

Accident No.

43-1-3-002

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CV23:2-43

Talbenny, England

1630

43-1-3-502

Pilot had been on a combat mission. The fuel indicators showed supply to be low but a safe amount. As he was turning into the base leg. #1, #2, + #3 engines cut out. Pilot was unable to recover from the turn ~~to~~ make a forced landing. Low wing struck a hedge + bank + cartwheeled ship 180°. Ship lost all 4 engines, top turret + minor parts. Fuselage was broken into 3 pieces.

Pilot was aware of low gas supply + had ordered fuel transfer. Exact fuel quantity could not be determined as fuel gauges on this type plane are not accurate.

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

(1) Place Talbenny, England (2) Date Jan. 3, 1943 (3) Time 1630
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-24D (5) A. F. No. 41-23806 (6) Station 115
 Organization: (7) 8 BC (8) 44 (9) 68
(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)
01 CP	Erwin, Roy B. Jr.	01 P	0-437436	1st Lt.	21	AAF	8 BC	Fatal	No
04 CP	Swanson, Clark E.	01 CP	0-728034	2nd Lt.	21	AAF	8 BC	Fatal	No
65 N	Deavenport, Thomas G.	01 N	0-443161	2nd Lt.	21	AAF	8 BC	Fatal	No
61 P	Gavin, John J.	01 B	0-727332	2nd Lt.	21	AAF	8 BC	Serious	No
62 AR	Simmons, Hylan V.	38 E	12029962	S/Sgt.	16	AAF	8 BC	Slight	No
71 R	Ferry, Delbert O.	20 AE	6252795	Sgt.	16	AAF	8 BC	Serious	No
71 AR	Laskowski, Thomas A. Jr.	30 R	6853902	S/Sgt.	16	AAF	8 BC	Serious	No
64 RE	McCarty, Lanville O.	20 AR	35278030	Sgt.	16	AAF	8 BC	Serious	No
64 RE	Reasoner, Robert J.	20 RG	34242418	Sgt.	16	AAF	8 BC	Slight	No
64 RE	Kelsey, George L.	34 FG	18053366	Sgt.	16	AAF	8 BC	Slight	No

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Erwin, Roy B. (21) 0-437436 (22) 1st Lt. (23) 21 (24) AAF
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FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)
 (38) This type 212:05 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 9:55
 (39) This model 211:20 (43) Instrument time last 30 days 0:00
 (40) Last 90 days 73:40 (44) Night time last 6 months 25:00
 (41) Total 417:00 (45) Night time last 30 days 0:00

BY AUTHORITY OF C.G. AAF
 DATE 3.6.46 AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE		Total		(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	[Handwritten notes and signatures] 3/6 42
(47) Engine(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	
(48) Propeller(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Vis. 5 to 10 miles. Ceiling scattered to unlimited.
 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
 (52) Cleared from Local (53) To _____ (54) Kind of clearance Operational
 (55) Pilot's mission Combat Operational

(56) Nature of accident Ship struck ground with one wing low, cart wheeled and broke up in 180° turn. Four motors torn off. Fuselage broken in three parts. Left Wing tip from outboard Engine torn off.

(57) Cause of accident Engines #1,2,3 out out due to low fuel during approach to field. Wheels were down, flaps appeared to be down. Ship was in low turn to the left and was unable to recover completely to make forced landing.
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(Brief narrative of accident. Include statement of responsibility and recommendations for action to prevent repetition)

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Signature *Robert A. Norsen*
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Date January 18, 1943

NAME OF PILOT

TYPE OF PLANE

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Erwin Roy B.

