

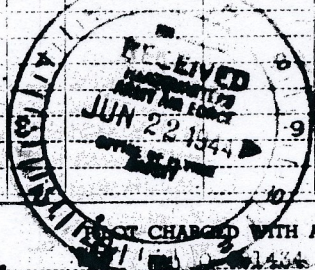
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WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place Castelluccio Air field, Italy (2) Date 30 May 1944 (3) Time 1610
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model 44-620-548 (5) A. F. No. 11-28931 (6) Station Castelluccio, Italy
Organization: (7) 15th AF (8) 451st Bomb (9) 724th Bomb
(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	Kane, John J.	P	0-661434	2nd Lt	1	AC	15th	None	None
CP	Whitley, Walter L.	P	0-641007	2nd Lt	1	AC	15th	None	None
E	Catchers, Walter E.	E	14063151	Sgt	1	AAF	15th	None	None



PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT
(20) KANE John J. (21) 0-661434 (22) 2nd Lt (23) 15 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) 15th AF (26) 451st Bomb (27) 724th Bomb (28) Castelluccio
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) _____ (30) _____ (31) _____ (32) _____
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 5-24-43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 5-24-43 Instrument rating (37) 11 Dec 1943
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
(at the time of this accident)
(38) This type 2:24 (39) 201:05 (42) Instrument time last 6 months
(40) Last 90 days 2:24 (41) 163:20 (43) Instrument time last 30 days
(44) Night time last 6 months 27:25
(45) Night time last 30 days 201:05

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>fuselage stat 0 to 4.1</u>	<u>Nose landing gear, 4-5 vertical flt gyro, S-1</u>
(47) Engine(s)	<u>bombsight mount, fuselage structure from nose to</u>
(48) Propeller(s)	<u>bomb bay.</u>

(50) Weather at the time of accident Not required
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
(52) Cleared from Castelluccio A/F (53) To Castelluccio A/F (54) Kind of clearance Local
(55) Pilot's mission Local test flight.
(56) Nature of accident One brake locked causing aircraft to swerve off taxiway.
(57) Cause of accident Left brake locked.

(58) None

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

While taxiing on taxi strip, one wheel brake locked causing aircraft to swerve off the embankment of taxi strip forcing nose section into the ground.

RESPONSIBILITY

50% Pilot Error
50% Material Failure

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Signature _____

(Investigating Officer)

Date _____