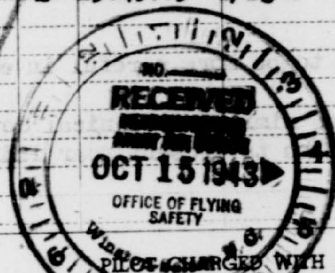


WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place AAF, Lake Charles, La. (2) Date 12 September 1943 (3) Time 1530
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model B-25D-15 (5) A. F. No. 41-30480 (6) Station AAF, Lake Charles, La.
Organization: (7) 3rd Bomb. Comd. (8) 416th Bomb. (9) 671st Bomb.
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)
3rd A.F. 310 PERSONNEL BLK BLK 8860

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)
07 P	Rice, Charles S.	P	0-408847	Capt.	01	AC	3 AF	None	None
02 CP	Klean, Lester E.	P	0-747820	2nd Lt.	01	AC	3 AF	None	None
68 X	Greenley, Richard E.	P	0-806059	2nd Lt.	01	AC	3 AF	None	None
71 R	Davidson, Andrew (NMI)	R	32309306	Cpl.	22 20	AC	3 AF	None	None
62 E	Rosser, Evan J.	E	13045703	S/Sgt.	22 20	AC	3 AF	None	None



(20) Rice, Charles S. (21) 41-30480 (22) Captain (23) 01 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) 3rd Bomb. Comd. (26) 416th Bomb. (27) 671st Bomb. (28) AAF, Lake Charles, La.
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) 3rd Bomb. Command (30) 416th Bomb (31) 671st Bomb. (32) AAF, Lake Charles, La.
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) P (34) Present rating (35) P (36) Instrument rating (37)
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (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

DAMAGE	(40) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>None</u>	<u>Both Props Replaced and Both Engines Replaced and Nose Section Replaced.</u>
(47) Engine(s) <u>W 4 4</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>W 4 4</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident CAVU
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
(52) Cleared from Lake Charles, La. (53) To Lake Charles, La. (54) Kind of clearance Contact
(55) Pilot's mission Transition Training
(56) Nature of accident Plane Nosed over, damaging both Propellers and both Engines.
(57) Cause of accident Nose Wheel failed to lock.
(58) Was Form #54 submitted? No.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

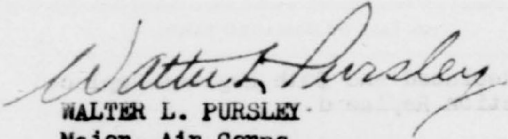
Pilot made normal landing, after first noting, that all landing wheels, were down and locked, and everything else ready for landing. After landing, with nose high, the nose which was finally allowed to touch the runway, and shortly thereafter it was noted that the nose gear was collapsing, but it was not practicable to try to get in the air again, and the airspeed so low that the nose could not be held up. The nose gear completely collapsed allowing the bottom of the nose section to slide on the runway, and off to the left side of the runway. Apparently only slight damage was done, and we were informed that only the plexiglass in the nose section to be replaced, now we are informed both engines and propellers and the entire nose section was damaged.

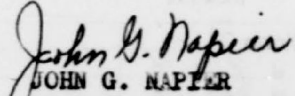
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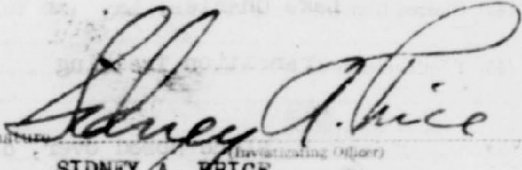
1. That nose wheel was not locked.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That pilots be instructed to be more careful in checking various mechanisms for proper operations.
2. That a warning horn or some similar mechanical device to warn pilot whether gear locked or not, in addition to present gear indicating mechanism.


WALTER L. PURSLEY
Major, Air Corps
Member, Acc. Committee


JOHN G. NAPIER
Captain, Air Corps
Member, Acc. Committee


SIDNEY A. PRICE
Major, Air Corps
President, Acc. Committee

Date 10 October 1943

STATION

3rd Bomber Comd.

CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER

56th Trng Wing.

