

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

44-2-23-512

(1) Place **APO 520, U. S. Army** (2) Date **February 23, 1944** (3) Time **0910**
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model **B-24 H D** (5) A. F. No. **42-7759** (6) Station **APO 520, U. S. Army**
Organization: (7) **15th AAF** (8) **451st Bomb Gp** (9) **427th Bombardment Squadron (B)**
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Squadron)

15 PERSONNEL **BH BH** **Y401**

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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)
	Roach, Clarence A.	P	0-680604	2nd Lt.	01	AC	15th	None	None
	Ivey, James L.	P	0-811089	2nd Lt.	01	AC	15th	None	None
	Tucker, Quincey W. Jr.	N	0-786050	1st Lt.	01	AC	15th	None	None
	Nunes, James J.	B	0-684135	2nd Lt.	01	AC	15th	None	None
	Rudolph, William J.	B	8040896	S. Sgt.	20	AC	15th	None	None
	Turnville, Thomas K. Jr.	AE	1104284	Sgt.	20	AC	15th	None	None
	Coyle, Cecil R.	AE	39199021	Sgt.	20	AC	15th	None	None
	Galan, John (NMI)	R	38232225	Sgt.	20	AC	15th	None	None
	Shay, Carl (NMI)	AG	35527493	Sgt.	20	AC	15th	None	None
	Yavasile, Joseph J.	AG	13146276	Sgt.	20	AC	15th	None	None

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) **Roach, Clarence A.** (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (21) **0-680604** (Serial number) (22) **2nd Lt.** (Rank) (23) **01** (Personnel class) (24) **Air Corps** (Branch)
Assigned (25) **15th AAF** (Command and Air Force) (26) **451st Bomb Gp** (Group) (27) **427th Bomb Sq** (Squadron) (28) **APO 520, U. S. Army** (Station)
Attached for flying (29) **15th AAF** (Command and Air Force) (30) **451st Bomb Gp** (Group) (31) **427th Bomb Sq** (Squadron) (32) **Y401** (Station) **K**
Original rating (33) **Pilot** (Rating) (34) **5-10-43** (Date) Present rating (35) **Pilot** (Rating) (36) **5-10-43** (Date) Instrument rating (37) _____ (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident) -
(38) This type **318:40** (39) This model **154:10** (40) Last 90 days **114:35** (41) Total **689:10**
(42) Instrument time last 6 months _____ (43) Instrument time last 30 days _____
(44) Night time last 6 months _____ (45) Night time last 30 days _____

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE **NF**

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft M 3	Bomb, glass, left nose glass, left nose wheel door and
(47) Engine(s) 1 1 1 1	arm, brake line on right wheel, left
(48) Propeller(s) 1 1 1 1	bomb bay doors.

(50) Weather at the time of accident **00**
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident **No**
(52) Cleared from **Hiccup Field** (53) To **Mission #9**
(54) Kind of clearance **Y401**
(55) Pilot's mission **Operational**



(56) Nature of accident **airplane failed to gain sufficient altitude on take-off to clear obstacles at end of field. nose of snip hit several small trees resulting in broken bombardier's glass, lower nose glass shattered, left nose wheel door and arm damaged, brake line on right wheel bent and leaking, left front and left rear bomb bay doors damaged.**
(57) Cause of accident **The cause of the accident is believed attributable to 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)

Aircraft took-off on operational mission on 23 February 1944 at 0910, and failed to gain sufficient altitude on take-off to clear obstacles at the end of the field. The pilot testified that he applied elevators but obtained insufficient reaction to lift the airplane over the obstacles.

The cause of the accident is attributable to 100% pilot error.

Signature

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Date 14 March 1944