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The Narratives and witness statements contained in Accident Report 45-5-19-505 (Major Accident Report of 42-94053) aka "Queen Cathy" assigned to Crew 6, 60th BS, 39th BG have been transcribed by Pete Weiler, historian/webmaster – 39th BG Association. The original accident report is courtesy of Craig Foster, Son of Warren Foster, Nav., P-6.

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Due to the size of the Major Accident Report file in PDF version the report has three (4) parts:

45-5-19-505_01 – AAF Accident Form completed – Sections A – M & Flt Report

45-5-19-505_02 – Narratives of: AC, Pilot, Nav, Bombardier and Radio Op.

45-5-19-505_03 – Narratives of: CFC, Radar Ob, RG, FE Observer, Control Tower NCOIC and Witness

45-5-19-505_04 – Crash photos

C E R T I F I C A T E

This is to certify that the photographs attached to this Aircraft Accident Report (Form 14) in connection with aircraft B-29, Serial Number 42-94053, are pictures of said aircraft after it had set with the accident. Numbers 259-1, 259-2, 259-3 and P-6 have been used to identify these pictures.

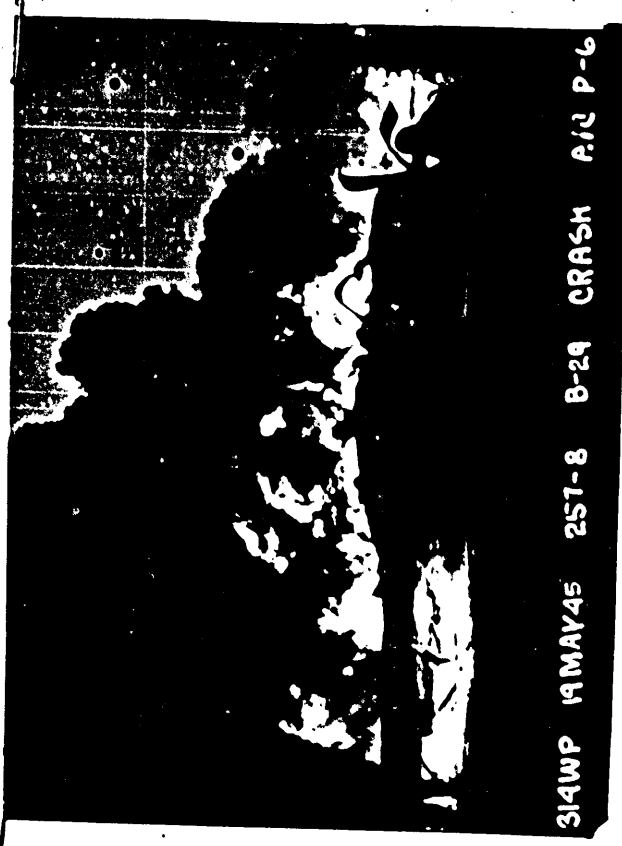
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Base Operations Officer

