629 WW which was parked facing my aircraft. As I made a right hand turn in taxiing out of the hardstand, the left wing tip of my aircraft collided with the nose of aircraft 41-2629. There was one enlisted member of the ground crew to direct my maneuver. I had been looking out of the right window of the cockpit as I was turning, so I did not see the ground crewman. However, I looked to my left just prior to the impact. At the time of the impact, I was turning very slowly. The aircraft was barely moving. No one was injured.

Raymond T. Albright

RAYMOND T. ALBRIGHT
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Pilot

Exhibit "A"

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FLYING CONTROL SECTION: STATION #139
APO #559

25 April 1945

SUBJECT: Taxi accident involving B-17-E #629-M and B-17-G #472-N, both aircraft of the Headquarters Detachment, 100th Bomb Group (H).

TO : Chairman, Aircraft Accident Committee, Station #139.

1. Time of Accident: 0935 hours, April 24, 1945.

2. Pilot Involved: 2nd Lt. RAYMOND T. ALBRIGHT O-206241 of the 350th Bomb Sq (H), 100th Bomb Gp (H) pilot of 472-N. Aircraft 629-M was parked unoccupied.

3. Weather Conditions (0900 hrs report):

- a. Cloud Base - 3500 ft 9/10's coverage.
- b. Visibility - 7 miles.
- c. Wind - Calm

4. Airfield was last inspected at 0755 hours, 24 April 1945. Hardstanding # 26 was not obstructed in any way prior to accident.

5. Synopsis of Accident:

B-17-G #472-N cleared to taxi to R/W 17 from it's Hardstanding #26 collided with B-17-E #629-M parked unoccupied in the same hardstanding. Port wing tip of 472-N struck nose of 629-M. Ground crew man declared he tried to warn pilot but couldn't stop him in time to avoid the collision.

6. Damage to Aircraft:

- a. B-17-E #629-M - nose section damaged; plexiglass nose broken; sheet metal damaged.
- b. B-17-G #472-N - Port wing tip damaged.

7. Injuries: None


J. E. MICELI,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Duty Flying Control
Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139
APO 559

Special 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 co, 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 BOWMAN, 0474852, AC	Hq 100th Bomb Gp
MAJ DAVID K LISTER, 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 35-1490, 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:

F/O SALVATORE ANZALDI, T-124485, AC	<u>ORGN:</u> 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, 38464713 Pvt Angelo C 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-4569, 350th Bomb Sq, eff/a 4 Jan '45. (AR 605-115).

8. 1ST LT WILLIAM H TITLEY, 0555630, AC, 351st Bomb Sq, WP 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. TOUT. TDM. ED 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Rail or GNV. (PAC Ltr Hq HTOUSA 24 May 44). O will report to Lt Col Lyons prior to 1100 hrs 5 Jan 45.

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SO/13, 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 H. 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 COCO. CTRS.

Sgt Raymond H Wilson, 17089096

Sgt James L Bolon, 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. 60-136 P 432-02 & 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44).

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

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