

Accident No. 44-5-29.514
Duplicate

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

(1) Place Castelluccio Air Field, Italy (2) Date 23 May 1944 (3) Time 0630
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-24G (5) A. F. No. 42-73157 (6) Station Castelluccio Air Field
Organization: (7) 15th A F (8) 451 Bomb (9) 727 Bomb
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

LISTY	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	Read, Cortland E.	P	0-726467	1st Lt	01	AC	15th AF	None	None
SP	Brown, Charles R.	P	0-316414	2nd Lt	18	AC	15th AF	None	None
N	Clements, Harold R.	N	0-690626	2nd Lt	18	AC	15th AF	None	None
E	Kaister, Donald C.	E	0-749721	2nd Lt	18	AC	15th AF	None	None
E	Thomas, John (MMI)	E	32369329	T/Sgt	33	AAF	15th AF	None	None
AE	White, Lawrence H.	AE	15114455	S/Sgt	38	AAF	15th AF	None	None
AAE	Hogge, Max E.	AAE	6987365	S/Sgt	20	AAF	15th AF	None	None
ROG	Demeo, Romeo S.	ROG	32746904	T/Sgt	33	AAF	15th AF	None	None
AG	Weber, Carl L.	AG	11097140	S/Sgt	38	AAF	15th AF	None	None
AG	Thorn, Robert P.	AG	16038817	S/Sgt	38	AAF	15th AF	None	None

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

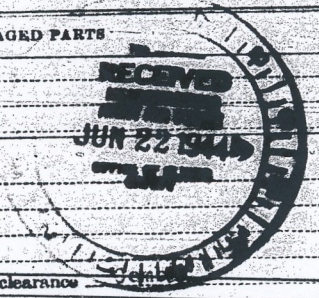
(20) Read Cortland E. (21) 0-726467 (22) 1st Lt (23) 01 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) Fifteenth Air Force (26) 451 Bomb (27) 727 Bomb (28) Castelluccio A/F
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) _____ (30) _____ (31) _____ (32) _____
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 6-5-42 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 6-23-42 Instrument rating (37) 11-3-43
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)
(38) This type B-24 437:10 (42) Instrument time last 6 months _____
(39) This model B-24G 8:00 (43) Instrument time last 30 days _____
(40) Last 90 days 154:25 (44) Night time last 6 months _____
(41) Total 437:10 (45) Night time last 30 days _____

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>W</u>	<u>Class 26. Major Damage</u>
(47) Engine(s) _____	
(48) Propeller(s) _____	



(50) Weather at the time of accident Not required.
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
(52) Cleared from Castelluccio A/F (53) To Combat (54) Kind of clearance Combat
(55) Pilot's mission Combat

(56) Nature of accident Ship took off at 120 MPH airspeed - hit prop wash which caused nose to drop - Ship lacked sufficient altitude to recover - Left wing hit runway causing ship to drop back on the runway.

(57) Cause of accident Prop wash from preceding aircraft forced nose of ship down. Ship lacked sufficient altitude to recover.

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

Aircraft took-off at 120 MPH airspeed. Aircraft hit prop wash causing nose to drop. Ship lacked sufficient altitude to recover. Left wing hit runway causing aircraft to drop back on runway and crashing.

RESPONSIBILITY

100% Pilot Error.



ROBERT E. L. EATON,
Colonel, Air Corps.



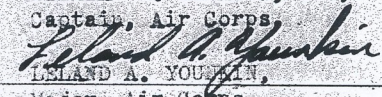
LINNON R. BLACKMON,
Major, Air Corps.



MARSHALL V. CREARS,
Captain, Medical Corps.



WILLIAM H. MORANUS, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps.



LELAND A. YOUKIN,
Major, Air Corps,
Aircraft Accident Officer.

Signature _____

(Investigating Officer)

Date _____