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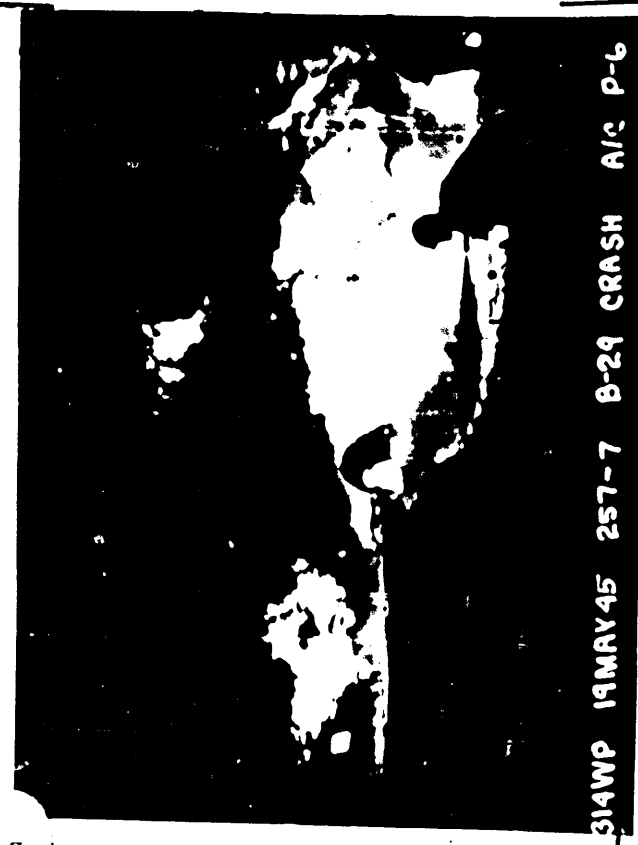
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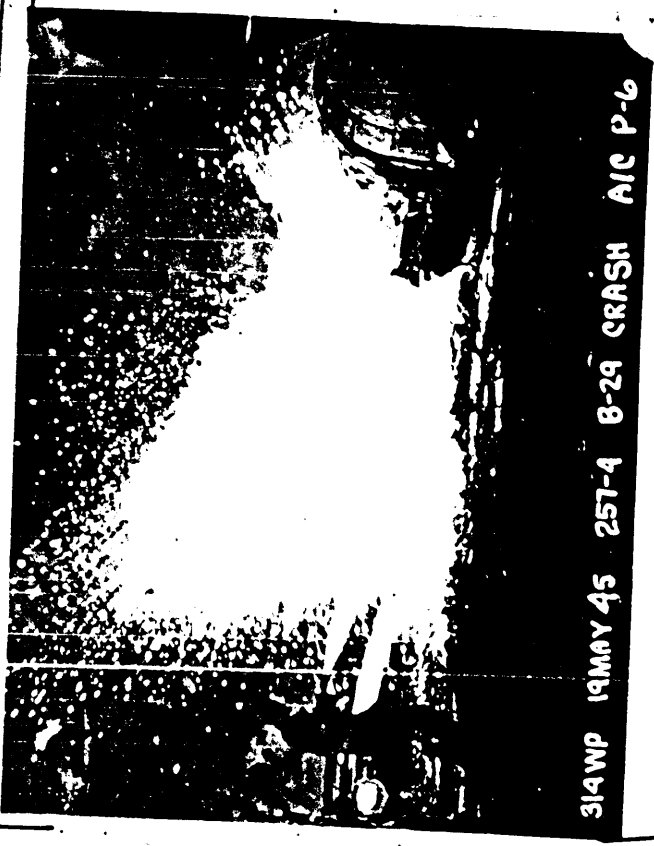
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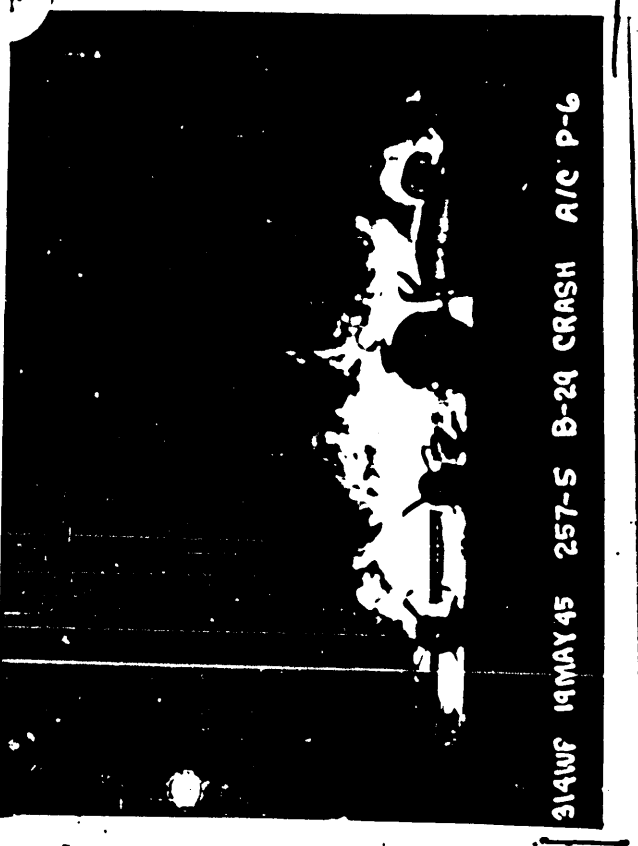
