

Accident No.

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Accident No.

Pilot's Name

- 07 Nature Group *Type off*
- 51 Specific Nature *Collision with barn*
- 65 Underlying Nature *Failed to insure an*
unobstructed path
- 100 % Cause Group *Other personnel*
- 42 Specific Cause *Pilot in other plane*
- 55 Underlying Cause *Carelessness*

Cause Group

Specific Cause

Underlying Cause

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

1) Place AAF Station 139 (2) Date January 24, 1944 (3) Time 0714
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-17 F (5) A. F. No. 42-3307 (6) Station 139
 Organization: (7) 8th Air Force (8) 100th Bomb (9) 351st (Squadron) Z 704
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

UNIT	NAME (Last, (first, first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	GRADE	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	REASON FOR PERSONNEL	STATUS OF PERSONNEL
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P	DRUMMOND, ARCH J.	P	0-2044762	2nd Lt.	01	A.C.	8th	hosp. sent	No
C	SCHINDLER, CLAUDE E	P	0-750860	2nd Lt.	01	A.C.	8th	"	No
N	MCQUIRE, FRANK J.	N	0-808104	2nd Lt.	01	A.C.	8th	burns	No
B	ZETLAN, MAURICE G.	B	0-677002	2nd Lt.	01	A.C.	8th	hosp. sent	No
E	CARY, SIDNEY A.	E	19176181	T/Sgt.	30	A.C.	8th	hosp. sent	No
R	SPENHOFF, TALBERT E.	R	19084708	T/Sgt.	30	A.C.	8th	burns	No
AE	PENDLETON, JOHN R.	AE	36583282	S/Sgt.	30	A.C.	8th	hosp. sent	No
AR	SZEKELY, STEVEN M.	AR	20315239	Sgt.	30	A.C.	8th	"	No
AWG	HEAD, GUTHRIE H.	AWG	14085367	S/Sgt.	30	A.C.	8th	"	No
TO	PEROVICH, NICHOLAS (NMI)	TO	13170855	S/Sgt.	30	A.C.	8th	"	No

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) DRUMMOND, ARCH J. (21) 0-2044762 (22) 1st Lt. (23) 01 (24) A.C.
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) 8th Air Force (26) 100th (27) 351st (28) 139 Z 704
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) 8th Air Force (30) 100th (31) 351st (32) 139 Z 704
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 2-8-43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 2-8-43 Instrument rating (37) _____
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type..... 70.3 (42) Instrument time last 6 months..... 6
 (39) This model..... 12.9 (43) Instrument time last 30 days..... 3
 (40) Last 90 days..... 70.3 (44) Night time last 6 months..... 5
 (41) Total..... 617.85 (45) Night time last 30 days..... 1
 JGK

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft..... <u>5</u>	Completely destroyed
(47) Engine(s)..... <u>5 5 5 5</u>	Completely destroyed
(48) Propeller(s)..... <u>5 5 5 5</u>	Completely destroyed

(50) Weather at the time of accident ceiling unlimited, visibility three miles.

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No

(52) Cleared from 139 Z 704 (53) To 139 Z 704 (54) Kind of clearance Operational

(55) Pilot's mission Second element leader, lead squadron, Operational mission.

(56) Nature of accident Aircraft took off to the West on runway 28, and when it reached an altitude of 700 feet another aircraft approached from the South causing the pilot to think a mid-air collision was imminent. He dove and hit the ground.

(57) Cause of accident Evasive action to avoid collision, and striking the ground.

CLASSIFICATION (CANCELLED OR CHANGED)

(58) RESTRICTED submitted.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

At 0713 hours, B-17F aircraft #42-3307 piloted by 1st Lt. Arch J. Drummond took off to the West on runway 28, and reached an altitude of approximately 700 feet straight ahead. At this point, another aircraft approached from the South on the same level, and Lt. Drummond was informed of this by his co-pilot who flashed the landing lights. (All lights on aircraft #42-3307 were on, the take off being made in complete darkness). Lt. Drummond looked around and immediately dove down and turned right to avoid the other aircraft which he said was right upon him. He thought that he had leveled out in sufficient time to clear the ground, when his left wing struck a barn and the ship stopped in a field beyond. In the crash a fire started in the left wing which set off the incendiaries, which in turn demolished the aircraft.

The pilot had taken precautions against such an event by alerting his crew, and was taking what we think was normal evasive action. Nothing is known of the other aircraft, or what kind it was.

