

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

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45-9-20-500

(1) Place Castelluccio AAF, Italy (2) Date 20 September 1944 (3) Time 1120  
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-24H 40 (5) A. F. No. 42-95342 (6) Station Castelluccio AAF  
Organization: (7) 15th (8) 451st (9) 724th  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

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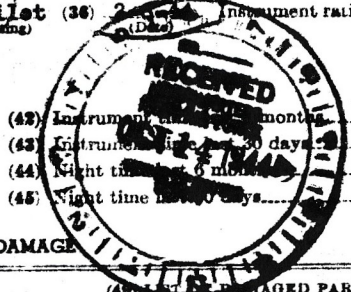
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DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P	DUNSMOOR, JOHN A.	P	0-711160	2nd Lt	01	AC	15th	None	No
CP	FLOWERS, THOMAS E. JR	CP	0-770995	2nd Lt	01	AC	15th	None	No
N	JOSEPHIC, JOHN. JR	N	0-205837	2nd Lt	01	AC	15th	None	No
E	Walach, Walter	E	16168257	S/Sgt	20	AC	15th	None	No
R	Curby, Charles J.	R	15151180	S/Sgt	20	AC	15th	None	No
G	Stralscki, Sam J.	G	12122872	Sgt	20	AC	15th	None	No
G	Watts, James W. Jr	G	34670932	Sgt	38 <sup>20</sup>	AC	15th	None	No
G	Miller, Earl P.	G	36596310	Sgt	38 <sup>10</sup>	AC	15th	None	No
X	Nelsen, Douglas G.	X	36248591	T/Sgt	38 <sup>20</sup>	AC	15th	None	No
X	Taylor, William O	X	14142067	S/Sgt	20	AC	15th	None	No

PERSONNEL INFORMATION

(20) Dunsmoor John A. (21) 0-711160 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 01 (24) AC  
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)  
Assigned (25) 15th (26) 451st (27) 724th (28) Castelluccio AAF  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
Attached for flying (29) 15th (30) 451st (31) 724th (32) Castelluccio AAF  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 2-8-44 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 2-8-44 Instrument rating (37) 1-2-44  
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:  
(at the time of this accident)  
(38) This type B-24 172:20  
(39) This model B-24H 4:45  
(40) Last 90 days 132:45  
(41) Total 385:10



AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(42)	(43)	(44)	(45)	(46)	(47)	(48)
(46) Aircraft	<u>M</u>	<u>4</u>					Outer wing panel, Bulkhead at station 6, Ball turret mounting, Nose gear, etc. (49) Damaged parts
(47) Engine(s)	-	-	-	<u>5</u>	<u>W</u>		
(48) Propeller(s)	-	-	-	<u>5</u>	<u>W</u>		

RESTRICTED

(50) Weather at the time of accident CAVU EH  
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No  
(52) Cleared from Castelluccio (53) To Castelluccio (54) Kind of clearance Local  
(55) Pilot's mission Practice Formation

(56) Nature of accident Right landing gear collapsed as aircraft was turning into revetment.  
(57) Cause of accident Right landing gear unlocked

(58) No Yes

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

Aircraft taxied in normal manner until it made a turn to the left to turn into its revetment. At this time the right landing gear collapsed causing the aircraft to settle to the ground. A normal landing had been made with wheels properly checked for lock down position, the ship had been taxied for almost 1 mile without mishap.

RESPONSIBILITY

100% Material Failure

*James B. Knapp*  
 JAMES B. KNAPP,  
 Lt. Col., Air Corps  
 Commanding.

*Edward L. Wilson, Jr.*  
 EDWARD L. WILSON, JR.  
 Major, Air Corps

*Charles L. Wagner*  
 CHARLES L. WAGNER,  
 Major, Medical Corps,

*William H. McManus, Jr.*  
 WILLIAM H. McMANUS, JR.,  
 Major, Air Corps.

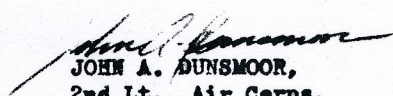
*Leland A. Younkin*  
 LELAND A. YOUNKIN,  
 Major, Air Corps,  
 Aircraft Accident Officer.

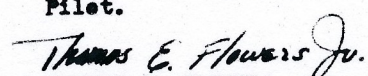
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Investigating Officer)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

S T A T E M E N T

After making a normal landing, wheels being checked down and locked, the aircraft was taxied to the hardstand. Upon entering the hardstand and prior to turning about to face the taxi strip the right landing gear retracted, allowing the right wingtip to fall to the ground and causing considerable damage to the aircraft.

  
JOHN A. DUNSMOOR,  
2nd Lt., Air Corps,  
Pilot.

  
THOMAS E. FLOWERS, JR.,  
2nd Lt., Air Corps,  
Co-pilot.