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

ACCIDENT No. 2359

(1) Place 1 1/2 Miles North of Haverhill (2) Date July 7, 1944 (3) Time 0710
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model E-17G (5) A. F. No. 42-102142 (6) Station AAF STATION 106
Organization: (7) 8th AF (8) 384 Bomb (H) (9) 545 Bomb (H)
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUTY (10)	NAME (Last name first) (11)	RATING (12)	SERIAL NO. (13)	RANK (14)	PERSONNEL CLASS (15)	BRANCH (16)	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND (17)	RESULT TO PERSONNEL (18)	USE OF PARACHUTE (19)
P	Anderson, Earl O., Jr.	P	0-758675	2nd Lt	18 01	AC	8th	Fatal	U
CP	Shreve, Walter E., Jr.	P	0-705443	2nd Lt	18 01	AC	8th	Fatal	U
N	Hartwig, Carl (NMI)	N	0-717156	2nd Lt	18 01	AC	8th	Fatal	U
TOG	O'Leary, William L.		39125969	S/Sgt	3 20	AC	8th	Fatal	U
R	Sherman, John D.		19119045	T/Sgt	3 20	AC	8th	Fatal	U
TI	Loyd, Wilmer L.		18160617	T/Sgt	3 20	AC	8th	Fatal	U
BT	Nolano, Neal W.		15062492	S/Sgt	18 20	AC	8th	Fatal	U
FG	Evans, Homer J.		15327999	S/Sgt	18 20	AC	8th	Fatal	U
TG	Hinshaw, Glenn S.		34728906	Sgt	3 10	AC	8th	None	S

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Anderson, Earl O., Jr.
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (21) 0-758675 (22) 2nd Lt (23) 18 (24) AC
(Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) 8th AF (26) 384 Bomb (H) (27) 545 Bomb (H) (28) AAF STATION 106
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Attached for flying (29) 8th AF (30) 384 Bomb (H) (31) 545 Bomb (H) (32) AAF STATION 106
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) Nov. 3, '43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) Nov. 3, '43 Instrument rating (37) Mar. 3, '44
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 369:30 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 13:00
(39) This model 192:20 (43) Instrument time last 30 days 00:00
(40) Last 90 days 152:40 (44) Night time last 6 months 18:50
(41) Total 631:55 (45) Night time last 30 days 00:00

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE		(49) LIST OF DAMAGE
(46) Aircraft	W 5	Complete Destruction ALTHOUGH F.V. <u>2-28-46</u>
(47) Engine(s)	W 5	
(48) Propeller(s)	W 5	

(50) Weather at the time of accident 10/10ths Cloud cover, 10,000 feet to 15,000 feet, winds aloft 1600 at 30 knots

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident Yes
(52) Cleared from AAF STATION 106 (53) To Operational (54) Kind of clearance Operational
(55) Pilot's mission Operational

(56) Nature of accident Mid-Air Collision

(57) Cause of accident This aircraft was flying formation in the High Group when it was forced into the overcast causing the pilot to fly entirely on instruments where heavy icing conditions were encountered.

(58) Has form 54 been submitted? No.

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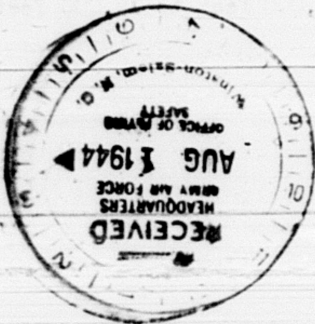
DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

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Date 12 July, 1944.

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Personnel

AIR FORCE & COM.

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GROUP NO.

384

GROUP TYPE

BH

AIRCRAFT CODE

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AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model *B-17G* (5) A. F. No. *44-6147* (6) Station *AAF STATION 106*
Organization: (7) *8th AF* (8) *384 Bomb (H)* (9) *545 Bomb (H)*
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

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(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P	Bagby, Donald W.	P	0-751309	1st Lt	18	AC	8th	None	S
CP	Morton, Howard R.	P	T-61917	F/O	17	AC	8th	Minor	S
N	Davis, Gerald P.	N	0-710237	2nd Lt	18	AC	8th	Fatal	U
TOG	Niemans, Carl (NMI)		12151458	S/Sgt	38	AC	8th	Fatal	U
R	Day, Dean W.		37473471	T/Sgt	38	AC	8th	None	S
TT	Huff, Jack D.		14123194	T/Sgt	38	AC	8th	Fatal	U
BT	Fawloski, Raymond (NMI)		32225933	S/Sgt	38	AC	8th	Fatal	U
IG	O'Neal, Cecil C.		34547132	S/Sgt	38	AC	8th	Fatal	U
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DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <i>W</i>	<i>Complete Destruction</i>
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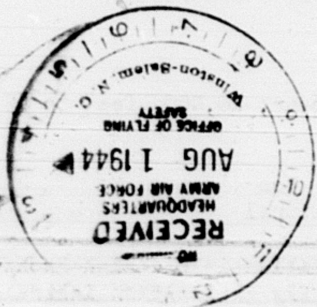
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Date 12 July, 1944

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PILOT'S STATEMENT

We were flying in the No. 4 position, High Squadron, and when the formation reached 10,000 feet we were going through many clouds, losing sight of the formation frequently. While in the overcast I hit prop-wash and was fighting it when another ship from our left hit us underneath near the front. Immediately our ship began breaking up, but it remained level long enough for me to ring the alarm bell and call over the interphone. We then started spinning to the right, and I noticed a hole in the upper right corner of the cockpit. The next thing I knew I was outside the ship, which was in many pieces by then, so I pulled the rip-cord and made a safe landing.

Donald W. Bagley
DONALD W. BAGLEY,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Pilot.

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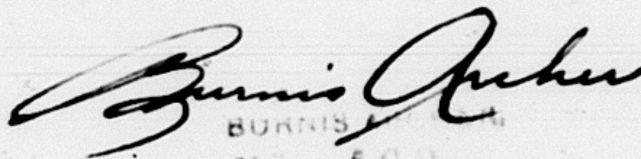
To: Chief, Flying Safety, AAF, Winston-Salem 1, N.C.

1. Transmitted herewith are WDAAF Forms No. 14 and allied papers on the following aircraft accidents:

- a. 2nd Lt. Earl O. Anderson, Jr. B-17G number 42-102442.
- b. 1st Lt. Donald W. Bagby, B-17G number 44-6147.
- c. F/O. Richard F. Clouch, Mosquito NS 558.
- d. 2nd Lt. Peter P. Wishnewsky, B-17G number 43-37534.

2. Concur.

For the Commanding General:



BURNIS ARCHER

Major A.G.S.

Asst. Adjutant General

4 Incls:

As above.

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