B-24D

43-1-3-502

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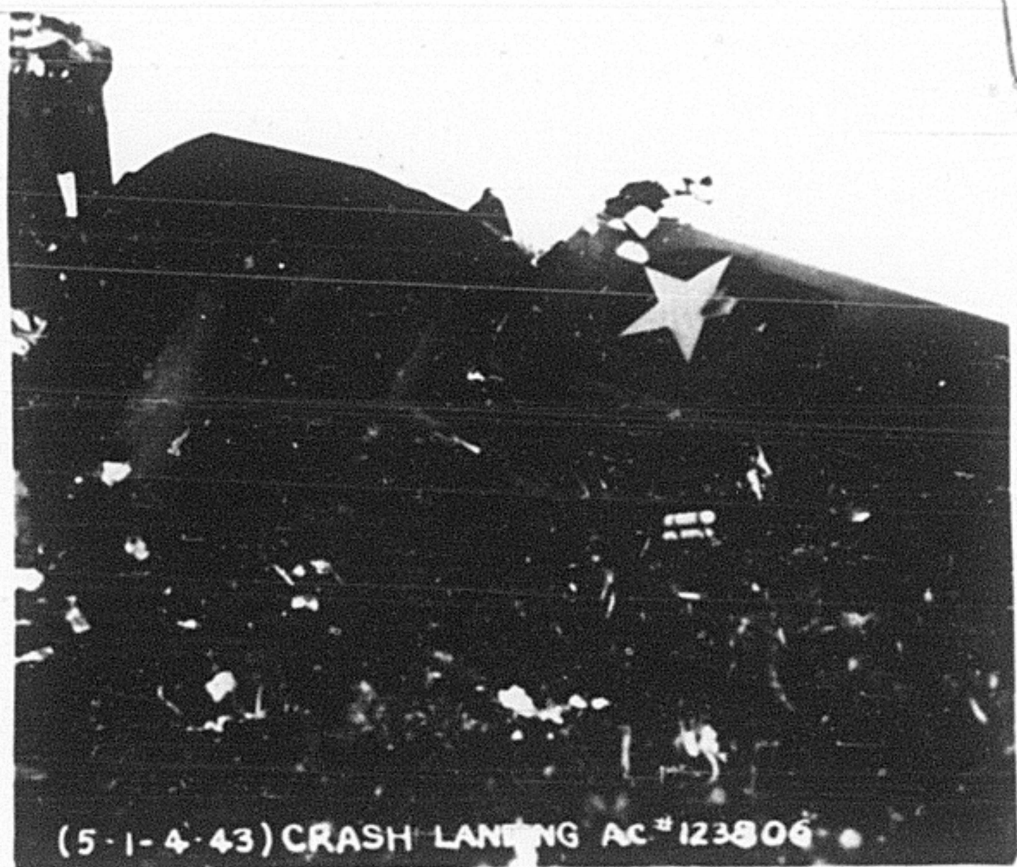