416th Bomb Gr. (L)

GROUP NO. AND TYPE

671st Bomb Sqdn (L)

SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE	
1	1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Division
2	2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Division
3	3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Division
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B-25-D-15

AIRCRAFT MODEL

41-30480

AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO

WAR DEPARTMENT
A. A. F.
FORM NO. 1
2-2-42

FLIGHT REPORT - OPERATIONS

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CHECKED

8

TRANSCRIBED

	TOTAL
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TOTAL FLIGHT	4: 10
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FLIGHT REPORT - ENGINEERING

INSPECTION STATUS

	DATE OF OR HOURS DUE	INSPECTED TODAY	
		BY	STATION
PREFLIGHT	9-12-43	T	Lake Charles
DAILY	9-11-43	R	Lake Charles
25 HOURS	260.0		
50 HOURS	285.0		
100 HOURS	335.0		
Plugs	315.35		
Valves	515.35		

SERVICING AT STATION OF TAKE-OFF (CHECK IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TAKE-OFF)

SERVICE	FUEL (GALLONS)		OIL (QUARTS)								RADIATOR CHECKED
	SERV- ICED	IN TANKS	NO. 1		NO. 2		NO. 3		NO. 4		
			SERV- ICED	IN TANKS	SERV- ICED	IN TANKS	SERV- ICED	IN TANKS	SERV- ICED	IN TANKS	
1ST		974	-	144	-	144					
2ND	230	974	-	144	-	144					
3RD	260	974	-	144	12	144					
4TH											
5TH											

INSPECTION OF AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT	SYMBOL	INSPECTED BY	STATION
EMBARDMENT			Lake Charles
GUNNERY			
CHEMICAL			
COMMUNICATIONS	E	Elliott	Lake Charles
PHOTOGRAPHIC			
NAVIGATION			

STATUS TODAY

1.	2.
3.	4.

EXPLANATION: No Spare Inverter. No Flares
In Plane. Old Type Hose Clamp on Oil
Lines. Deicer System Inoper. No Oxygen.
Hole in Tail Cone. Tire cut and showing

EXCEPTIONAL RELEASE

Cord.

WHEN THE "STATUS TODAY" IS INDICATED BY A RED SYMBOL AND AN "EXCEPTIONAL RELEASE" HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED BY AN AUTHORIZED ENGINEERING OFFICER, THE PILOT OF THE AIRPLANE WILL SIGN THIS RELEASE BEFORE FLIGHT.

RELEASED FOR FLIGHT

Richard V. Wheeler J.L. Fields
John J. Neuer, C.S. Rice

REMARKS: PILOTS AND MECHANICS - SEE INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE FRONT COVER.

#1 Wheeler, Richard V. 2nd Lt. Ship O.K.

Richard V. Wheeler

#2 O.K. - J. L. Fields 1st Lt. A.C.

#3 C/R Nose wheel folded up in landing.

Damage to nose and both props - C.S. Rice, Capt.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original:

Richard V. Wheeler

AIRPLANE AND ENGINE TIME RECORD (ENTER IN HOURS AND MINUTES)

ENGINE	NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3	NO. 4
HOURS TO DATE	24.05	24.05		
HOURS TODAY	4.10	4.10		
TOTAL	28.15	28.15		
OIL CHANGE DUE	E.C.	E.C.		
CUNO. CLEANING DUE	260.0	260.0		
AIRPLANE	HOURS TO DATE	239.40		
	HOURS TODAY	4.10		
	TOTAL	243.50		

RETURN THIS STUB TO:

BUDGET OFFICE,

WRIGHT FIELD,

DAYTON,

OHIO

ENGINE DATA

AIRPLANE DATA

AIRPLANE ORG. DATA

(1) 41-27813 ENGINE SERIAL NO.	(2) 41-28740 ENGINE SERIAL NO.	(3) -- ENGINE SERIAL NO.	(4) -- ENGINE SERIAL NO.	TOTAL FLIGHT TIME 4:10
R-2600-13 ENGINE MODEL	B-25D-15 AIRPLANE MODEL	41-30480 AIRPLANE SERIAL NO.	A.A.F. COMPONENT	3rd Bomb Group 56th Trng. Wing 416th Bomb Gp. (L) 671st Bomb Sqdn (L) SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE
3rd Bomb Group 56th Trng. Wing 416th Bomb Gp. (L) 671st Bomb Sqdn (L) SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE IIRd A.A.F. AIR FORCE COMMAND. COMPS AREA OR DEPT. S/SGT Rosser CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER STATION Lake Charles DATE 9-11-43				