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

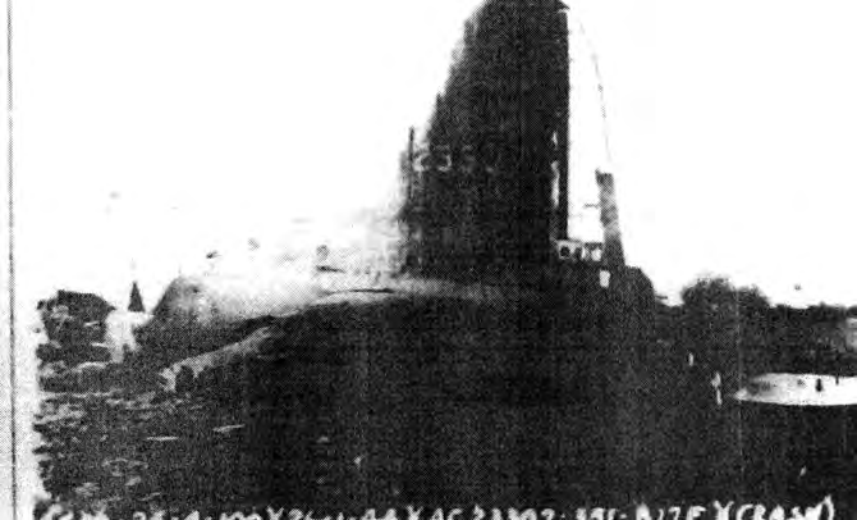
Oliver Turner
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Major, Air Corps

John M. Bennett
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Major, Air Corps

Signature _____
(Investigating Officer)

Date _____

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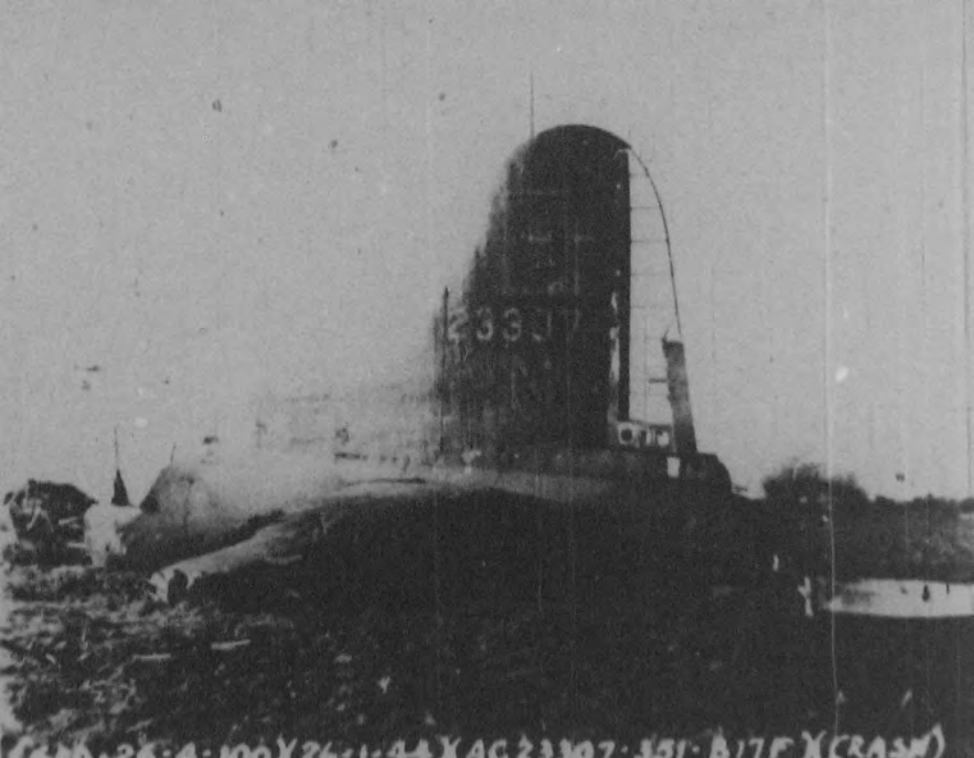


