

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

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(1) Place Pomigliano Air Field, Naples, Italy (3) Time 1030
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-24H (5) A. F. No. 41-29219 (6) Station Castelluccio Air Field
 Organisation: (7) 15 AF (8) 451 (H) (9) 725 (H) (Squadron)

15 PERSONNEL BH

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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	JOHNSON, ALBERT W.	P	0-695006	Capt	16 (1)	AC	15th	None	No
CP	CUSHNER, STEPHENS	CP	0-817172	1st	16 (1)	AC	15th	None	No
N	TAUSSIG, WILLIAM M.	N	0-709450	1st	16 (1)	AC	15th	None	No
E	Lawless, Valentine B.	E	13036557	T/Sgt	26 (0)	AC	15th	None	No
AE	Newling, Kenneth D.	AE	37476340	S/Sgt	26 (0)	AC	15th	None	No
R	Wyllie, John S.	R	31241019	T/Sgt	26 (0)	AC	15th	None	No
G	Trest, Victor E.	G	38551491	T/Sgt	26 (0)	AC	15th	None	No
G	Scheer, George F.	G	38551491	T/Sgt	26 (0)	AC	15th	None	No

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(20) JOHNSON ALBERT W. (21) 0-695006 (22) Capt (23) 16 (24) AC
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial No.) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)

Assigned (25) 15th (26) 451 (27) 725th (28) Castelluccio Air Field
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)

Attached for flying (29) 15th (30) 451 (31) 725th (32) Castelluccio Air Field
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)

Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 10-1-43 Present rating (35) 10-1-43 (36) 10-1-43 Instrument rating (37) 3-22-44
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
 (at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 3-24 449:20 (42) Instrument time last 6 months _____
 (39) This model 202:55 (43) Instrument time last 30 days _____
 (40) Last 90 days 136:25 (44) Night time last 6 months _____
 (41) Total 702:55 (45) Night time last 30 days _____

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE NIF

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>M U</u>	Nose section, nose wheel, bomb-bays, bottom of fuselage, Propellers, Engines.
(47) Engine(s) <u>W U W U W U W U</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>W U W U W U W U</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Low ceiling, Visibility restricted, Contact flight conditions

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No

(52) Cleared from Castelluccio A/F (53) To Pomigliano AF, Naples (54) Kind of clearance Ferry

(55) Pilot's mission Ferrying

(56) Nature of accident Brake failure on landing, plane rolled past the end of runway stopping when the nose wheel collapsed.

(57) Cause of accident Brake failure.

(58) No

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

On normal pattern and approach, short field landing was executed with all visible checks showing brake pressure. Parked A/C on either side of runway prevented throttle control turns after brakes failed. Ship overshot runway and nosewheel collapsed.

RESPONSIBILITY

50% Pilot error
50% Material Failure

James B. Knapp
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Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Commanding.
Edward L. Wilson Jr.
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Major, Air Corps.
Clyde L. Wagner
CLYDE L. WAGNER,
Major, Medical Corps.
William H. McManus, Jr.
WILLIAM H. MCMANUS, JR.,
Major, Air Corps.
Leland A. Founkin
LELAND A. FOUNKIN,
Major, Air Corps,
Aircraft Accident Officer.

Signature _____
(Investigating Officer)

Date _____

S T A T E M E N T

Made a normal pattern let-down and approach to landing at Naples. The aircraft touched on the first third of the runway and with conventional application of brakes, I noticed no results. The co-pilot aided by applying pressure to his brake peddles to no avail. The nose-wheel was held off as long as possible as the aircraft (#219) proceeded to roll. Rolling past the end of the runway, the engineer cut the gas valves and the co-pilot out the switches. There were aircraft parked on either side of the runway, thus throttle control was impractical. Eventually on the continued roll the nose-wheel colapsed and considerable damage was inflicted to the ship as it came to a sudden stop.

The Salvaging Crash Crew listed the accident as brake failure.

In my opinion, the sole cause of the accident can be accredited to brake failure.

Albert W. Johnson
ALBERT W. JOHNSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Pilot.

Stephen S. Cushman
STEPHEN S. CUSHNER,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Co-pilot.

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