

Accident No.

44-4-15-517

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

DAMAGE

44-4-15-517

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(1) Place Valley, North Wales (2) Date April 15 1944 (3) Time 4
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-24 C-10 (5) A. F. No. 352734 (6) Station EWATC STA. #7
 Organization: (7) EWATC ATC (8) STA #7 (9) 2925
(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)
AE	McPherson, Lawrence E.	AE	35001693	S/Sgt	747 20	AC	EWATC	- / -	-
AP	Barton, Richard P.	AE	33248379	S/Sgt	74C 20	AC	EWATC	- / -	-

New Flying

Aerial Engineer

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) McPherson, Lawrence E. (21) 35001693 (22) S/Sgt (23) 747 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) EWATC ATC (26) _____ (27) _____ (28) EWATC STA. #7
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) _____ (30) _____ (31) _____ (32) 2925
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) _____ (34) _____ Present rating (35) _____ (36) _____ Instrument rating (37) _____
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

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

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE NE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(46) Aircraft	4			
(47) Engine(s)	1	1	4	1
(48) Propeller(s)	1	1	M 4	1
(50) Weather at the time of accident	<u>AA</u>			

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident _____
 (52) Cleared from _____ (53) To _____ (54) Kind of clearance 5

Engineer's (55) ~~Flight~~ mission Taxi 88

(56) Nature of accident Aircraft taxied into side of building which was under construction

(57) Cause of accident Failure of Hydraulic System

(63 induced by 4)

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

See Attached Statements

Signature

James D. Rockett
(Investigating Officer)

JAMES D. ROCKETT
Capt., AC

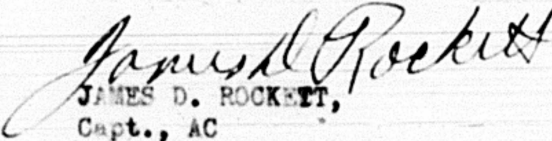
Date

21 April 1944

On April 15, 1944 S/Sgt. R.P. Barton and I were taxiing B-24-252734. from the east side of the field to parking area between #2 and #3 hangers. I taxied to runway in use and stopped to call the tower for permission to cross which I received. I taxied on to parking area and W/Sgt. R.K. Downes signaled me between a B-17 and the fire house. The brakes were working good. I cleared the B-17 and the fire house and started to swing left into parking position when the brakes failed to function and I crashed into a brick wall damaging the nose section. When the ship stopped I had eight hundred pounds hydraulic pressure and the tank was showing full of fluid.

Lawrence E. McPherson, S/Sgt.
ASN 35001693
Air Corps.

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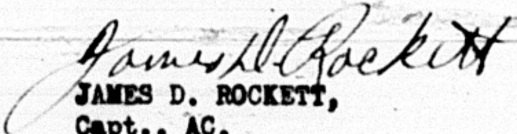

JAMES D. ROCKETT,
Capt., AC

21 April 1944

On April 15, 1944 S/Sgt. L.E. McPherson and I were taxing B-24-252734. Sgt. McPherson was taxing and had the airplane under perfect control until he tried to swing it into parking position when both brakes failed to hold. The plane ran into a brick wall damaging the nose section and #4 prop. There was 800 pounds hydraulic pressure showing on the gauge when the plane stopped.

Richard P. Barton, S/Sgt.
ASN 33248379
Air Corps

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