

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

ACCIDENT No. 14-10-18-18
Ratey 43

51-005

(1) Place Atterbury Army Air Field (2) Date October 18, 1943 (3) Time 7:1933 GMT
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-26B10 (5) A. F. No. 41-18240 (6) Station Atterbury Army Air Field
Organization: (7) 3BC-3AF (8) 394th (9) 585th RELLOG, Mich.
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

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)
<i>01</i>	P Ihle, Donald M.	P	0-681096	2nd Lt.	AUS 01	AC	3rd	no injury	No
<i>04</i>	CP Davis, Howard I.	P	0-422895	1st Lt.	AUS 01	AC	3rd	no injury	No
<i>95</i>	EM Cullen, Leonard (mai)	E	0-744358	1st Lt.	AUS 01	AC	3rd	no injury	No
<i>62</i>	RE Kaplan, Isaac (mai)	E	6975602	S/Sgt.	BM 20	AC	3rd	no injury	No
<i>68</i>	IX McDougle, Milan C.		0-681148	2nd Lt.	AUS 01	AC	3rd	no injury	No

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Ihle Donald M. (21) 0-681096 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) AUS (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) 3BC-3AF (26) 394th (27) 585th (28) Rellog Field, Mich.
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) 3BC-3AF (30) 394th (31) 585th (32) 6209
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 5-24-43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) same Instrument rating (37) 10-10-43
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 32:25 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 12:15
(39) This model 43:15 (43) Instrument time last 30 days 1:30
(40) Last 90 days 2:31:15 (44) Night time last 6 months 11:20
(41) Total 3:00:00 (45) Night time last 30 days 7:50

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

Aft Co-Pilot window broken-radio compass loop housing broken-plexiglass nose broken-
(46) Aircraft dent on right wing root-housing on package guns bent.
(47) Engine(s) Dents in engine cowling.
(48) Propeller(s) Four propeller sleeves bent-right propeller spinner bent.

(50) Weather at the time of accident Clear-visibility six (6) miles, light smoke, winds south-west about six (6) miles per hour.

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No.
(52) Cleared from Atterbury AAF (53) To Rellog Field, Mich. (54) Kind of clearance Contact

(55) Pilot's mission Cross-country training.

(56) Nature of accident Hit tree on take-off.

(57) Cause of accident Pilot turned off landing lights causing temporary blindness.

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

Pilot made night take off with landing lights on. Turned off lights just as wheels left ground causing momentary blindness. Pilot failed to pull ship up to a safe altitude and hit top of tree approximately one (1) mile from end of runway. After hitting tree pilot pulled ship up and proceeded around field and made a normal landing.

Pilot was responsible for accident.



Clarence A. Howard

Signature CLARENCE A. HOWARD
(Investigating Officer)

Major, Air Corps

Operations Officer

Date _____