

NAME OF PILOT

TYPE OF PLANE

ACCIDENT NUMBER

Milton, Theodore, R.

B-17-G

45-9-26-503

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

ACCIDENT No. _____

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43-9-26-503

(1) Place 1407th AAF Base Unit (2) Date 25 September 1942 (3) Time 1030Z
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-17G-276 (5) A. P. No. 42-37938 (6) Station 121
Organization: (7) 8th AF (8) 91st (9) 401st (Squadron) 2539
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P. Milton, Theodore R.	P	0-23307	Lt. Col.	00	AC	8th AF	None	None
CP. Chinma, Cornelius P.	CP	0-662746	Major	01	AC	" "	None	None



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CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED OR CHANGED TO
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(20) Milton Theodore (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) R (21) 0-23307 (Serial number) (22) Lt. Col. (Rank) (23) 00 (Personal class) (24) AC (Branch)
Assigned (25) 8th AF (Command and Air Force) (26) 1st CGW (Group) (27) _____ (Squadron) (28) 121 (Station)
Attached for flying (29) 8th AF (Command and Air Force) (30) 1st CGW (Group) (31) _____ (Squadron) (32) 121 (Station)
Original rating (33) P (Rating) (34) 37/41 (Date) Present rating (35) Same (Rating) (36) 37/41 (Date) Instrument rating (37) _____ (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type _____ 500 (42) Instrument time last 6 months _____
(39) This model _____ 100 (43) Instrument time last 30 days _____
(40) Last 90 days _____ 30 (44) Night time last 6 months _____
(41) Total _____ 1200 (45) Night time last 30 days _____

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE NF

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>3</u>	
(47) Engine(s) <u>1</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>1</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident CAVU, wind 25 mph with gust to 35 mph

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
(52) Cleared from 1407th AAF BU (53) To AAF Stn. # 121 (54) Kind of clearance CFR

(55) Pilot's mission Administrative flight

(56) Nature of accident Aircraft nosed over during run up causing damage to both inboard props

(57) Cause of accident The aircraft had been stripped of combat equipment consequently was very light and slightly nose heavy. The pilot ran up #1 engine downwind with controls locked. A gust of wind caused the tail to raise momentarily, and the two inboard propellers hit the ground.

(58) Is Form 54 attached? A. No.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

The pilot was making a pre-take off engine runup with controls locked. The aircraft was parked on the taxi strip downwind. As number one engine was being runup a sharp gust of wind hit the aircraft causing the tail to rise, both idling inboard props hit the ground. The engines were immediately cut.

Although all the combat equipment had been removed and the aircraft was very light this accident would not have occurred had the aircraft been properly parked upwind and with controls unlocked. For this reason the responsibility for this accident rests entirely upon the pilot.

It is recommended that pilots be warned through the P.I.F. the dangers of running up aircraft both down wind and with controls locked.

Signature

James D. Rockett
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(Investigating Officer)
JAMES D. ROCKETT,
Captain, Air Corps.
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Date 2 October 1944

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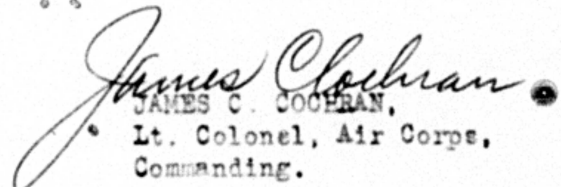
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Report of Aircraft Accident, AAF Form No. 14.

TO : Chief, Flying Safety, AAF, Winston-Salem 1, North Carolina.

1. Transmitted herewith Report of Aircraft Accident, AAF Form No. 14, for B-17G 42-37938.


JAMES C. COCHRAN,
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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