

Accident No. 44-1226-505

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Notes

~~Major Taser~~
~~Attention of Goodman~~
~~Taking~~
~~Attention of Jack [unclear]~~
~~material~~

Accident No.

Pilot's Name

Mason Lloyd

08 Nature Group

Taxing

60 Specific Nature

Collision with building

32 Underlying Nature

Brake did not hold

100% 28 Cause Group

Aircraft

73 Specific Cause

Electrical system

72 Underlying Cause

Fuse blown

Cause Group

Specific Cause

Underlying Cause

U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

"RESTRICTED"

(1) Place Station 139 (2) Date 29 December (3) Time 1615
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-24-E (5) A. F. No. 37457 (6) Station 139
 Organization: (7) 8th Bomb-8th AF (8) 100 (9) 848th
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL 10-14-42 34704

UNIT	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	STATUS TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
	<u>Mason, Floyd H.</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>0415224</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>none</u>	<u>No</u>

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Mason, Floyd H. (21) 0415224 (22) 1st Lt. (23) 01 (24) AC
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) 8th (26) 100th (27) 848th (28) 139
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) 8th Bomb-8th AF (30) 100th (31) 848th (32) 139
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 4-29-42 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 4-29-42 Instrument rating (37) R-15-42
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
 (at the time of this accident)
 (38) This type 10 (42) Instrument time last 6 months Non-applicable
 (39) This model 0 (43) Instrument time last 30 days "
 (40) Last 90 days 0 (44) Night time last 6 months "
 (41) Total 600 (45) Night time last 30 days "

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>4</u>	<u>None incl. turret</u>
(47) Engine(s) <u>4</u>	<u>1 Damaged</u>
(48) Propeller(s) <u>4</u>	<u>1 "</u>

(50) Weather at the time of accident Irrelevant
 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
 (52) Cleared from Local in flight (53) To _____ (54) Kind of clearance Not applicable
 (55) Pilot's mission Taxi Pilot was moving airplane from one parking area to another.
 (56) Nature of accident Collided with building adjacent to perimeter track.
 (57) Cause of accident Loss of hydraulic pressure, and resulting brake failure.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

On December 26, 1943 at approximately 16:15, Lt. Floyd H. Mason was taxiing B-24 airplane No. 42-7457 from one parking area to another. Since No. 3 engine was inoperative Lt. Mason started the auxiliary power plant in order to maintain proper hydraulic pressure to insure brake control.

Before moving the airplane Lt. Mason checked the hydraulic pressure and the brakes and found both satisfactory. After taxiing a short distance, the pilot found that he had no brakes at all, and therefore little control of the airplane. The plane rolled into a small frame building damaging the No. 1 propeller, No. 2 engine and cowling, and the nose turret. The wooden shack was completely demolished.

Subsequent examination has shown that the fuse was blown out in the circuit of the electric motor which drives the auxiliary hydraulic pump. This caused the lack of hydraulic pressure and the resulting brake failure.

It is recommended that in the future B-24 airplanes be towed unless engine No. 3 is operating.

Signature

John B. Kidd

JOHN B. KIDD, Lt. Col., Air Corps.

Oliver (HAI) Turner
OLIVER (HAI) TURNER, Major, Air Corps.

John M. Bennett, Jr.
JOHN M. BENNETT, JR., Major, Air Corps.

3 January 1944

SUBJECT: Aircraft Taxying 26 December, 1943 involving B-24 Aircraft from USAAF Station 115,

TO: Senior Flying Control Officer, 3rd Bombardment Division, APO 834.

1. At 1510 hours, permission was given by telephone to taxi visiting B-24 aircraft No. 47527 X to taxi dispersal. This was the only message received by Flying Control concerning movement of this aircraft.
2. At 1700 hours, Flying Control personnel, members of the flare path crew, returning from motor pool, reported to Flying Control Officer that a B-24 aircraft had taxied into civilian works buildings on north-west perimeter.
3. Flying Control Officer immediately telephoned Engineering Office and Operations to check on nature of accident. Flying Control was not officially notified of the accident.
4. Flying Control Officer inspected scene of accident at 1715 hours. Aircraft had been removed to dispersal and perimeter track cleared.

RONALD E. HOOK
 2nd Lt., Air Corps
 Duty Flying Control Officer

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B-N-12.

