

Accident No. 99-6-526

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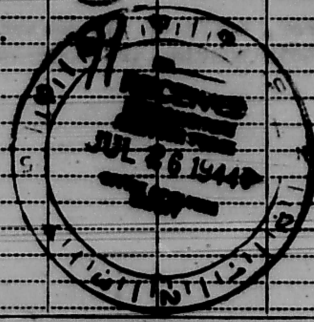
WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

44-6-30-526

(1) Place **AAF Station 505** (2) Date **30 June, 1944** (3) Time **1800**
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model **100 100** (5) A. F. No. **13665** (6) Station **AAF Station 510**
Organization: (7) **27th Air Force** (8) **27th Composite Gr** (9) **325th Ferrying**
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DOVT	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)
D1	Wheats, Robert E.	P	0-48265	1st Lt.	01	AC	USTAAF	None	W1
99	H. Shearer (Custodian)			Lt.				2 3	



PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) **Wheats, Robert E.** (21) **0-48265** (22) **1st Lt.** (23) **01** (24) **AC**
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) **USTAAF ACC** (26) **27th Composite Gr** (27) **325th Ferrying** (28) **AAF Station 510**
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) **USTAAF ACC** (30) **27th Air Force** (31) **325th Ferrying Sq** (32) **AAF-510** **2386**
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) **Pilot** (34) **24 May 43** Present rating (35) **Pilot** (36) **24 May 43** Instrument rating (37) **None**
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

FINEST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident) **24:0**

(38) This type	19:20	(43) Instrument time last 6 months	08:10
(39) This model	19:20	(44) Instrument time last 30 days	08:00
(40) Last 90 days	19:20	(45) Night time last 6 months	08:25
(41) Total	19:20	(46) Night time last 30 days	08:00

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

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DAMAGE	(48) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft S	Complete Salvage
(47) Engine(s) S	
(48) Propeller(s) S	

(38) Weather at the time of accident **1/10th low clouds, base two thousand (2,000) feet, visibility seven (7) miles, wind southwest fifteen (15) miles per hour.**

(41) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident **No.**
(42) Cleared from **Station 510** (43) To **Station 100** (44) Kind of clearance **Unobstructed**

(45) Pilot's mission **Training**

(46) Nature of accident **Collision in full flight with object other than aircraft.**

(47) Cause of accident **Pilot was heading a Squadron area and crashed into a barn.**

(48) Has Form 54 been submitted? **No.**

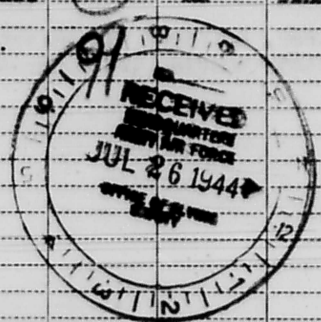
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U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

44-6-30-526

(1) Place AAF Station 106 (2) Date 30 June, 1944 (3) Time 1800
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model 114 100 (5) A. F. No. 13-685 (6) Station AAF Station 510
Organization: (7) 8th Air Force (8) 27th Transport (9) 325th Ferrying
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL No.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
D1	Maahs, Robert E.	P	0-680465	1st Lt.	01	AC	8th AF	Minor	Nil
99	H. Shearer (By stander)			Lt.				Scratches	2 3



PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Maahs, Robert E. (21) 0-680465 (22) 1st Lt. (23) 01 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
USTAAF ASC Assigned (25) USTAAF ASC (26) 27th Transport (27) 325th Ferrying (28) AAF Station 510
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) USTAAF ASC (30) 27th ATG (31) 325th Ferrying Sq (32) AAF-510
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 24 May 43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 24 May 43 Instrument rating (37) None
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 14B 19:20 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 08:10
(39) This model 19:20 (43) Instrument time last 30 days 00:00
(40) Last 90 days 19:20 (44) Night time last 6 months 08:25
(41) Total 19:20 (45) Night time last 30 days 00:00

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>S</u>	<u>Complete Salvage</u>
(47) Engine(s) <u>S</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>S</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident 3/10th low clouds, base two thousand (2,000) feet, visibility seven (7) miles, wind southwest fifteen (15) miles per hour.

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No.
(52) Cleared from Station 510 (53) To Station 128 (54) Kind of clearance Contact

(55) Pilot's mission Training

(56) Nature of accident Collision in full flight with object other than aircraft.

(57) Cause of accident Pilot was buzzing a Squadron area and crashed into a barracks.

(58) Has Form 51 been submitted? No.

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

It is the opinion of this board the accident is due to one hundred (100) percent Pilot error.

