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ACCIDENT NO. 150

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U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

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(1) Place AAF Station 130 (2) Date 1 November 1944 (3) Time 1515
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B 17 G Do (5) A. F. No. 42-31551 (6) Station AAF 130
Organization: (7) 8th AF (8) 457th (9) 750th
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

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)
P	GODWIN, JOHN R. JR.	P	0816801	2nd Lt.	16	AC	8th	None	None
CP	GALLAGHER, GORDON E.	P	0755543	1st Lt.	16	AC	8th	None	None
N	ISAACSON, JOSEPH C.	N	0716451	1st Lt.	18	AC	8th	None	None
RO	MOORE, WILLIAM J.		32704191	T/Sgt.	38	AC	8th	None	None
ENG	JOHNSON, PAUL W.		14335281	T/Sgt.	38	AC	8th	None	None

PILOT'S RECORD OF ACCIDENT

(20) Codwin, John R. (21) 0816801 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 16 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) 8th AF (26) 457th (27) 750th (28) AAF 130
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) 8th AF (30) 457th (31) 750th (32) AAF 130
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 28 May '43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 28 May '43 Instrument rating (37) 1 Aug. 1944
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type B 17 159:00 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 66:00
(39) This model B-17 G 96:00 (43) Instrument time last 30 days 6:00
(40) Last 90 days 112:00 (44) Night time last 6 months 28:00
(41) Total 616:00 (45) Night time last 30 days 3:00

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(40) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft	Inboard wing panel, Outboard wing panel on right side to be replaced.
(47) Engine(s)	
(48) Propeller(s)	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Visibility 8 miles, ceiling 1800 feet, Strato Cumulus 9/10, Wind North at 13 MPH

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No.
(52) Cleared from AAF Station 130 (53) To AAF Station 130 (54) Kind of clearance Non-Operational

(55) Pilot's mission Practice

(56) Nature of accident Fire during flight in wing behind # 4 engine.

(57) Cause of accident Fire started in wing behind # 4 engine. Cause undetermined.

(58) Form 54 submitted.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

DESCRIPTION

Immediately after landing on the completion of a practice formation flight, the Pilot noticed the right wing smoking just outboard of the Number 4 engine. Crash trucks were dispatched and brought the fire under control.

RESPONSIBILITY

Material failure was the cause of the above accident; therefore the responsibility for this accident is not determined.

100% Material Failure.

RECOMMENDATION

None.

TO: _____
INFO: _____
CC: _____
BY: _____

Rod L. Francis
ROD L. FRANCIS
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Accident Committee

Wilbur D. Snow
WILBUR D. SNOW
Major, Air Corps,
Accident Committee

Signature *James A. Maguire*
JAMES A. MAGUIRE
Major, Air Corps,
Accident Officer

10 November 1944

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STATEMENT

8 November 1944

First indication of wing fire in aircraft no. 42-31551 was noticed during landing roll. Smoke was observed pouring out of wing beyond no. 4 engine. Plane was stopped at end of landing runway and crew abandoned ship after cutting master and ignition switches. No flames were visible but smoke continued to pour out of wing.

Fire trucks were called and firefighters chopped several holes in leading edge of wing and successfully extinguished fire with CO2 and foam equipment in 15 to 20 minutes.

John R. Godwin, Jr.
JOHN R. GODWIN, JR.,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS

(E-C-13)

ARMY AIR FORCE STATION 130
Office of the Flying Control Officer
APO 557, U.S. Army

3 November 1944

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident.

TO : Commanding Officer, AAF Station 130, APO 557, U.S. Army.

At 1526 hours 1 November 1944, B-17 No. 42-31551, pilot Lt. Gallagher landed on runway 10 with smoke coming from number 4 engine. The crash crew was immediately dispatched to the upwind end of the runway where the aircraft stopped.

Edgar S. Hallman
EDGAR S. HALLMAN,
Capt, AC,
Duty Flying Control Officer.

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S T A T E M E N T

8 November 1944

Inspection of A/C 42-31551 revealed that fire developed in number 4 engine nacelle and leading edge of the right wing. It was impossible to determine, as to whether the fire was caused by electrical short in the nacelle or fire from the supercharger.