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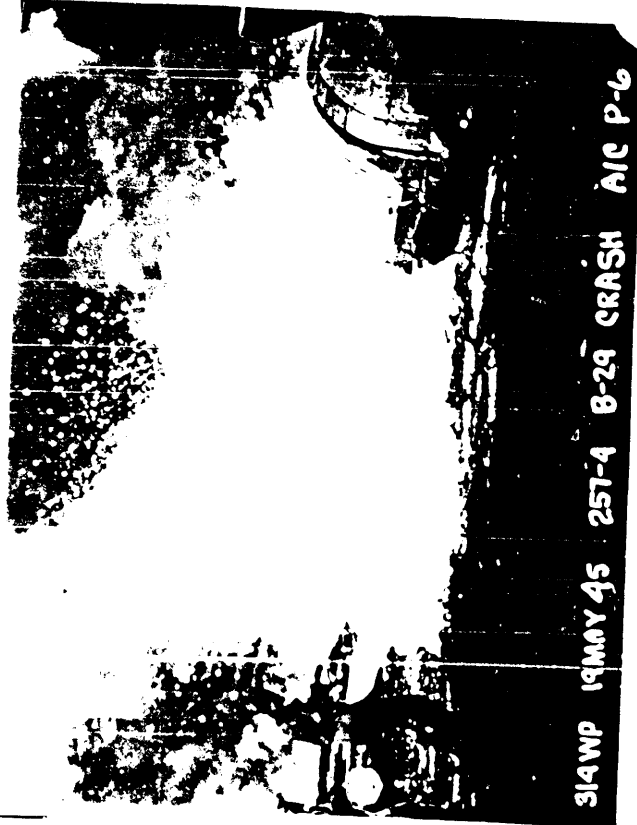
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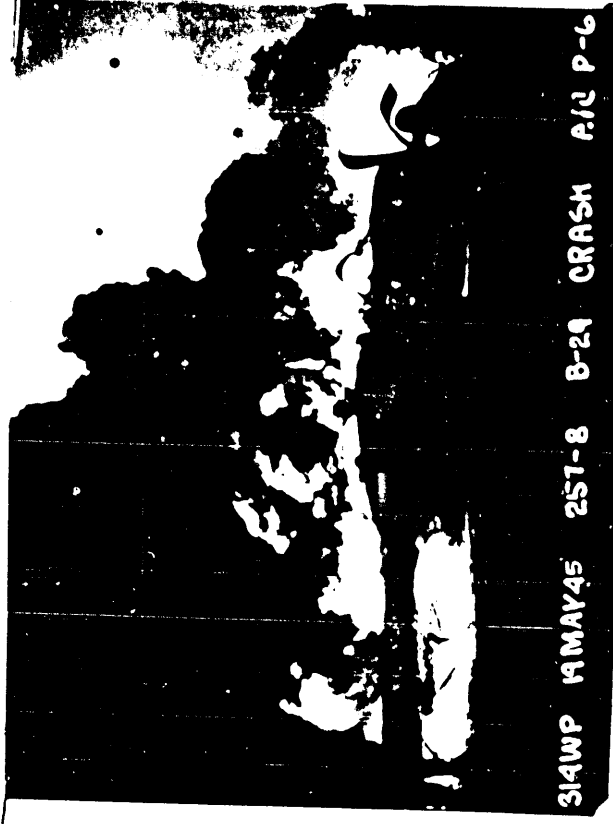
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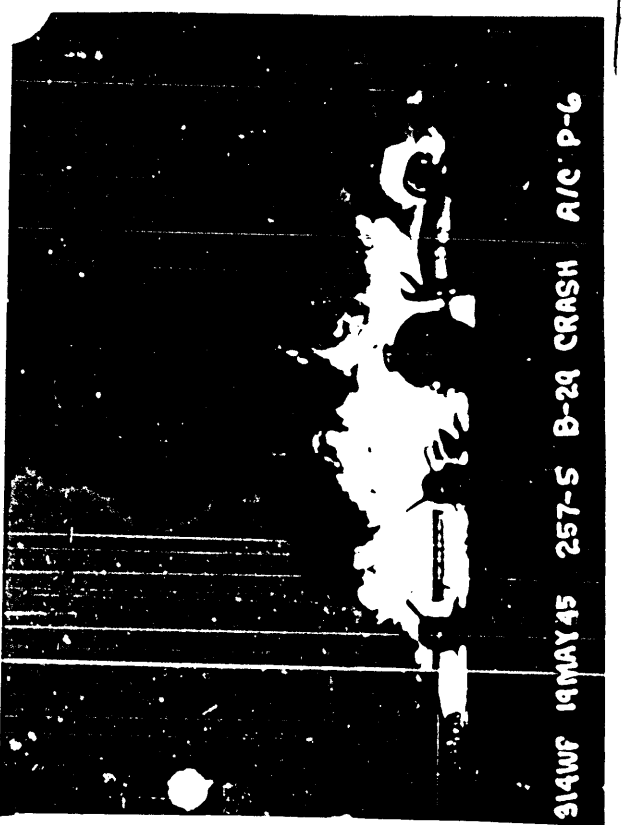
