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#### DESCRIPTION OF AGCIDENT

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

B-177 A.C. Serial Number 42-30041 departed Gender at 1939 GHT on June 9,1943, with Prestwick as its destination. At 2211 GHT word was received that this plane had turned back for Gender and was having trouble with two engines. At 0001 GHT June 10, 1943, an SOS was received, and nothing further was heard from this plane after 0005 GHT. Hence, it is estimated that the crash landing at see was shortly after this time. Convoys at see and aircraft on patrol were netified to be on lock-out. Also six Anti-Sub aircraft were sent out to the area where the crash was believed to have taken place. At about 0900 GHT, June 10, 1943 word was received that entire crew had been rescued by a surface craft about 20 miles off Cape Fraces.

From talking to the crew and from their reports, it is believed that they should not have feathered their presumably faulty motors as soon as they did. The loss of oil from both #1 and #2 engines at about the same time is inexplicable. No intimation of high oil pressures or of high cylinder head temperatures is made. No definite cause for the failure of the engines can be given. However, since it was evident that a water landing would have to be made while using only two engines, it would have been advisable to have attempted to get help from other engines as long as they would run.

Responsibility for the accident cannot be justly placed upon the pilot; hence it must be contributed to engine failure.

Recommend that crew personnel be given all possible technical training on equipment they are to operate.



Signature J. C. Helchering Frank M. Jayla John E Sanlow

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June 12, 1943.

Flying at fifteen thousand 400 miles off coast, with 29 inches and 2000 R.P.M. When No. 1 Manifold Pressure went down to about 23 inches. We thought that one of the super-charger regulators had frozen up so we started to try and loosen it up. Just then No. 2 engine started coughing and running very rough--this was evidently ice. We got No. 2 to running more smooth with a little heat but then oil started to come out of the top of the engine (evidently the breather) this engine was still running rough but not coughing so we went back to work on No. 1 engine super-charger regulator and heard if runaway. We pulled the super-charger off and found that none of these readings were being registered on the instruments. So we switched to the other inverter. The readings came back on the panel. We couldn't tell exactly how long this inverter had been out because the readings remained at their previous settings. No. 1 began to run rough in the meentime and was loosing oil at about the same rate as No. 2 engine. In about fifteen manutes the oil pressure began to waver and go down so we feathered that engine. Avout fifteen minutes later the same happened to No. 2 engine.

We had trouble keeping the dead wing up so we transferred gas and salvoed all equipment and baggage. We still lost altitude.

We had Radio contact the whole time and gave our ETA for land fall at 0030 GMT, but we hit the water at 0020 GMT about off the coast. The landing wasn't too hard. Made it flat with full flaps and across the swells near some icebergs. It was just getting dark at the time. The fuselage was buckled at the ball turret. Pilot and co-pilot came out their windows and helped men out of the radio room which was filling up with water by the time we got through. Crew say they tossed out emergency radio but we never found it.

We were in the rubber boats all night and were picked up the next morning by J-Boat which we signaled with flares. Several air-planes were sighted that night but they evidently didn't see our flares.

One man had a gash on his head but otherwise everyone came out without any injuries.

KELMER T. HALI 1st Lt., AC,

Pilot.

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### STATEMENT

preve June 12, 1943

On afternoon of June 9, 1943, we took off for England. Everything was working fine.

We were crusing at 15,000 M.S.L. and were about 400 miles out when the trouble started.

We were indicating 145M.P.H. with 2000 R.P.M. and 29' HG. The indicator showed a decrease in manifold pressure on engines one and two, so I tried to boost it with the turbor. This did not change the reading on the dials so I assumed that the regulator had congeled as the free air was-18°C. and I started working the controls back and forth to loosen them up and get fresh out in the regulators.

About the same time we got carburator ice in these same two engines, so I pulled the boost off and put the intercoolers hot. When we put the turbos back on we heard the props rev. up, but it did not show on the instruments, so we changed inverters and pulled off the turbos. The instruments had been out all this time and had caused us to overload these two engines. Both engines were still running rough and no. I was about to quit so we feathered it. We got #2 to running smoothly again, but it was loosing oil. We then unfeathered #1 and got it running again, but it still ran rough and lost oil.

In the mean-time we lost 2000', but we continued on course, thinking the oil might stop, after about 10 mimutes, we turned around and headed back for Gender. In about 1/4 or 1/2 hour after we turned back the oil pressure on #1 began to waver and drop off so we feathered it. We still held altitude on the three engines. In about 20 or 30 minutes no. Z oil pressure went down so it was feathered. We began to loose altitude.

With only the star-board engines we had to put so much trim in the ship that with the added drag we could not maintain air speed and altitude. We salved all the baggage from the bombays and threw everything that was loose overboard, except emergency equipment. We stepped the starboard engines up to about 45° hg, and 24 rpm—but still were loosing about 200'——400' pre min at 115 to 120 mph. We almost stalked 3 times trying to stretch the glide. After we got down to about 2500', we gave our two engines all they would draw—full boost and low pitch in the hopes of holding that altitude until the engines blew up, but we still lost altitude.

We sat all the crew, except pilot and co-pilot in the radio room and prepared for a crash landing in the water. We crashed between 2400



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The radio operator was in contact with Gander. Told then, when we turned back, sent E.T.A., when we feathered no. 1 and no. 2 engines. He then sent SOS and locked key down about 3 minutes before crash.

30 seconds, the tail remained a lost about 3 minutes.

Bradler B. SUMMERS, Flight Officer, AC, Co-pilot.

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#### STATEMENT

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June 12, 1943.

