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WAR DEPARTMENT

U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

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(1) Place 2 miles NW AAF Sta. 446, APO 133 (2) Date 8 September 1944 (3) Time 2530
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-24H (5) A. F. No. 42-52767 (6) Station AAF Station 179
 Organization: (7) VIII AFCC (8) 492nd Bomb Gp (9) 856th Bombardment Squadron (H) 13

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	Berkoff, Lawrence, NMI	P	0-828270	2nd. Lt.	180	AUS AC	8th AF	Fatal	None
CP	Webb, John H.	GP	0-771174	2nd. Lt.	181	AUS AC	8th AF	None	Yes. B
N	Woods, Vincent, D.	N	0-725725	2nd. Lt.	182	AUS AC	8th AF	None	YES. B
B	Snyder, George M.	B	0-718157	2nd. Lt.	187	AUS AC	8th AF	None	Yes. B
E	Rinze, Alphonse J.	NR*	8688132	Sgt.	382	AUS AC	8th AF	light inj.	Yes. B
RO	Williams, George F.	NR*	37587442	Sgt.	382	AUS AC	8th AF	None	Yes. B
TG	Duser, John D.	NR*	35174818	Sgt.	382	AUS AC	8th AF	light inj.	Yes. B
WG	Transtum, Laurel W.	NR*	39921706	Sgt.	382	AUS AC	8th AF	None	Yes. B

NR* - Non-rated personnel.

PILOT CHECKER VERIFICATION

(20) Berkoff, Lawrence (NMI) (21) 0-828270 (22) 2nd. Lt. (23) 18 (24) AUS AC
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personal class) (Branch)

Assigned (25) VIII AFCC (26) 492nd Bomb Gp (27) 856th Bombardment (H) (28) AAF Station 179
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)

Attached for flying (29) Does not apply. (30) NR* (31) NR* (32) NR* (33) NR*
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)

Original rating (34) Pilot (35) 8/2/44 Present rating (36) Pilot (37) 8/2/44 Instrument rating (38) 20/7/44
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(39) This type... 154:50 (42) Instrument time last 6 months... 31:25
 (40) This model... 22:05 (43) Instrument time last 30 days... 8:00
 (41) Last 90 days... 57:05 (44) Night time last 6 months... 40:55
 (42) Total... 334:50 (45) Night time last 30 days... 25:05

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	DAMAGE				COMPLETE	DESTRUCTION	OF AIRPLANE
	W	S	W	W			
(46) Aircraft	W	S	W	W	COMPLETE	DESTRUCTION	
(47) Engine(s)	W	S	W	W			
(48) Propeller(s)	W	S	W	W			

(50) Weather at the time of accident to 3/10 clouds, bases 2500 to 3500 ft, visibility 10 to 15 miles

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No.
 (52) Cleared from AAF Station 179 (53) To Continent (54) Kind of clearance Operational

(55) Pilot's mission Operational TO **RESTRICTED**

(56) Nature of accident Crash caused by loss of two engines.
 BY AUTHORITY OF CGAAF
 BY FOA DATE 2-25-46

(57) Cause of accident 100 percent material failure. #1 and #2 engine failure.

(58) Has Form 54 been submitted? Form 54 submitted.

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