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

HEADQUARTERS
LAKE CHARLES ARMY AIR FIELD
Office of the Commanding Officer

Lake Charles, La.
11 October 1943

SUBJECT: Aircraft Accident Report.

TO : Headquarters, Flight Control Command, Army Air Forces,
Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

1. Submitted herewith is report of accident officer of accident involving Capt. Charles S. Rice, AC, ASN O-408847, in B-25D-15 Airplane, AF #41-30480, on 12 September 1943, at this station.

2. This report is late due to the fact that the accident board was misinformed as to the extent of the damage to this airplane.

3. Some entries on AAF Form #14 and the Pilot's statement are missing, due to the fact that the Pilot has been transferred from this Field.

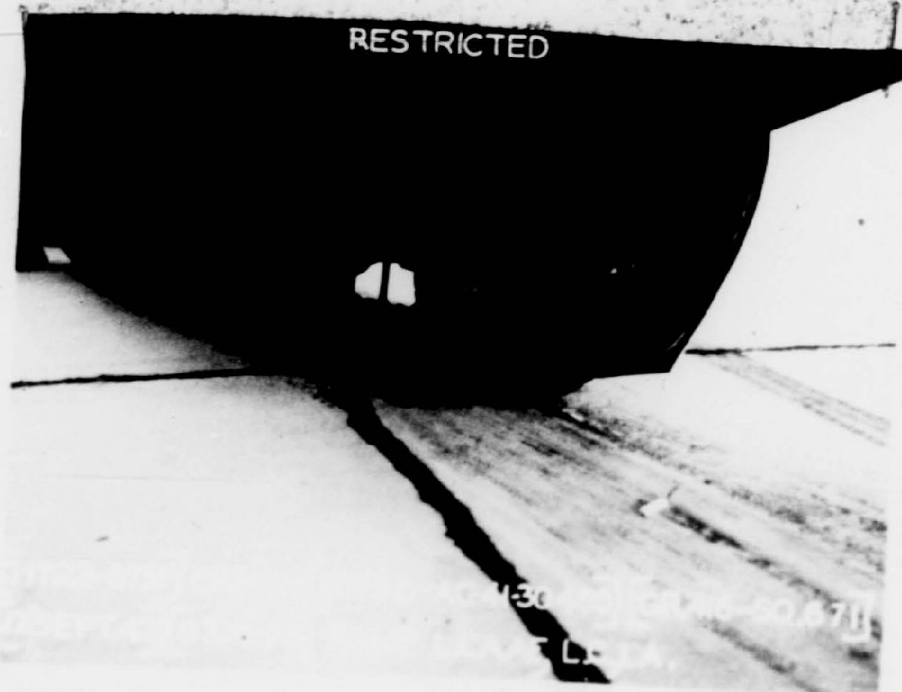
For the Commanding Officer:

1 Incl.
AAF Form #14

Joseph D. Miron
JOSEPH D. MIRON,
WOJG, USA,
Assistant Adjutant.



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U.S. AIR FORCE
30-10-67

Accident No.

Date _____

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Field by

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1995: 4-63

Accident No. 44-9-12-36

Pilot's Name Rice, Charles S.

Nature Group ⁰⁶ Landing

Specific Nature ³⁴ Nose wheel not locked

Underlying Nature ⁸⁸ Careless operation of aircraft

60% Cause Group ⁰⁵ Carelessness (Rice)

Specific Cause ³⁴ "

Underlying Cause ¹⁷ "

40% Cause Group ³⁹ Aircraft

Specific Cause ⁶⁸ Nose wheel

Underlying Cause ⁸⁴ Undetermined

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