

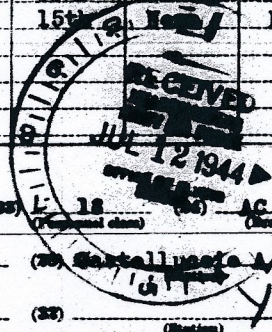
WAR DEPARTMENT  
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES  
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

44-6-26-504

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(1) Place Castelluocce Air Field, Italy (2) Date 26 June 1944 (3) Time 0645  
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-24H (5) A. F. No. 41-29253 (6) Station Castelluocce Air Field  
 Organization: (7) 15th (8) 451st Bomb (9) 724th Bomb  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)  
 PERSONNEL **BH** **4169**

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)
P	Steinberg, Eugene (NMI)	P	0-689396	2nd Lt	01 18	AC	15th	None /	No
CP	Thielike, Walter L.	P	0-691007	2nd Lt	01 26	AC	15th	None /	No
CN	Cox, William O., Jr.	N	0-700703	2nd Lt	01 26	AC	15th	None /	No
CE	Burness, Edward A., Jr.	E	39525643	T/Sgt	20 38	AAF	15th	None /	No
RO	Vanderpool, Paul F.	RO	34526621	T/Sgt	20 38	AAF	15th	None /	No
AE	Vance, Glenwood (NMI)	E	18137384	S/Sgt	20 38	AAF	15th	None /	No
G	Thompson, Harry R., Jr.	G	32762623	S/Sgt	20 38	AAF	15th	None /	No
G	Lebstner, Emil C.	G	55726470	S/Sgt	20 38	AAF	15th	None /	No
G	Kolakowski, Edward W.	G	13089258	S/Sgt	20 38	AAF	15th	None /	No



(20) Steinberg, Eugene (NMI) (21) 0-689396 (22) 2nd Lt (23) E 18 (24) AC  
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)  
 Assigned (25) Fifteenth Air Force (26) 451st Bomb (27) 724th Bomb (28) Castelluocce A/F  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
 Attached for flying (29) same (30) same (31) same (32) same  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
 (Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 8-30-43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 8-30-43 Instrument rating (37) 8-21-44  
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:  
 (at the time of this accident)  
 (38) This type B-24 517:15 (43) Instrument time last 6 months \_\_\_\_\_  
 (39) This model B-24H 185:00 (44) Instrument time last 30 days \_\_\_\_\_  
 (40) Last 90 days 185:00 (45) Night time last 6 months \_\_\_\_\_  
 (41) Total 655:25 (46) Night time last 30 days \_\_\_\_\_

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE **NF crew 7-24**

DAMAGE	(48) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(49) Aircraft <u>W 5</u>	Left landing gear - Main bulkhead - Sheet metal damage to tail and trailing edge of wing - Right landing gear wrenched - Two tires blown.
(47) Engine(s) <u>W 5</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>W 5</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident CAVU  
**F H**  
 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No  
 (52) Cleared from Castelluocce (53) To Castelluocce (54) Kind of clearance Local  
**4169**  
 (55) Pilot's mission Local Test Exp  
**80**  
 (56) Nature of accident Both main tires blew and left landing gear collapsed when aircraft landed causing aircraft to swerve off runway.  
**04**  
 (57) Cause of accident Failure of landing gear and tires on landing.  
**01**  
**02**  
 (58) None

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

Pilot made normal approach for landing, leveling out and stalling of aircraft causing it to drop-in to runway and putting undue strain on landing gear and tires caused airplane to swerve off runway to left.

RESPONSIBILITY

100% Pilot Error

*Robert E. L. Eaton*  
ROBERT E. L. EATON,  
Colonel, Air Corps.

*Ellis E. Eno*  
ELLIS E. ENO,  
Lt. Col., Air Corps.

*Clyde L. Wagner*  
CLYDE L. WAGNER,  
Major, Medical Corps.

*Leland A. Younkin*  
LELAND A. YOUNKIN,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Aircraft Accident Officer.

*Herbert F. Marco*  
HERBERT F. MARCO,  
Captain, Air Corps.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Investigating Officer)

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Date \_\_\_\_\_