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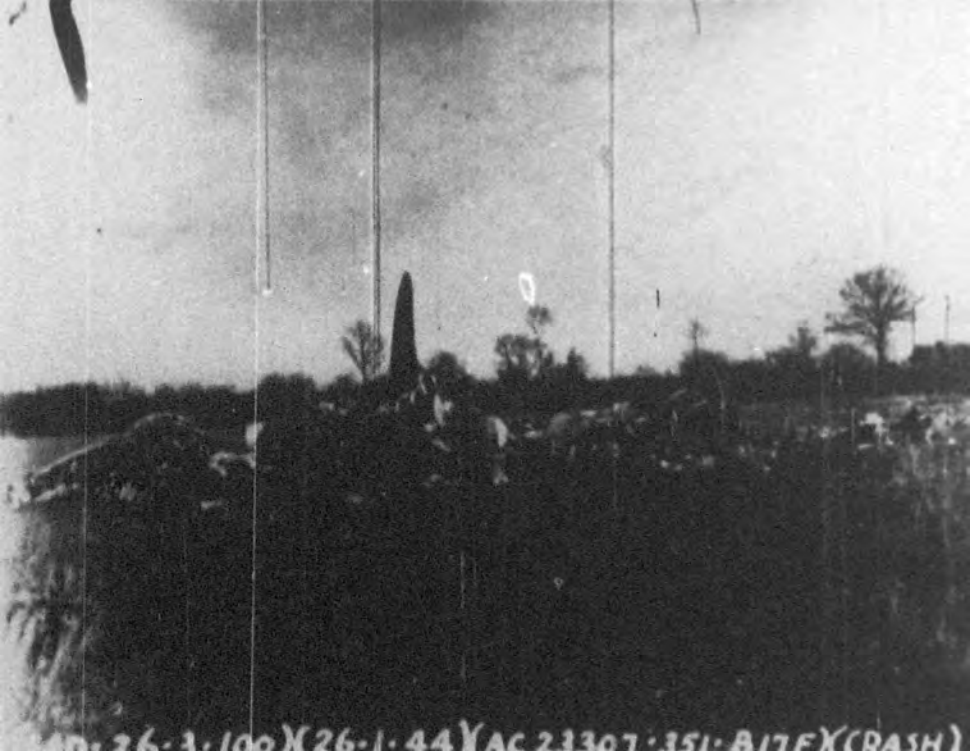
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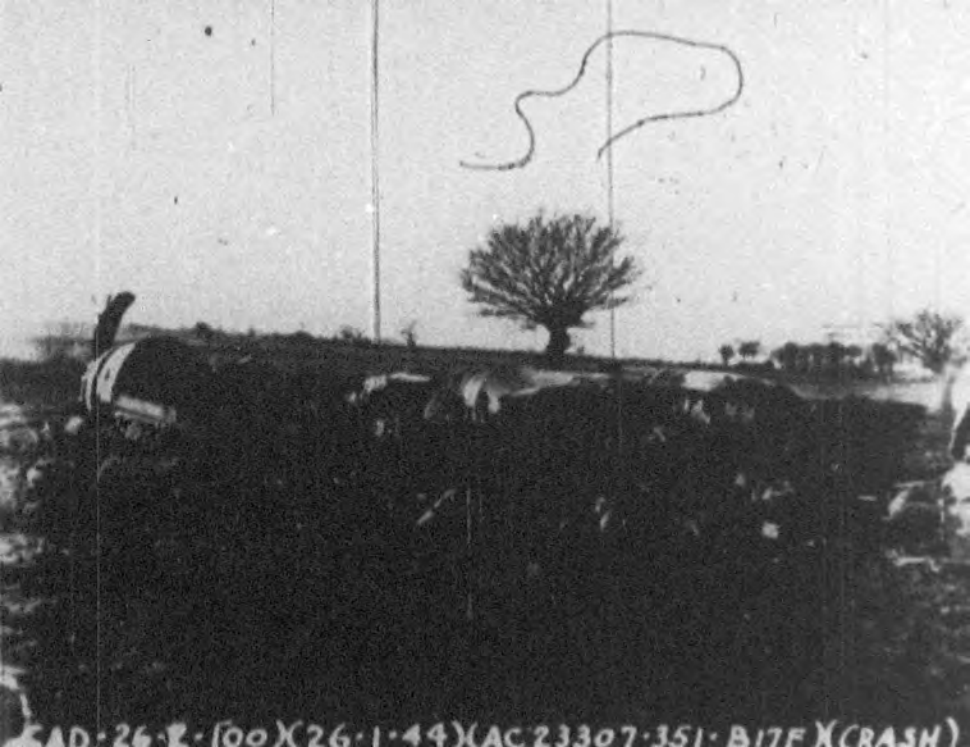
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