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

ACCIDENT NO. 45-9-11-515

(1) Place AAF Station no. 106 (2) Date 11 September, 1944 (3) Time 1800
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-17 (5) A. F. No. 43-18016 (6) Station AAF Station 106
Organisation: (7) 8th Air Force (8) 38th Bomb (H) (9) 5th Bombardment (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	Allred, Frank L.	P	0-758505	1st Lt.	18	AC	8th AF	N11	N11
CP	Reed, William M.	P	0-819317	1st Lt.	18	AC	8th AF	N11	N11
N	Lord, Kenneth S.	N	0-704025	1st Lt.	18	AC	8th AF	N11	N11
RO	Drury, Eldon B.		39693056	T/Sgt.	18	AC	8th AF	N11	N11
E	Mitchell, Robert		34390452	S/Sgt.	38	AC	8th AF	N11	N11
I	Ekels, John E.		39528663	S/Sgt.		AC	8th AF	N11	N11
I	Knapp, Julius Z.		0-856759	Capt.		AC	8th AF	N11	N11



(20) Allred Frank (21) 0-758505 (22) 1st Lt. (23) 18 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) 8th Air Force (26) 38th Bomb (H) (27) 5th Bombardment (H) (28) AAF Station 106
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) 8th Air Force (30) 38th Bomb (H) (31) 5th Bombardment (H) (32) AAF Station 106
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 11-3-43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 11-3-43 Instrument rating (37) 8-9-44
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 331.15 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 5:20
(39) This model 286.30 (43) Instrument time last 30 days 1:50
(40) Last 90 days 227.50 (44) Night time last 6 months 18:05
(41) Total 792.55 (45) Night time last 30 days 0:00

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>3</u>	Left outer wing pannel damaged on under side, left
(47) Engine(s) <u>1</u>	aileron damaged. Damages repairable at this station.
(48) Propeller(s) <u>1</u>	

(49) Weather at the time of accident Not a factor

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident Yes
(52) Cleared from 2354 (53) To 2354 (54) Kind of clearance 0

(55) Pilot's mission Training

(56) Nature of accident Head on collision

(57) Cause of accident Aircraft collided with truck while taxiing on perimeter track.

(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 one hundred (100) percent pilot error.

The pilot (Lieutenant Allred) was taxiing along the perimeter track at 1800 hours, with excellent visibility when collision with truck was made.

Left wing of aircraft struck truck. Therefore pilot was not paying attention to obstacles on his side. Pilot should always keep a closer watch for obstacles on his side of perimeter track than co-pilot's side.

Other than giving pilot a reprimand no other action is taken to prevent repetition.

No photographs were taken.

Signature

George H. Koehn, Jr.
(Investigating Officer)

George H. Koehn, Jr., Major, Air Corps

Arthur E. Bean, Jr.
Arthur E. Bean, Jr., Major, Air Corps

Horace E. Frink, Jr.
Horace E. Frink, Jr., Major, Air Corps

Date 15 September, 1944

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54th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) ARMY AIR FORCES
Office of the Operations Officer

12 September 1944

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident Report.

TO : Operations Officer, 384th Bombardment Group (H), AAF, AAF Station 106,
APO 557.

1. After landing on Runway "06", turned left to taxi down perimeter to dispersal # 1. There was a lot of activity on the perimeter in the form of trucks and bicycles. I came to a turn on the track and there were two trucks on my right returning with crews. I was keeping check on them and failed to see a truck that was parked on the left side of the track.

2. It was called to my attention by Sgt Eckles, Crew Chief, that we might have hit the truck. It was not definite and we did not know for sure until we reached the dispersal area.

3. After examining the plane it was found to have the left aileron damaged and the skin under the left wing torn.

Frank L. Allred
FRANK L. ALLRED,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO. 106
Office of the Flying Control Officer

R-B-1

12 Sept, 1944.

SUBJECT: Accident Report A/O No. 8016.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, AAF Station No. 106, APO # 557.

1. Approximately 1700 hrs one of the Engineering Officers called and said that 8016 had ran into a truck on the perimeter (near #16).

2. I went out to the A/O, but the A/O had been moved and also the truck. The pilot did not notify the tower of the accident.

J. W. Loter

J. W. LOTER,
1st Lt., A. O.
Flying Control Officer

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Hq, Eighth Air Force, APO 634, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

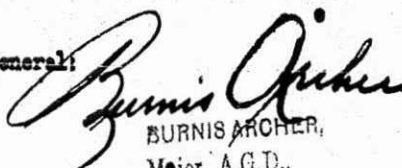
TO: Chief, Flying Safety, AAF, Winston Salem 1, N.C.

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

- a. 1st Lt. Frank L. Allred, B-17G number 43-38016.
b. Captain James H. Clements, B-24J number 42-50626.
c. 1st Lt. Richard C. Wilson, B-24J number 44-40203.
d. 2nd Lt. Charles P. Norris, B-24H number 42-95189.
e. 2nd Lt. Lester M. Grainger, P-47D-6RE number 42-74753.
f. 2nd Lt. Joseph B. Wolfe, P-51D-5NA number 44-14000.
g. 2nd Lt. Marion C. Helms, B-17G number 42-97206.
h. 1st Lt. Edward L. Elbert, Jr., B-17G number 43-37893.
i. 1st Lt. Edwin F. Walkup, B-17G number 42-39909.
j. 1st Lt. Arnold (NMI) Kirkebo, B-17E number 41-9019.
k. 1st Lt. Jackie L. Carwell, P-47D-11 number 42-75281.
l. 2nd Lt. Edward J. Phillipow, P-38J-15LO number 43-28529.
m. 1st Lt. Bailey A. Williams, P-38J-10LO number 42-67822.
n. 2nd Lt. Trevor A. Edwards, P-47D-21 number 42-25512.
o. 2nd Lt. Billie B. Layl, B-17G number 42-31876.
p. 1st Lt. Albert L. Stokes, P-8 number 43-34950.

2. Concur.

For the Commanding General:



BURNIS ARCHER,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

16 Incls:

As above.

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