The pilot (Lieutenant Maas) was cleared from AAF Station 510, to AAF Station 128. Enroute to AAF Station 128, the Pilot circled this base and buzzed a Squadron area four (4) times. On the fourth pass the Pilot flew his aircraft so near the ground he struck a bystander (Lieutenant Shearer), thus throwing the aircraft into the side of a messen hut.

The Pilot suffered minor cuts and bruises.

Lieutenant Shearer, suffered (1) severe laceration of the neck which severed the right sternomastoid muscle. (2) Moderate concussion.

Signature

George H. Koehne, Jr.
(Investigating Officer)

George H. Koehne, Jr., Major, AC

Phillip M. Algar

Phillip M. Algar, Captain, AC,

Lloyd E. Helmley

Lloyd E. Helmley, Captain, AC.

Date 8 July, 1944

3 July, 1944.

SUBJECT: Pilot's Statement of Aircraft Accident.

TO : Whom it May Concern.

I took off from Heston airport about 1630 on June 30, 1944. It was to be a cross country flight direct to Deenethorpe. Instead of going direct to Deenethorpe, I decided to buzz Grafton Underwood, which was a few miles off course to my left. I came in low toward the 546th Squadron area on a heading of about 60 degrees. I made several passes at the area and was coming back again and then proceed on to Deenethorpe. I came in on a heading of about 70 degrees over the area and put the airplane in a steep turn and slight dive to the right. By this time I was over the area and was going to level out and pull up. I tried this but I couldn't seem to raise my right wing. The wind at the time was about ten to fifteen MPH from the southwest and also very gusty. I believe a gust of wind caught my left wing and held it down for a few seconds. After that it was evident I was going to crash, as it was too late to level out and pull up.

Robert E. Maahs
ROBERT E. MAHNS,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO 106
Office of the Flying Control Officer

R-B-2

3 July, 1944.

SUBJECT: Accident Report on Piper Cub #508.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF Station 106, APO 557, U.S. Army.

1. I was on duty at the control tower on the evening of July 1, 1944. About 1805 hours Col Buck called and wanted to know if the plane that crashed in the 546th Squadron area was one of ours. This was the first information I had received in regards to the crash. I immediately dispatched an ambulance and crash tender to the scene of the crash. Upon arrival at the scene of the crash I found three (3) ambulances already there. The plane was a Piper Cub, number 568, pilot Lt. Maahs.

J. W. Loter
J.W. LOTER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Flying Control Off.

R E S T R I C T E D

HEADQUARTERS
BASE AIR DEPOT AREA
AIR SERVICE COMMAND
UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE
APO 635

AAF 590
19 July, 1944

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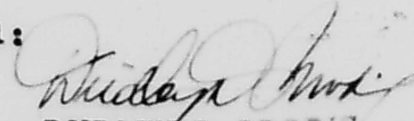
SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : Chief of Flying Safety, AAF Winston Salem 1, North Carolina.

1. Transmitted herewith in compliance with AAF Regulation 62-14, Form 14 and Allied Papers on the following Aircraft Accidents:

- a. AAF Station 106, L4B, 43-685, 30.6.44.,
1st Lt. Maahs, Robert E., 27th Air Transport
Group, 325th Ferrying Squadron.
- b. AAF Station 597, P-47D, 42-7870, 6.7.44.,
1st Lt. Langford, George T., 27th Air
Transport Group, 312th Ferrying Squadron.
- c. AAF Station 597, B-24D, 42-63797, 7.7.44.,
Captain Sayers, E.F., Hq. & Hq. Squadron,
AAF Station 597.

For the Commanding General:


DUDLEY D. BRODIE
Lt. Col., AGD
Adjutant General

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3 Incls:

- Incl 1 - AAF Form 14 and Allied Papers on L4B, 43-685.
- Incl 2 - AAF Form 14 and Allied Papers on P-47D, 42-7870.
- Incl 3 - AAF Form 14 and Allied Papers on B-24D, 42-63797.

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3-384 (30-5-44) (CRASH AT SITE 6)



