

WAR DEPARTMENT
Bowman Field, Kentucky
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT
GROUP II

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Two Plane
Radio
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0740Z
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(1) Place Atterbury Army Air Field (2) Date 5 March 1944 (3) Time 0740Z
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model L-3B 180 (5) A. F. No. 43-27015 (6) Station Bowman Field, Kentucky
 Organisation: (7) ITCC (8) GOTO (9) Hq & Hq Sq
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Assignment)

ITC PERSONNEL

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)
P	WAGNER, MILES C. JR.	CP	T-124297	P/O	92	AC	ITCC	None	None
P	GRIM, CHARLES W.	CP	T-122673	P/O	17	AC	ITCC	None	None



(20) WAGNER MILES C. JR. (21) T-124297 (22) P/O (23) 17 (24) AC
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) ITCC (26) GOTO (27) Section H (28) Bowman Field, Ky
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) ITCC (30) GOTO (31) Section H (32) Bowman Field, Ky
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) CP (34) 12/15/43 Present rating (35) CP (36) 12/15/43 Instrument rating (37)
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

First Pilot Hours:
 (as the time of this accident)
 (38) This type 731.12 (39) Instrument time last 6 months
 (40) This model L-3 481.35 (41) Instrument time last 30 days
 (42) Last 90 days 181.35 (42) Night time last 6 months
 (43) Total Pilot Time 1781.20 (43) Night time last 30 days

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE NF

DAMAGE	(44) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(44) Aircraft <u>25</u>	<u>See Incl 5</u>
(45) Engine(s) <u>27</u>	
(46) Propeller(s) <u>25</u>	

(47) Weather at the time of accident Ceiling unlimited. Visibility five (5) miles light smoke. Wind South, two (2) miles per hour.
 (48) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
 (49) Cleared from Atterbury, Ind. (50) To Local (51) Kind of clearance Contact
 (52) Pilot's mission Local training flight (night)
 (53) Nature of accident Tand accident involving two (2) aircraft.
 (54) Cause of accident Poor technique on the part of the pilot of subject aircraft.
 (55) Has Form 54 been submitted? No.

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

F/O MILES C. WAGNER JR, T-124297, pilot of an L-3B aircraft, AAF Serial No 43-27015, was taxiing to take-off lane on Atterbury Field, Indiana, at approximately 0740Z, 3 March 1944. The pilot was taxiing the aircraft not over five (5) miles per hour. The aircraft ahead of him (L-3B, #43-27080) stopped and was waiting for light to take off. Pilot of L-3B, #43-27015 did not see the aircraft ahead of him and continued taxiing until he struck the tail section of the parked aircraft, causing damages to both aircraft.

The Aircraft Accident Investigating Officer finds as follows:

1. F/O MILES C. WAGNER JR. T-124297, at the time of the accident, was acting in line of duty under provisions of AR 95-15 and in pursuance of OCTC Operations Orders No 59, Bowman Field, Kentucky, dated 2 March 1944.
2. Investigation fails to reveal any acts of negligence or sabotage, contributing to the cause of the accident.
3. F/O MILES C. WAGNER JR. T-124297, was not taxiing aircraft in the proper manner in that he watched the ground ahead of him instead of watching navigation lights on the aircraft ahead.
4. At the time of the accident, L-3B aircraft, AAF Serial No 43-27015, received major damages to the propeller. (See Incl #5.)
5. At the time of the accident, there was no injury to personnel. (See Incl #1.)
6. The cause of the accident was due to poor taxiing technique on the part of F/O MILES C. WAGNER JR., T-124297. Pilot error 100%.

Recommendations: None.

Damage to private property: None.

- 5 Incls:
 Incl #1 - Statement (WAGNER)
 Incl #2 - Statement (GRIM)
 Incl #3 - AAF Form 1
 Incl #4 - AAF Form 1A
 Incl #5 - List of Damaged Parts

Signature *Thomas B. Brown*
 THOMAS B. BROWN, Major, Air Corps,
 Aircraft Accident Officer.

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Date 11 March 1944



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