

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

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(1) Place: ARMY Air Base, APO 520, U. S. Army (2) Date: 8 February 1944 (3) Time: 0800  
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model: B-24H (5) A. F. No.: 42-52151 (6) Station: AAB, APO 520, U. S. Army  
Organization: (7) 15th Air Force (8) 41st Bomb Gr (9) 228th Bomb Sq (H)

PERSONNEL BH BH

DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P	Hunt, James N.	P	0-742163	2nd Lt.	01	AO	15th	Fatal	None
B	Lovejoy, Fountain S.	B	T-1829	F/O	92	AO	15th	Fatal	None
DP	Nienekorn, Edward S.	P	0-747471	2nd Lt.	01	AO	15th	Inj	None
SN	Maple, Vearl G.	N	0-693473	2nd Lt.	01	AO	15th	Fatal	None
E	Hernandez, Tim V.	E	10117986	Sgt.	20	AO	15th	Fatal	None
AE	Thaxton, Ola D.	AE	15354815	Sgt.	20	AO	15th	Minor Inj	None
AE	Frost, Meryl E.	AE	31280223	Sgt.	20	AO	15th	Inj	None
RO	Curtin, James F.	RO	62118611	Sgt.	20	AO	15th	Fatal	None
AO	Suereth, Herbert L. Jr.	AO	13088228	Sgt.	20	AO	15th	Fatal	None
AF	Doory, Donald	AF	37471194	Sgt.	20	AO	15th	Fatal	None

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Hunt, James N. (21) 0-742163 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 01 (24) AO  
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)  
Assigned (25) 15th Air Force (26) 41st Bomb Gr (27) 228th Bomb Sq (H) (28) AAB, APO 520, US ARMY  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
Attached for flying (29) same (30) (31) (32) Y642 K  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Outpost)  
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 11-11-43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 11-11-43 Instrument rating (37) 11-11-43  
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(38) This type: B-24 242:25 (39) Instrument time last 6 months: 29:56  
(40) This model: 242:25 (40) Instrument time last 30 days: 5:25  
(41) Last 90 days: 166:35 (41) Night time last 6 months: 39:45  
(41) Total: 242:25 (41) Night time last 30 days: 11:15

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(40) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft: 5	Complete destruction of airplane
(47) Engine(s): 5	
(48) Propeller(s): 5	

(49) Weather at the time of accident: 00  
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident: No  
(52) Cleared from: Y642 (53) To: Operational Mission (54) Kind of clearance: Y642  
(55) Pilot's mission: Operational  
(56) Nature of accident: crash, two minutes (approximately) after take-off. Could not seem to hold altitude. Attempted to make a left turn and stalled.  
(57) Cause of accident: 100% Pilot Error.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

Army Airplane B-24D, 42-62161, took-off to North at 0800, 6 February 1944, on assigned operational mission. The plane was observed to turn to the left about two miles North of Northrup Air Base completing a 60 degree turn. The airplane attempted to straighten out and proceed at the new heading but stalled and crashed. There was no evidence that any attempt was made to jettison the bomb load. Some of the bombs detonated at the time of the crash, others at intervals extending over a period of twenty minutes.

The accident is believed to be the result of carburetor icing.

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