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U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

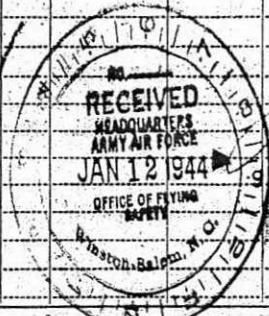
ACCIDENT No. _____

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

44-11-29-508

(1) Place Station 106 (2) Date 29 November 1943 (3) Time 1842
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-17E (5) A. F. No. 42-37828 (6) Station 106
 Organization: (7) 8th (8) 384th Bomb (H) (9) 544th Bomb (H)
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)
8 AF PERSONNEL 384 BHD 544 BHS

DUITY (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)
76	HARRISON, LOUIS (TRUCK DRIVER) (NAME)			1ST	20	AF	8 AF	None	



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PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) HARRISON, LOUIS (NAME) (21) 1 (22) 1ST (23) AF
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personal class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) 8 AF (26) 384 BHD (27) 544 BHD (28) 2354
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for training (29) SAME (30) SAME (31) SAME (32) SAME
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) None (34) - Present rating (35) None (36) - Instrument rating (37) None
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)
 (38) This type _____ (39) Instrument time last 6 months _____
 (39) This model _____ (40) Instrument time last 30 days _____
 (40) Last 90 days _____ (41) Night time last 6 months _____
 (41) Total _____ (42) Night time last 30 days _____

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>4</u>	
(47) Engine(s) <u>1</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>1</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident DD

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident _____
 (52) Cleared from No Flight (53) To _____ (54) Kind of clearance 5

(55) Pilot's mission 90

(56) Nature of accident Truck ran into tail assembly of plane.

(57) Cause of accident It was dark and the lights on the plane were off temporarily when a truck came by and ran into the tail assembly of the plane.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

After returning from an operational mission A/C No. 42-37828 ran off the perimeter and became imbedded in mud. By the time the plane could be moved it was dark, when it was towed around the perimeter to the entrance to its regular dispersal area. While standing there, waiting to be taxied, a truck driven by Pvt. Louis Harrison ran into the tail assembly of the plane, damaging the right and left horizontal stabilizer, left stabilizer damaged beyond repair; vertical fin and dorsal fin damaged and thrown out of line; entire tail section back of station 6-H wrecked; pulleys and cable guides damaged and thrown out of line from the pilot's cockpit back.

The accident occurred after dark and the lights on the plane were off temporarily but there were sufficient lights around the plane, from parked trucks and crew members with flash lights, to enable the driver of the truck to see.

The accident was considered due to carelessness on the part of the truck driver.

Signature

Heavy H. Giles
HEAVY H. GILES,

(Investigating Officer)

1st Lt., Air Corps,
ASST Operations Officer.

Date 10 December 1943.

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December 1, 1943

S T A T E M E N T

"On the night of November 29th, 1943, I was on duty in the control tower. Air-craft 7828 had run off into the mud at the west end of the East-West runway. I called for a cleat-track to move aircraft to dispersal 4. It could not be pulled right around perimeter due to a huge hole in the perimeter. I therefore, had them pull the aircraft down the East-West runway to the inner-perimeter by dispersal 9, onto the main perimeter. The aircraft was then pulled to the left and stopped in front of dispersal 8, where the driver of cleat-track was disconnecting the cleat-track from the aircraft. At this moment, a truck driven by a 546th Sqdn. driver collided with the aircraft, tearing the tail assembly loose. This was reported to me in the tower by Lt. McKenna (control officer) then out inspecting perimeter lights. I received this report at 1842. Upon receipt of this information, I immediately informed Group Operations, Group Engineering and Colonel Buck. After having pulled the aircraft onto inner-perimeter by dispersal 9, I then placed glis lamps around aircraft."

James R. Burkholder
JAMES R. BURKHOLDER
2nd. Lt., Air Corps
Flying Control Officer

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Pilot's Name

Harrison Louis

Nature Group

Miscellaneous

Specific Nature

Miscellaneous

Underlying Nature

Truck ran into plane

100%

Cause Group

Other personnel

Specific Cause

Other - truck driver

Underlying Cause

Carelessness

Cause Group

Specific Cause

Underlying Cause