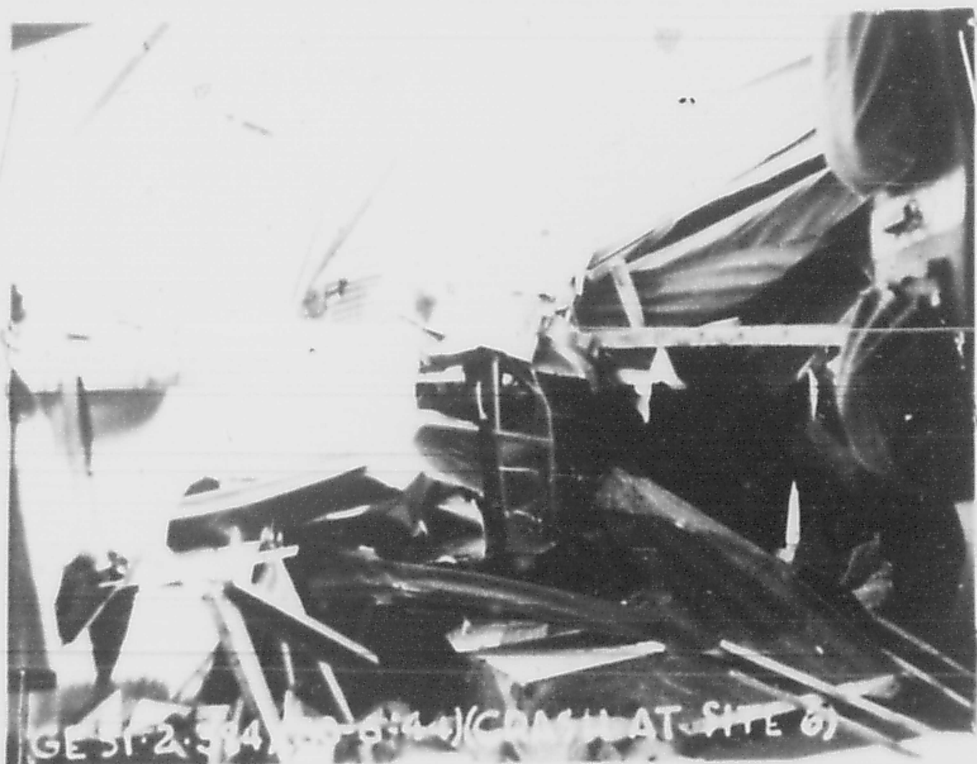


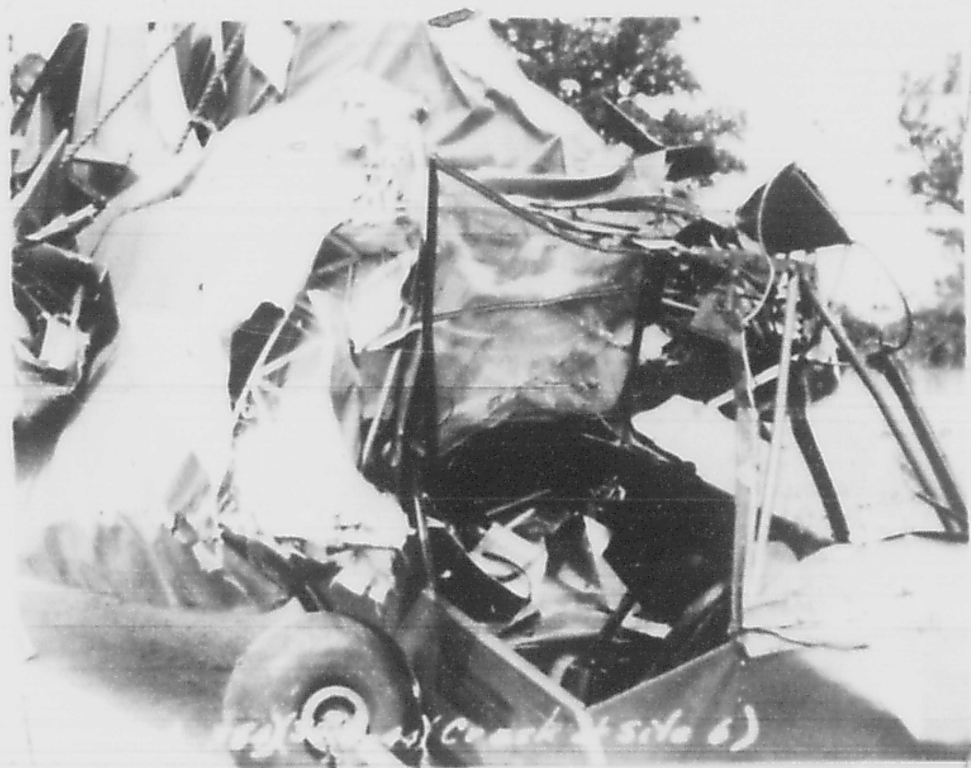
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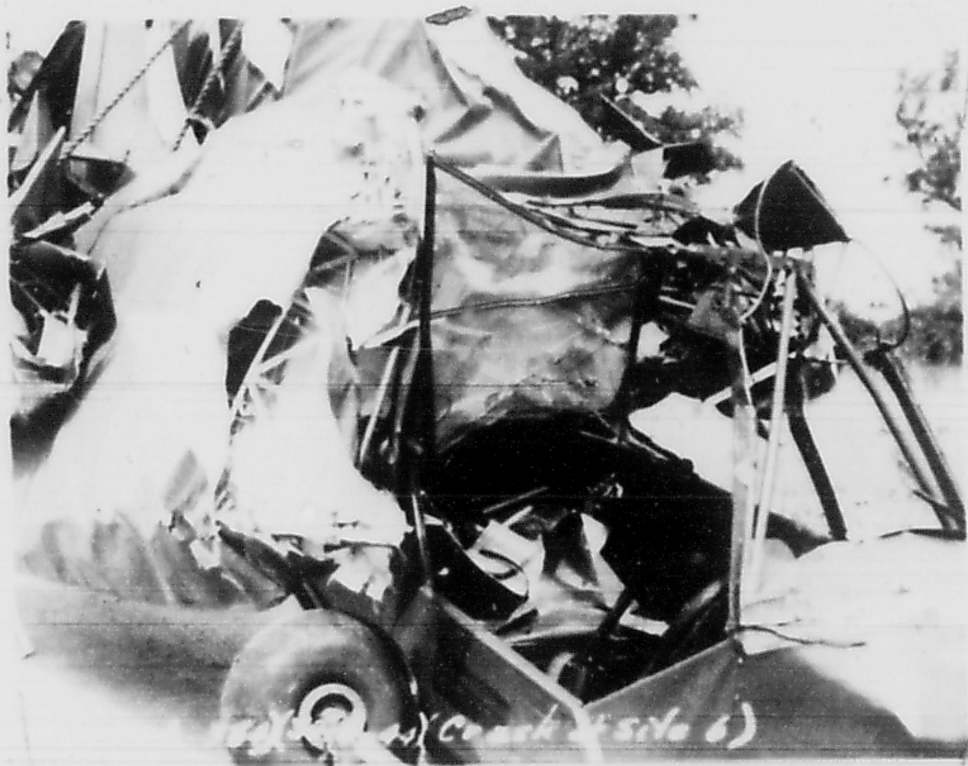


