

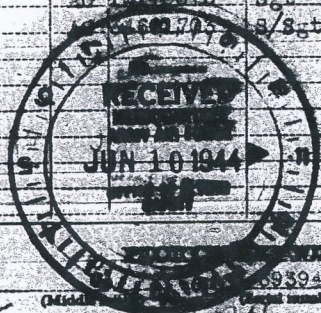
WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

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(1) Place Castelucio Airfield, Italy (2) Date 24 May 1944 (3) Time 1207
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-24H 740 (5) A. F. No. 42-52079 (6) Station APQ 520
 Organization: (7) 15th AF (8) 61st (9) 724th (Squadron)
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)
 PERSONNEL BH Y029

DUITY (10)	NAME (Last name first) (11)	RATING (12)	SERIAL NO. (13)	RANK (14)	PERSONNEL CLASS (15)	BRANCH (16)	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND (17)	RESULTS TO PERSONNEL (18)	USE OF PARACHUTE (19)
P	PADDOCK, WILLIAM C.	P	0-693941	2nd Lt.	1801	AC	15	None	
CP	LEITER, STANTON E.	CP	T-61792	F/O	1798	AC	15	None	
S	WAGGONER, JACK T.	N	0-712956	2nd Lt.	1801	AC	15	None	
E	WITHERON, DONALD W.	E	53454812	S/Sgt	3826	AC	15	None	
AG	PERRI, JACK K.	AG	18190075	Sgt	3820	AC	15	None	
AS	BEAR, PAUL E.	AS	602707	S/Sgt	3820	AC	15	None	



(20) PADDOCK, WILLIAM C. (21) 893941 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 18 (24) AC
 (Last name) (First name) (Serial number) (Rank) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) 15th (26) 451st (27) 724th (28) APQ 520
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) 15th (30) 451st (31) 724th (32) APQ 520
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 10-1-43 Present rating (35) Same (36) Same Instrument rating (37) Feb 19 1944
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

Free Pilot Hours:
 (38) This type B-24H 134.45 (39) Instrument time last 6 months
 (40) This model 740 102.25 (41) Instrument time last 30 days
 (42) Last 30 days 134.45 (43) Night time last 6 months
 (44) Total 134.45 (45) Night time last 30 days

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>W 5</u>	Major Damage, class 26
(47) Engine(s) <u>5</u>	Airplane transferred to 60th Service Squadron
(48) Propeller(s) <u>5</u>	

(49) Weather at the time of accident CATV
 (50) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
 (51) Cleared from Missoua (52) To Gun Range (53) Kind of clearance Training
 (54) Pilot's mission Gunnery Training Flight 11

(55) Nature of accident Upon landing the right landing gear collapsed because of tire blown on take-off. Plane skidded on runway upon bottom of fuselage about half the length of runway, then veered off to the right.
 (56) Cause of accident Blown right main tire occurring on take-off.

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

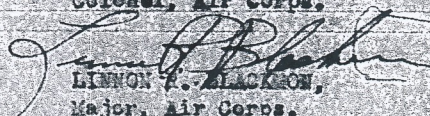
Right fire blowout on take off. A landing was attempted with a blown right main tire with gear down. Right Gear collapsed and right wing dragged the runway tearing off number four engine and damaging right wing, fuselage and tail assembly.

RESPONSIBILITY

100% materiel failure.



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Colonel, Air Corps.



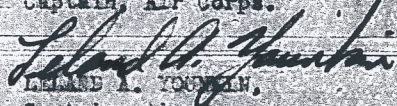
LIMON H. BLACKSON,
Major, Air Corps.



MARSHALL Y. KRAMERS,
Captain, Air Corps,
Medical Corps.



WILLIAM R. MC MANUS, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps.



LEONARD A. YOUNKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Aircraft Accident Officer.

Signature _____

(Investigating Officer)

Date _____