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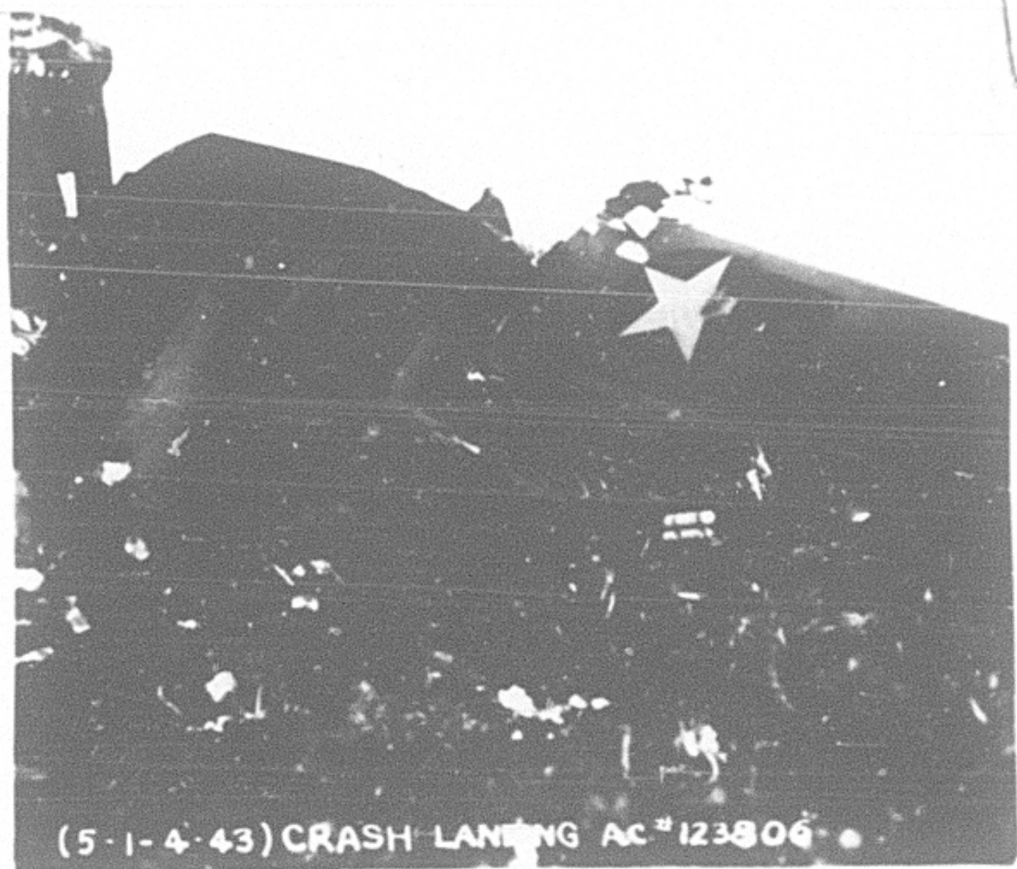
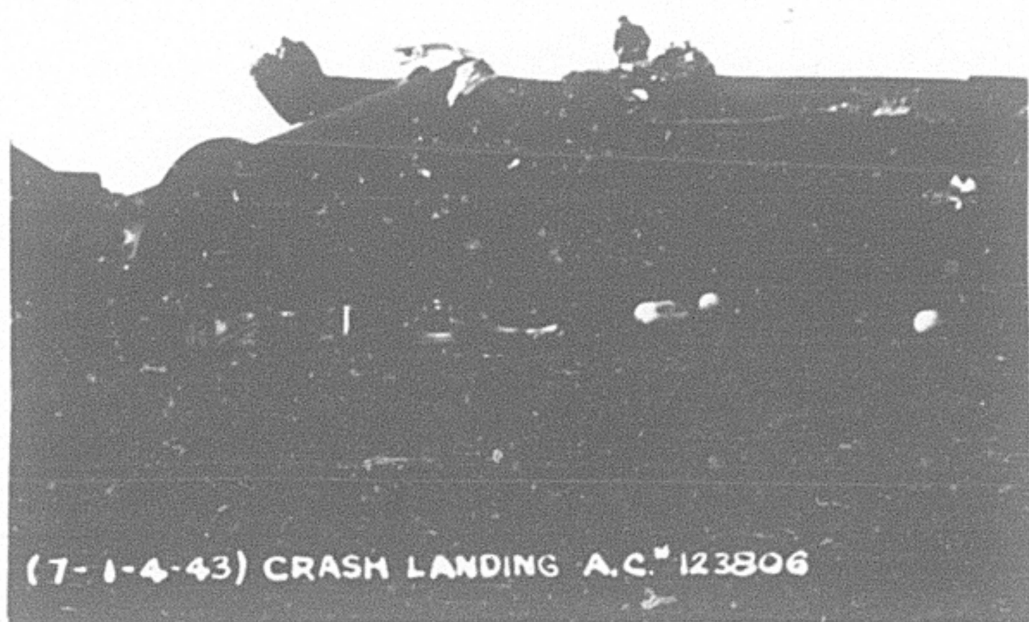
