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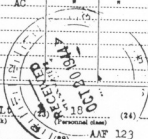
ACCIDENT No. *2 planes*

WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT 45-9-22-521

(1) Place: *02-001 Site A-71*
 (2) Date: *22 September 1944*
 (3) Time: *1314*
 (4) Type and model: *R-2H*
 (5) A. F. No.: *42-94952*
 (6) Station: *AAF 123*
 (7) Organization: *VIII*
 (8) Command and Air Force: *VIII*
 (9) (Group): *458th (H.)*
 (10) (Squadron): *755th (H.)*
 PERSONNEL *BH*

POST	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	REPORT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P	WAGNER, KERMIT A.	P	0-813617	1st Lt	1A	AC	VIII	None	No
CR	SIMON, ROBERT N.	P	0-701964	2d Lt	1A	AC	"	"	"
N	LOWER, RUSSELL E.	N	0-700635	2d Lt	1A	AC	"	"	"
RO	ROBERTS, LEWIS E.	RO	19188542	T/Sgt	3B	AC	"	"	"
E	SCHAEFER, WALTER J.	E	35550043	T/Sgt	2B	AC	"	"	"
G	STARR, JOHN P.	G	34764130	S/Sgt	3B	AC	"	"	"
G	SANTONI, LEON R.	G	39125602	S/Sgt	3B	AC	"	"	"



—PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT—
 (20) WAGNER KERMIT A. (21) 0-813617 (22) 1st Lt (23) AC
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (24) VIII (25) 458th (26) 755th (27) AAF 123
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (28) PILOT (29) 1 Oct 43 (30) PILOT (31) 1 Oct 43 (32) Instrument rating
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Data)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
 (at the time of this accident)
 (33) This type: 222:10 Dual Q.D. (34) 581:55 (35) Instrument time last 6 months: 18:10
 (36) This model: 148:30 (37) Instrument time last 30 days: 4:30
 (38) Last 90 days: 127:00 (39) Night time last 6 months: 5:15
 (40) Total: 857:25 (41) Night time last 30 days: None

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE *MF 12/5/44*

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGES
(46) Aircraft: <u>MS</u>	Total Wreck
(47) Engine(s): <u>S S S S</u>	
(48) Propeller(s): <u>S S S S</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident: CAVU
 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident: No
 (52) Cleared from: AAF 123 (53) To: A-71 (54) Kind of clearance: Contact
 (55) Pilot's mission: Operation (Trucking Mission)
 (56) Nature of accident: Landing accident (Landing gear collapsed.)
 (57) Cause of accident: Mechanical failure.
 (58) No. Form No. 54 being submitted: (No engineering report from Site A-71)

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

The undersigned was not able to investigate this A/C accident in France. Engineering and other forms were not transferred to this station with A/C which was temporarily assigned to this Group. Home Group of A/C is unknown. ~~sub~~ ^{44 BG}

Pilot states that everything was normal before time of landing; that landing gears were down and locked. On landing the right gear apparently failed at a critical place.

The A/C was completely damaged, having been broken and twisted at the midsection. There are no photographs available.

This accident seems to need an Unsatisfactory Report but in view of the above none has been submitted.

Signature

Ellwood T. Claggett

(Investigating Officer)

ELLWOOD T. CLAGGETT

Captain, Air Corps.

Asst. Air Inspector.

Date

4 October 1944


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STATEMENT

of

1st Lieutenant KERMIT A. WAGNER, Air Corps, Pilot, 755th Bomb Sq,
458th Bomb Gp (H), AAF 129, APO 558.

On 23 September 1944, in A/C 952, on a trucking mission from AAF 129, to A-71, I made a normal approach and landing. Immediately after landing the right wing dropped, and I thought the right tire was flat. I tried to hold A/C on runway with right throttle, and left brake and rudder. At about 50-70 MPH the wing dropped enough to make me realize it was main landing gear failure. The A/C left the runway, and skidded to a stop in the grass, after hitting a P-51 A/C, truck and two jeeps. Injuries were minor and were treated immediately at A-71. The A/C did not burn, but was a total loss.


KERMIT A. WAGNER,
1st Lt, Air Corps.

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S T A T E M E N T

of

Technical Sergeant Walter J. Shafer, 35554043, Engineer, 755th Bomb Sq.
458th Bomb Gp (H), AAF 123, APO 558.

We made a normal landing and everything was OK until ~~xxx~~ the wheels touched the ground. The landing gear tore out of the wing. The landing gear was locked and the tire wasn't flat. It was the right landing gear. It ~~knocked~~ tore out toward the tail of the plane.

Walter J. Shafer
WALTER J. SCHAFER,
T/Sgt, Air Corps.

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TERMINAL #2.
USAAF FRANCE.

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23 SEPTEMBER 1944.

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 458TH BM. GP. (H). THRU: C. O.,
D.S. TROOPS, 467TH BM. GP., FRANCE.

ON MY TOUR OF DUTY 22 SEPTEMBER 1944 AT 1314 HOUR A B-24 A/C NO. 294952 CRASHED ON LANDING AT A-71 AIRFIELD. A/C MADE NORMAL PATTERN, TOUCHED DOWN WITHIN 1ST QUARTER OF THE RUNWAY WITH A SMOOTH APPROACH. A/C ROLLED APPROXIMATELY 500 YARDS BEFORE I NOTICED RIGHT LANDING GEAR COLLAPSING SLOWLY. A/C THEN STARTED TO THE RIGHT OF THE RUNWAY TEARING THE FRONT END OF THE CONTROL TOWER TRUCK, DEMOLISHING ONE JEEP, NOSE OF P-51 A/C, AND COMING TO A STOP ABOUT THREE QUARTERS THE WAY DOWN THE RUNWAY AND 50 YARDS TO THE RIGHT. NO PERSONNEL SERIOUSLY INJURED. A/C TOTAL LOSS.

WITNESSED FROM CONTROL TRUCK.

Tony C. Menchyk
TONY C. MENCHYK,
SGT., TERMINAL #2.

1ST IND.

COMMANDING OFFICER, D.S. TROOPS, 467TH BM. GP. (H), FRANCE.

TO: C.O., 458TH BM. GP. (H).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Allen F. Herzberg
ALLEN F. HERZBERG,
LT. COL., AIR CORPS,
COMMANDING TERMINAL #2.

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