

Accident No. 43-6-27-506

Date

Checked by Her

8-12-43

Analyzed by JMC

8-12-43

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Field by _____

Notes

- 06 (Nature Group Landing)
- 37 (Specific Nature Collision with a gully)
- 63 (Underlying Nature Pilot over the field)
- 01 (Cause Group 109 P.P. Judgment)
- 13 (Specific Cause Momentary lapse of memory)
- 02 (Underlying Cause Increased stress (should have gone around) (over))

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02 - 48 P. E. Techniques (24)

27 momentary but 7 proficiency

12 Lack of alertness

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Accident No. 164

U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

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43-6-27-506

(1) Place ABERPOETH, WALES (2) Date 27 JUNE 43 (3) Time 1115
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model SPITFIRE V.A. (5) A. F. No. 21572 (6) Station USAAF # 466 2660
 Organization: (7) ASC VIII (8) 67th OBSN (9) 12th OBSN
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)
8 AF ASC Personnel 67RC G 12RCF Sq

DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
	<u>RUSTEN, ARNOLD M</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>0-660292</u>	<u>1st LT</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>VIII ASC</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>1</u>



PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) RUSTEN, ARNOLD M (21) 0-660292 (22) 1st LT (23) 01 (24) AC
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) ASC VIII (26) 67th OBSN (27) 12th OBSN (28) USAAF - 466 2660
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) ASC VIII (30) 67th OBSN (31) 12th OBSN (32) USAAF - 466 2660
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) P (34) 20 May 42 Present rating (35) P (36) 20 May 42 Instrument rating (37) _____
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type	<u>116.1</u>	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	<u>771.0</u>
(39) This model	<u>86.5</u>	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	<u>8-10-42</u>
(40) Last 90 days	<u>54.8</u>	(44) Night time last 6 months	<u>-</u>
(41) Total	<u>154.7</u>	(45) Night time last 30 days	<u>-</u>

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>3</u>	<u>LEFT WING TIP, FLAP, PROP, ENGINE, LANDING GEAR</u>
(47) Engine(s) <u>4</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>4</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident 00
 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident NO
 (52) Cleared from USAAF - 466 2660 (53) To ABERPOETH 2007 (54) Kind of clearance CONTACT
 (55) Pilot's mission LOW ALTITUDE NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING 62
 (56) Nature of accident LANDING
 (57) Cause of accident Pilot displayed poor judgment in landing on strange field. He "over-did"

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

Aberforth is a grass field, not level but convex, and on the approach for landing only half of the field was visible to the pilot. Landing about in the center of the field, too far down and about on top of the rise, he applied the brakes hard to stop the roll. Near the end of the field he attempted to turn right to take advantage of more ground, but as he was then on a grassy slope, the aircraft slid sideways off the field into a small gully and stopped. The slide into the gully resulted in the above listed damage.

Responsibility lies with the pilot.

Recommendations: None

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Signature *Walter W. Berg*
WALTER W. BERG, Capt, USMC (Ret)

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Date 2 July 1943

June 27, 1943

USAAF G-466

67th Obsn

Spitfire VA

DATE

STATION

GROUP NO. AND TYPE

AIRPLANE MODEL

John M. Morrissey

12th Obsn

P-7672

CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER

SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE

AIRPLANE SERIAL NO.

PERS. CLASS	- PRINT PLAINLY - NAME - RANK - ORGANIZATION	USE AS DIRECTED LOCALLY	ALWAYS ENTER DUTY SYMBOLS WHEN APPLICABLE. ENTER N - NIGHT OR I - INSTRUMENT. ENTER TIME FLOWN THEREUNDER				FLIGHT DATA		
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	Aberporth is a grass field, not level, so that from one end half of the field is visible. I landed too far down on the field, deceived as to its size, and applied brakes, which worked with usual Spitfire efficiency, giving out as they warmed up. Near the end of the field I attempted a right turn to take advantage of more landing ground, but I was on a grassy slope and aircraft slid sideways off the field into a small gully. Aircraft was nearly stopped when the accident occurred, but the slide into the gully bent the undercarriage, damaged left wing tip, and the prop was bent striking the bank ahead.							TO:	
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/s/ ARNOLD M. RUSTEN 1st Lt A.C.

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Walter H. Berg
WALTER H. BERG
Major, Air Corps

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 WAR DEPARTMENT
A. F. FORM NO. 1
TENTATIVE-12-18-41

FLIGHT REPORT - OPERATIONS

 CHECKED:
LEGIBLE AND
CORRECT

 OPER
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 TRANSCRIBED:
TOTAL FLIGHT
TIME ENTERED
ON FORM 1A

 CREW
CHIEF

 TOTAL
FLIGHT
TIME

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