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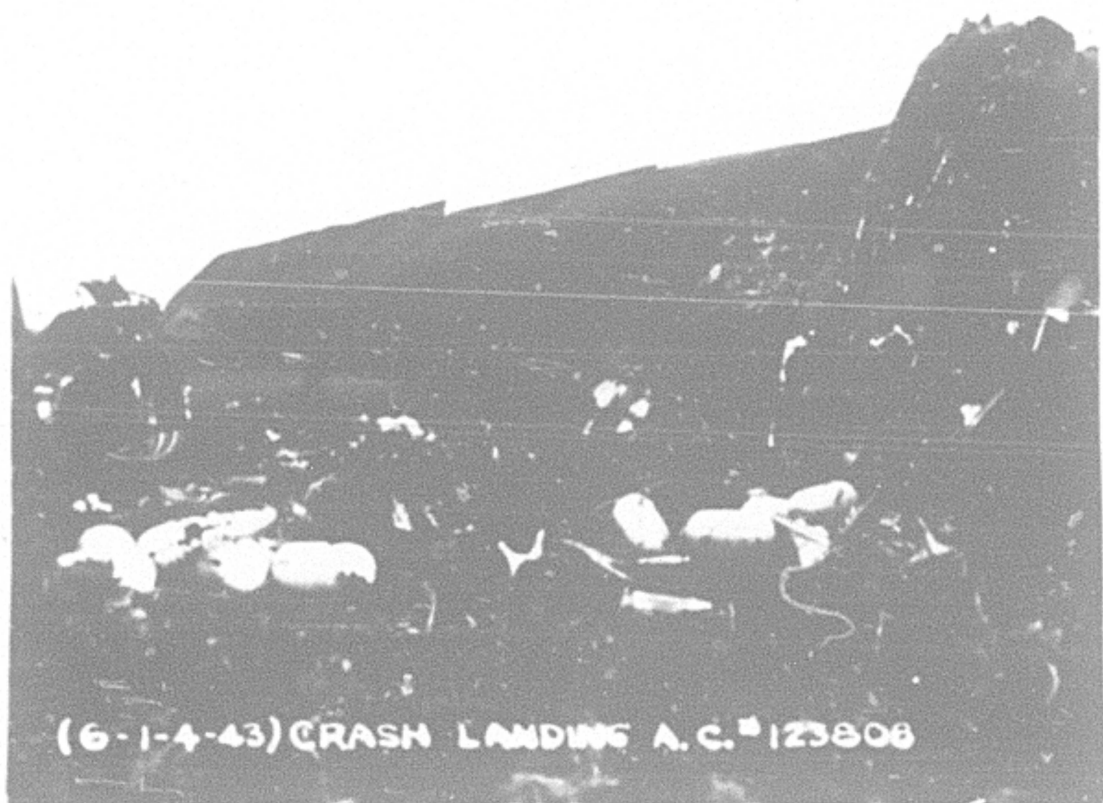
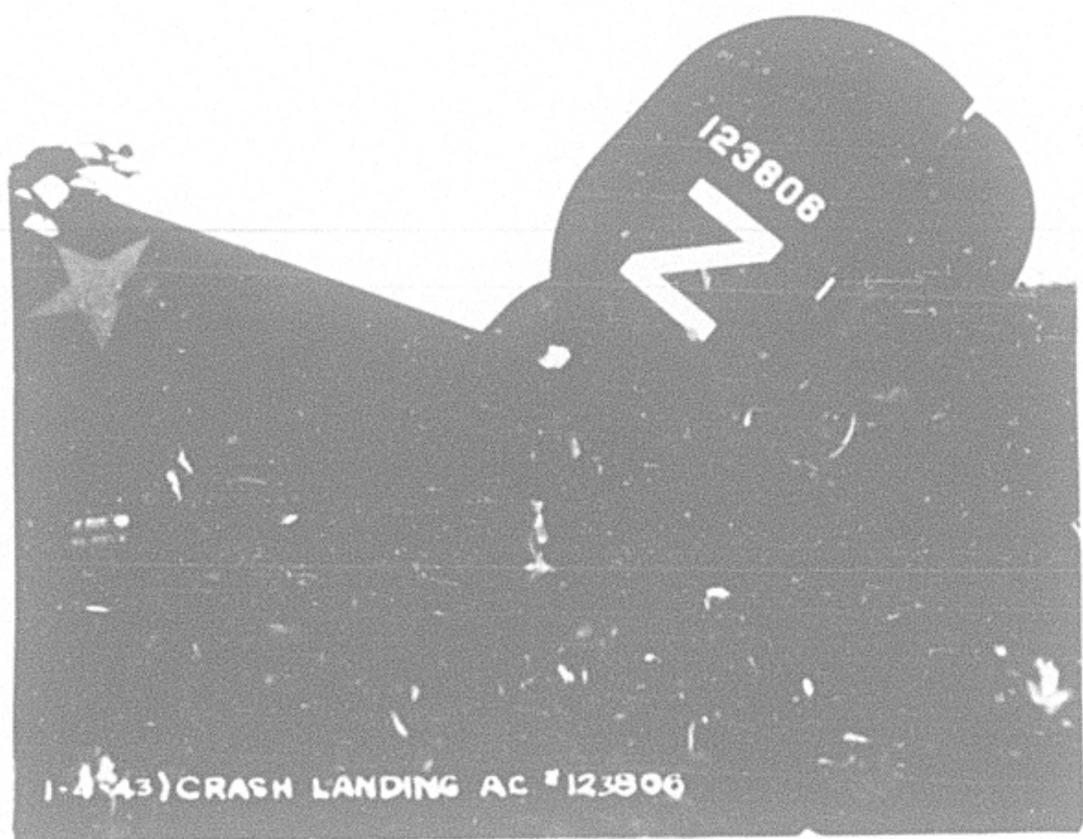