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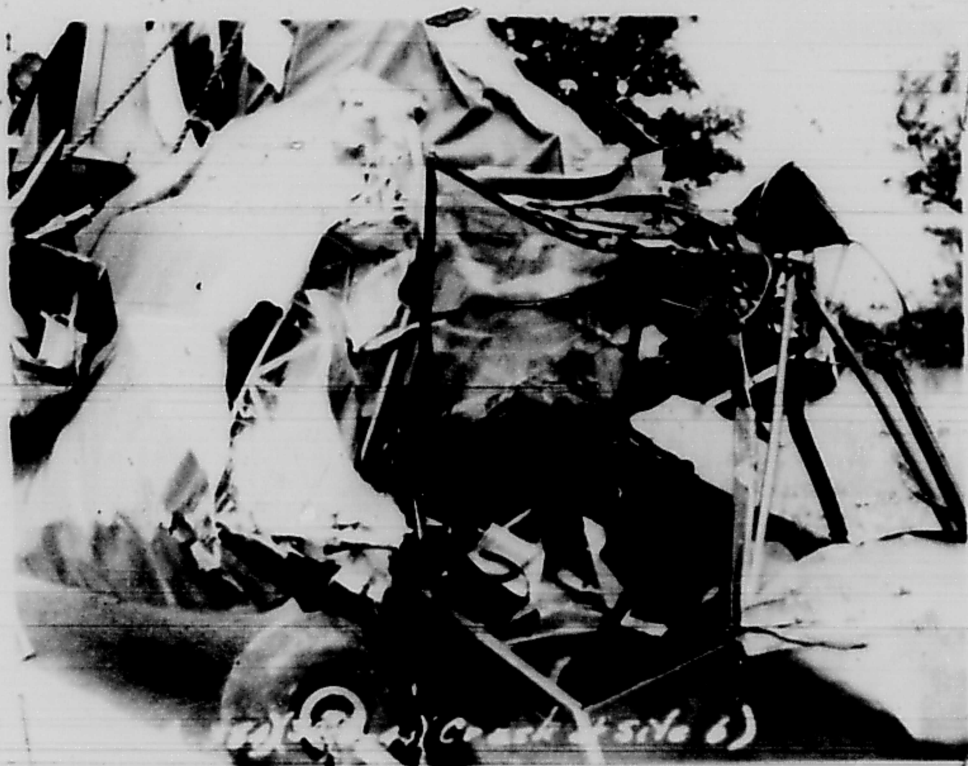






172 (10-14) (C. M. M. at site 6)





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