We were flying at 15.000 feet with 29" Hg and 2000 R.P.M. The first thing I noticed was the manifold pressure dropping on # 1 and engines. At about the same moment the same two engines began to ice up. The heat was turned on immediately and the ice cl are up in the engines. I looked back at the manifold pressure and it was still falling off. I then discovered that our alternate inverter had burned out. The normal inverter was turned on immediately thereafter and the instruments resumed their correct operation. After the two engines were under control, I noticed oil coming out the breathers on both 1 and 2 engines. Both engines were running rough, but not enough to feather either engine. We flew on all four engines approximately 15 minutes. The oil continued to come out until finally the oil pressure began to drop on # 1 engine. It was feathered while there was still enough oil left to feather the prop. In approximately 15 minutes, we had to feather #2 for the same purpose. We turned around immediately when the trouble began and started back for Gender. There was nothing more for me to do, so I prepared for a water landing. I went back to the Radio room when the ship was approximately 100 feet above the water, to wait for the crash. It was only a few moments until she hit the water.

> KENNETH W. HARLAND JR., T/Set., AC. Aerial Engineer.

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SUBJECT: Report of flight of B-17 #30041, bound for from QX, ending in forced leading on water (assumed).

All times shown are CMT.

09 1939

B-17 /30041 departed for HIK.

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Routine radio contact established with plane by FlG.

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Message received from plane stating: "Returning. Two engines may go out."

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Hessage received from plane stating: "Stand by for endrgency calls".

10 0001

SGS received from plane.

Fig invedictely asked for planes position, but received no enswer from plane. Operator continued to send 308, and to hold his key down. D/F Station at X took a bearing on plane. (068° True)

10 0005

Plane last heard, still sending SOS.

At 0001, we attempted roughly to plot the planes' position, using dead reckoning and the bearing obtained by the D/F station (2nd class at 10 0003). The position we obtained was passed to RAF Flying Control at OK, who transmitted to a convoy believed to be in that vicinity (53 30N - 36 20W)

This emergency procedure occurred at the same time we were attenting to advise the other B-17's and B-24's to return to QX secount PWK weather forecast.

Necessary personnel on the field were notified as quickly as possible on all developments.

Approximate position of plane was later revised to 50 19N - 50 09M, and RAF Flying Control notified.



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A search was instituted by US and Canadian planes, in addition to the convey previously mentioned.

Nothing further has be n heard of the plane, as of 10 0125.

FRANK M. TAYLOR Major, Air Corps, Joint Control Officer.



## AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND APO # 865, N.Y.C.

June 13, 1943

SUBJECT: Physical examination of crew members in airplane accident.

TO: Commanding Officer, Station Hospital, APO #865, New York, N.Y.

1. Request that an examination be made for possible injuries obtained during a crash landing at sea of the following officers and enlisted men:

lst. Lt. K. J. Hall
F/O F. Summer
lst. Lt. J. D. Crary
lst. Lt. H. Schindler
T/Sgt. K. Harland
T/Sgt. Keathley
S/Sgt. D. Harden
S/Sgt. M. Vober
S/Sgt. H. Dean
3/Sgt. Spradlin

2. For our report it will be necessary to have a certificate from the Surgeon as to the condition of each crew member. Request this be accomplished and forwarded to this office.

R. C. HUTCHINSON, Lt. Col., Air Corps, Control Officer.

Office of the Flight Surgeon, 310th Station Hospital, USAAB, APO 865, c/o Postmaster, NEC. June 14, 1943.

TO: Control Office, Air Transport Command, APO 865, c/o Postmaster, NYC.

1. Par. 1, basic comm. complied with. The following named officer and enlisted man are not physically fit for duties involving flying due to the conditions listed after their names:

1st Lt. Herbert Schindler, laceration of scalp, mod. severe.

S/Sgt. Donald L. Harden, observation for psychoneurosis, posttraumatic. Contusions and abrasions, left leg.

2. The remaining officers and enlisted men listed in basic comm. have been examined and found physically fit for duties involving flying, per certificate inclosed.

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U. S. ARBY ATR BASE, APO 865
C/O POSTRAST R. NYC

14 June, 1943.

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This is to certify that the following damed officers and enlisted men have been examined following directify accident of 9 June, 1943 and have been found physically fit for duties involving flying:

Kelmer J. Hall	lst Lieut.	AUS
Bradley B. Summers	Fl. Off.	AUS.
James D. Crary	1st Lieut.	AUS
Kenneth W. Harland	T/Sgt.	RA
Edward R. Keathley	T/Sgt.	RA
Holgates J. Dean	S/Sgt.	AUS
Clifford W. Spradlin	S/Sgt.	aUS
Max B. Yeber	S/Sgt.	AU

For the Senior Flight Surgeon:

R. R. BRESLER

Captain, Medical Corps, Acting Flight Surgeon.

#### WORK SHEET

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RADIO MAINTENANCE REQUIRED

COMMAND EQUIPMENT

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BAND B
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CONTROLS

INSTRUMENTS

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

HEATERS Fix heater on /2 engine Glyco, Pare

ARMAMENT

OXYGEN SYSTEM

STHUCTURE

LANDING GEAR

ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT

CIMER MAINTENANCE free dr (Rosb.) complete out.

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## 61st F. Sq., A.P.O. #865, NAW, ATC

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Transmittal of WD AAF Form No. 14. SUBJECT:

: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.

Transmitted herewith is WD AAF Form No. 14, "Report of Aircraft Accident" on B-17F No. 42-30041, which made a crash landing at sea on 10 June 1943, together with allied papers.

For the Commanding General:

10 Inclosures

#1 - WD AAF Form No. 14

#2 - cy Aircraft Clearance

#3 - Report of flight

4 - Medical certificate

#5 - cy Atlantic Flight Plan

#6 - cy Work Sheet

- Statement of Pilot

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