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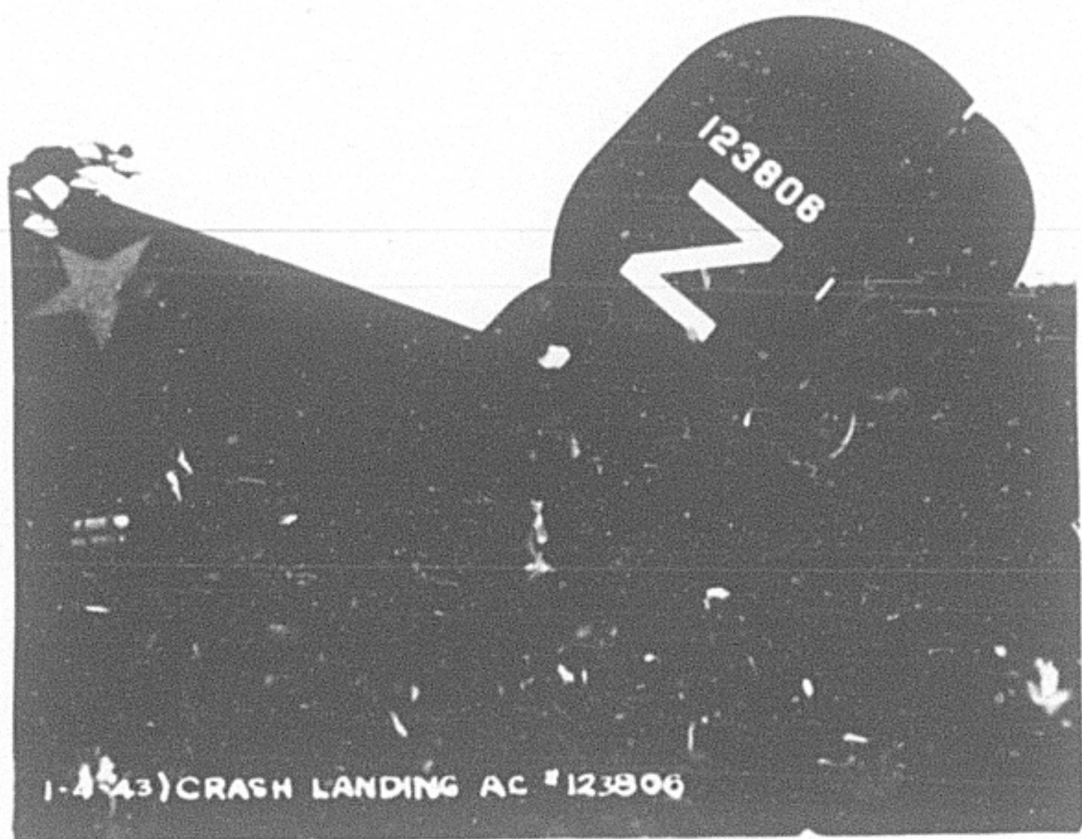
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