Harry E. Lawrence
HARRY E. LAWRENCE
Major, Air Corps,
Station Engineering Officer.

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ARMY AIR FORCES

UNSATISFACTORY REPORT

(See AAF Reg. 15-54 for Information on Proper Use of this Form)

TO BE FILLED IN BY STATION

STATION SERIAL No. DATE SUBMITTED
17 Nov 44

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A. S. C. SERIAL No. REFER TO CLASS

STATION AAF Station 130		ORGANIZATION 750 Bomb Sq 457 Bomb Gp (Hv)	
SUBJECT OF REPORT	Property Class—Name 01- Airplane	Manufacturer Boeing	AAF Order or Shipping No.
	UNIT OR ACCESSORY—Type, Model and Serial No.		
AIRCRAFT—Model & AAF Serial No. B-17G 42-31551		ENGINE—Model & AAF Serial No.	
AIRCRAFT REPORTS ONLY	LAST D. I. R.—Depot None	Date	Flying Time Since 821:10
ENGINE REPORTS ONLY	LAST OVERHAUL—Depot	Hours Since	Depots and Hours At Each Previous Overhaul
PART			
Name			
Time in Use	Quantity on Hand	Quantity Known Defective	No. Previous Failures
Manufacturer		Inspector's No. or Identification	
Indicate by "X" Disposition of Exhibit	<input type="checkbox"/> Photographed and Prints Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> Held for Instructions	<input type="checkbox"/> Sent Under Separate Cover
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sent in Attached Package	<input type="checkbox"/> Repaired and Returned to Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Disposed of (Explain Below.)
			<input type="checkbox"/> To Overhaul Facility (INITIALS)

GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS, PROBABLE CAUSES AND RECOMMENDATIONS BELOW:
(Use Only Applicable Spaces Above—Avoid Unnecessary Repetition)

EXPEDITE

1. DESCRIPTION OF TROUBLE:
 - a. Smoke & Fire from Inboard Panel, Rt. Wing, behind #4 Nacelle.
2. HISTORICAL DATA:
 - a. Fire started as Aircraft landed from practice flight.
 - b. Observed by Flying Control personnel.
3. PROBABLE CAUSE:
 - a. Faulty wiring.
 - b. Inspection eliminates gasoline fire since fuel lines were only scorched and smoke and not blaze predominated. Fire was easily overcome.
4. ACTION TAKEN:
 - a. Aircraft turned over to salvage--2SAD, TWX # N-22-V, dated 3 November 1944.
5. RECOMMENDATION:
 - a. Replace wing panel.
6. EXHIBITS:
 - a. None.
7. PREVIOUS U. R. s OF THIS TYPE:
 - a. None.
8. DISPOSITION:
 - a. Aircraft salvaged, repaired and returned to Organization on 16 November 1944.

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ROY E. KERR
Captain, Air Corps
Engineering Officer

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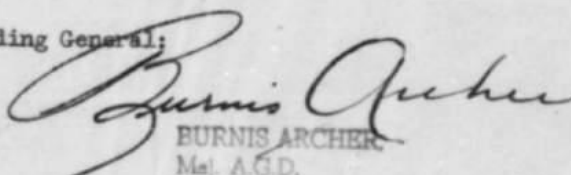
TO: Chief, Flying Safety, AAF, Winston-Salem 1, N.C.

1. Transmitted herewith WDAAF Forms No. 14 and allied papers on the following aircraft accidents:-

- a. 2nd Lt. John R. Godwin, B-17G number 42-31551.
- b. 2nd Lt. Robert D. Erwin, P-51D-10 number 44-14503.
- c. 1st Lt. Oliver G. Burgess, Jr., B-17G number 42-107034.
- d. 1st Lt. Warren G. Helm, B-17G number 43-31920.
- e. 2nd Lt. Thomas A. Cook, P-51D-10 number 44-14766.
- f. Captain Richard A. Hewitt, UC-78 number 43-7481.
- g. 2nd Lt. Edwin E. Milliron, P-47D number 42-28689.
- h. 1st Lt. Thomas H. Barton, B-17G number 42-3518.
- i. 2nd Lt. Donald C. Fisher, P-51D-10NA number 44-14653.

2. Concur.

For the Commanding General:


BURNIS ARCHER
Maj. A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

9 Incls:

As above.

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