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TO: Headquarters, Office of Flying Safety, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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- a. 2nd Lt. Lucius G. Lacy, B-17-G, No. 42-31062. ✓
- b. 2nd Lt. Wayne D. Hedglin, B-17-G, No. 42-31178. ✓
- c. Capt. Robert C. Fry, B-26-B3, No. 41-17961. ✓
- d. 2nd Lt. Raymond V. E. Mourad, B-17-F, No. 42-34740. ✓
- e. 2nd Lt. Martin (NMI) Tashjian, B-17, No. 42-37772. ✓
- f. 1st Lt. Rex L. Johnson, B-24-H, No. 42-7596. ✓
- g. 1st Lt. Percy H. Schopfer, B-24-H, No. 7539. ✓
- h. 1st Lt. James W. Conley, B-17-G, No. 42-39838. ✓
- i. 2nd Lt. Robert Gibson, P-47D-5, No. 42-8536. ✓
- j. 2nd Lt. J. A. Terrace, B-17-G, No. 42-39918. ✓
- k. 2nd Lt. T. M. Corcoran, B-17-G, No. 42-31117. ✓

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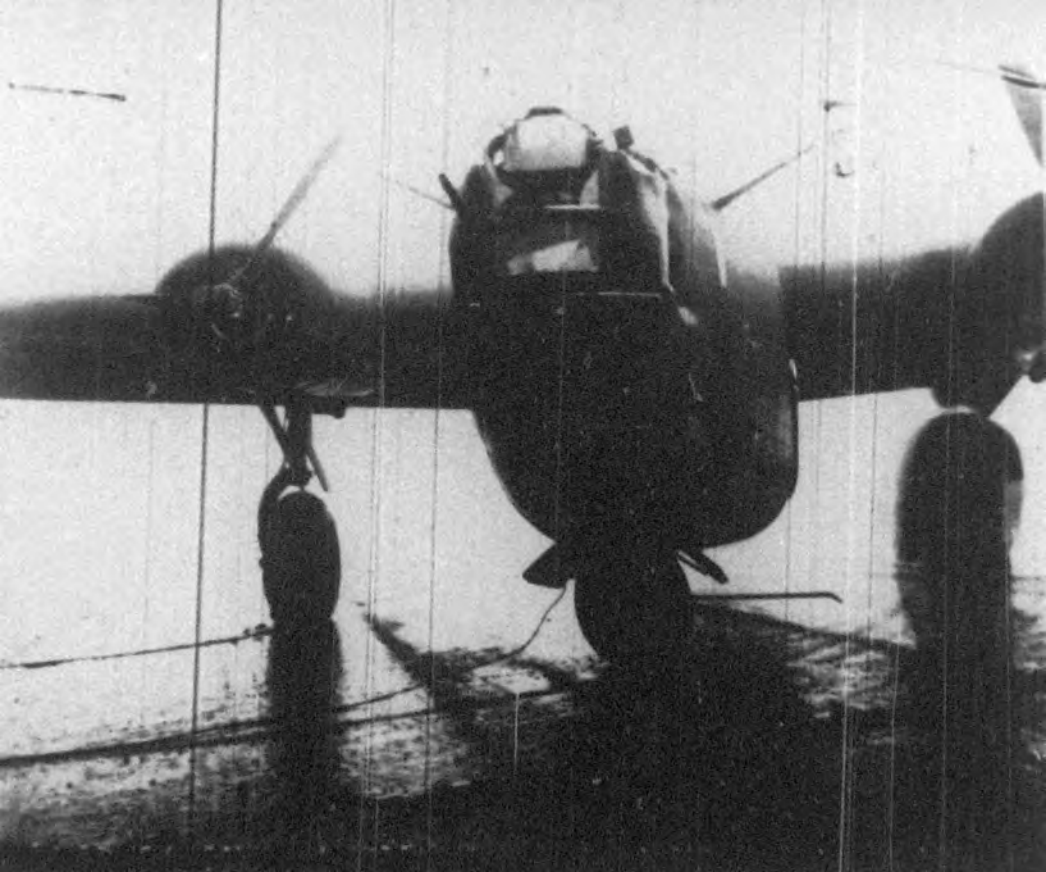
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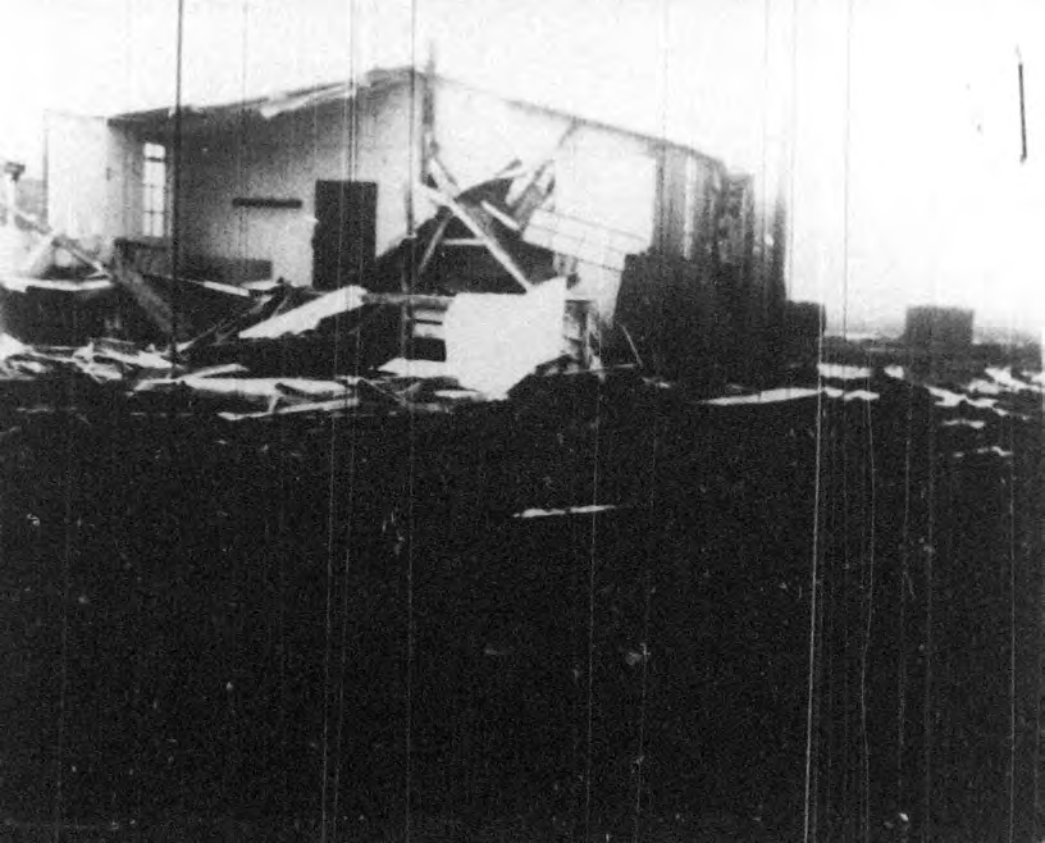
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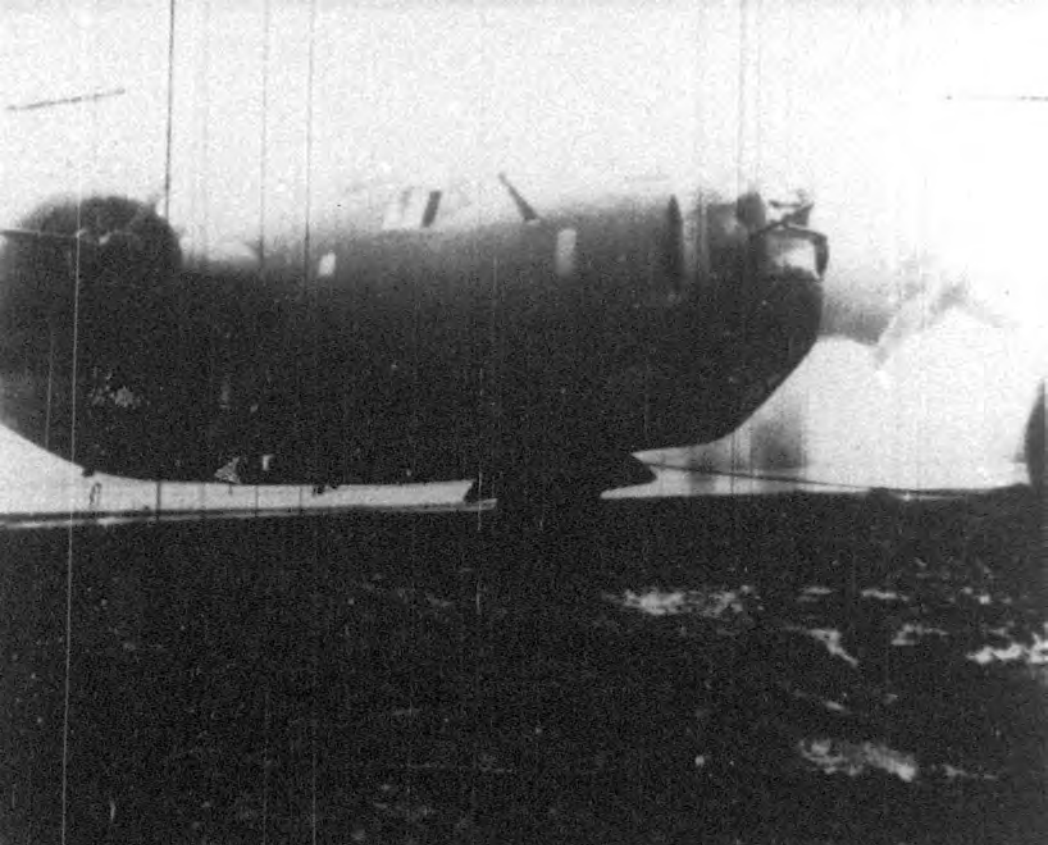
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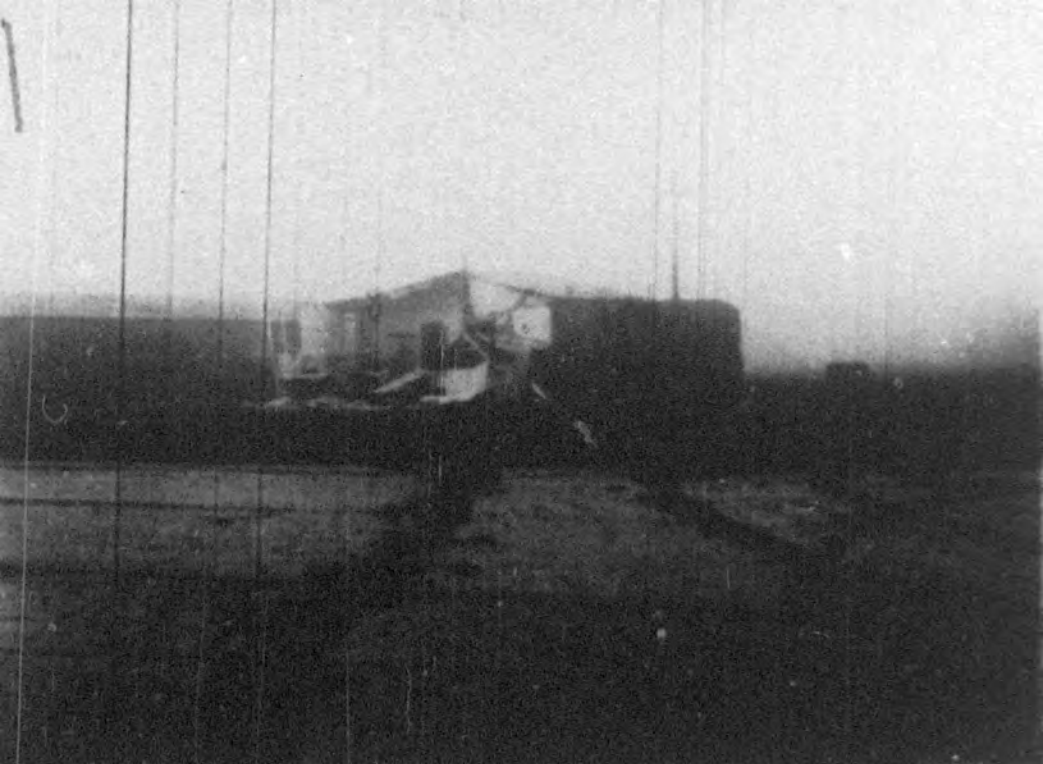
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