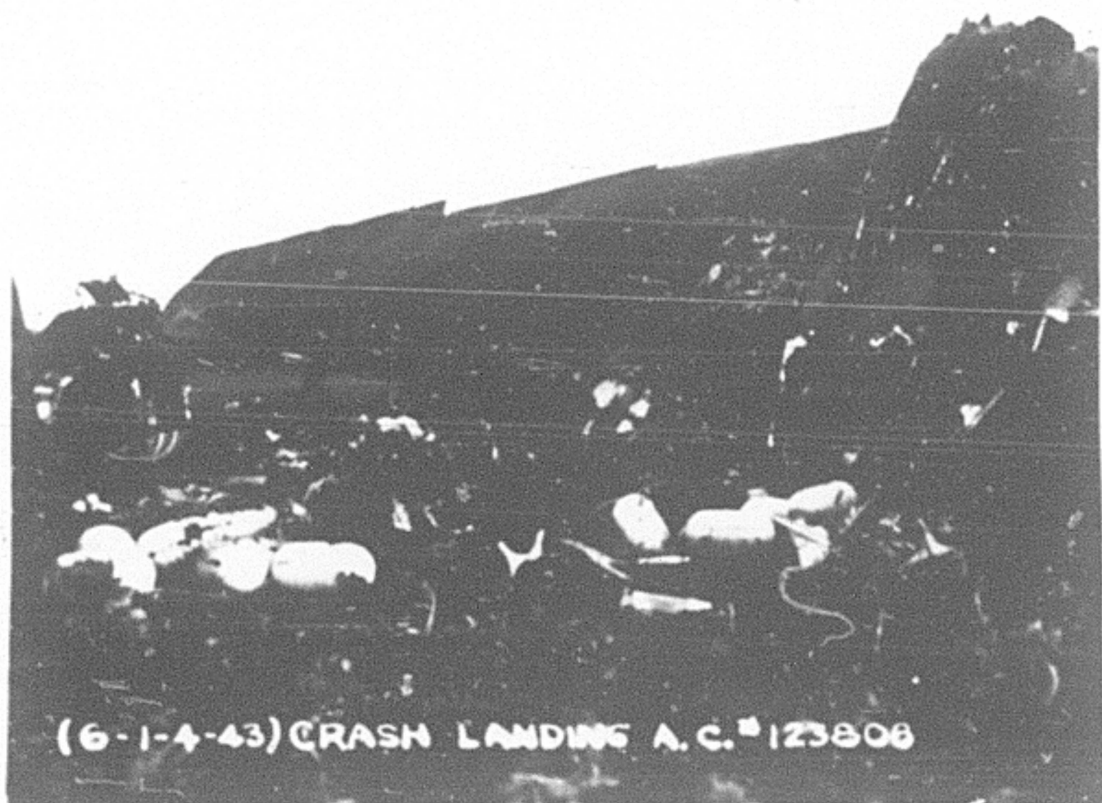








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