

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

(1) Place Atterbury Army Air Field (2) Date 23 Sept. 1943 (3) Time 0645
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26G2646 (5) A. F. No. 41-35271 (6) Station Atterbury Army Air Field
 Organization: (7) III B.C. 3rd A.F. (8) 394th (9) 586th Bombardment (M)
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

3 3B PERSONNEL BM BM 6209

DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	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)
01 P	Thomas, Harry J.	P	0-804763	2nd Lt.	AUS 01	A.C.	3rd	Minor to Lt. Hand	No
02 CP	Scurlock, Marvin (nm) Jr.	P	0-681213	2nd Lt.	AUS 01	A.C.	3rd	None	No
15 NE	Kiesecker, William P.	B	0-739444	2nd Lt.	ORC 01	A.C.	3rd	None	No
62 E	Junkens, Wilbur E.	E	35352728	S/Sgt.	AUS 20	A.C.	3rd	None	No
71 R	Sablatura, Raymond F.	R	38143893	Sgt.	AUS 20	A.C.	3rd	Minor to Lt. Hand	No
64 G	Deeter, Maurice (nm)	G	6960579	S/Sgt.	USA 20	A.C.	3rd	None	No



(20) Thomas Harry (21) 0-804763 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 01 (24) A.C.
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) III B.C. III A.F. (26) 394th (27) 586th (28) Battle Creek, Mich.
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) III B.C. III A.F. (30) 394th (31) 586th (32) Battle Creek, Mich.
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 5/28/43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 5/28/43 Instrument rating (37) 9/12/43
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

First PILOT HOURS:
(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type <u>B-26</u>	<u>25:05</u>	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	<u>5:55</u>
(39) This model <u>B-26G</u>	<u>25:05</u>	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	<u>5:55</u>
(40) Last 90 days	<u>25:05</u>	(44) Night time last 6 months	<u>4:55</u>
(41) Total	<u>75:15</u>	(45) Night time last 30 days	<u>4:55</u>

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>Nose wheel, strut, entire nose section, both windshields</u>	
(47) Engine(s) <u>To be taken down for inspection</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>2 4</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Ceiling 6000 feet, visibility 4 miles with haze 50
 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
 (52) Cleared from Atterbury AAF (53) To Atterbury AAF (54) Kind of clearance Contact 0
 (55) Pilot's mission Simulated bombing 01
 (56) Nature of accident Went off runway on take off
 (57) Cause of accident

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

Ship left runway on take-off, cause was undetermined; however as ship was thoroughly examined and no structural defects were noted. Ship was No. 6 to take-off on formation flight. Pilot took off approximately 40 seconds behind preceding ship. Air was calm, so there is a possibility that propwash caused airplane to veer to the left. Cause was probably due to inexperience on part of pilot. Pilot of ship had been recently checked out on airplane. Recommend that new pilots not be used on maneuvers if possible.

Signature

Robert L. Vance
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1st Lt., Air Corps (Major)

Acting Operations Officer.

Date Oct. 3, 1943