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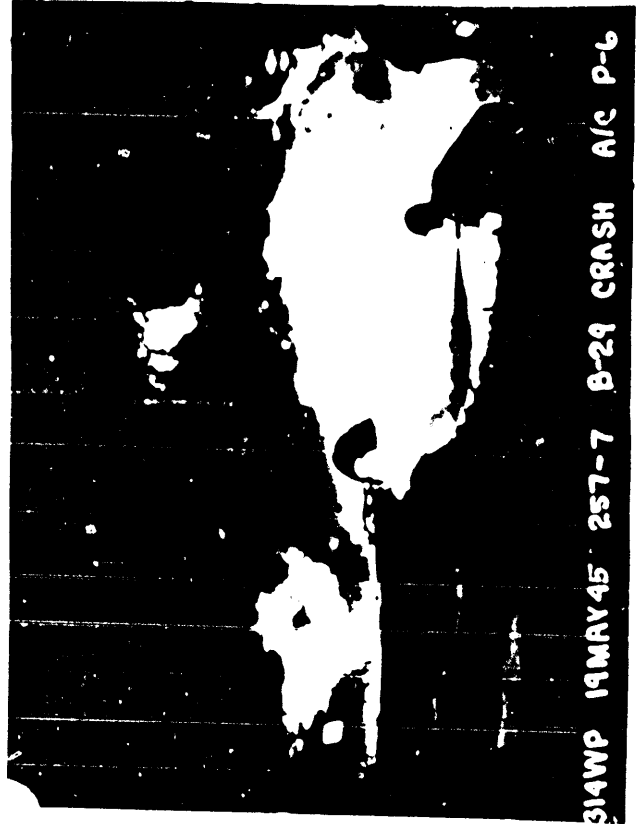
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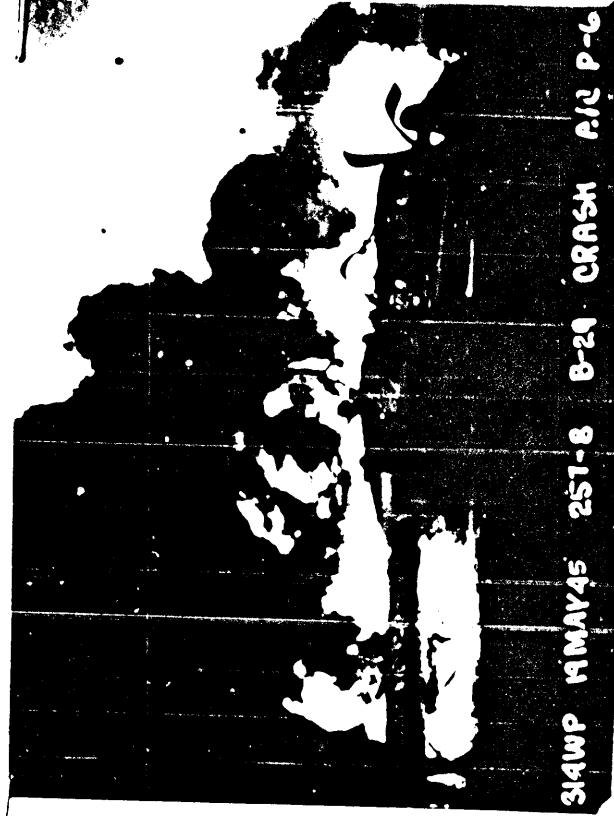
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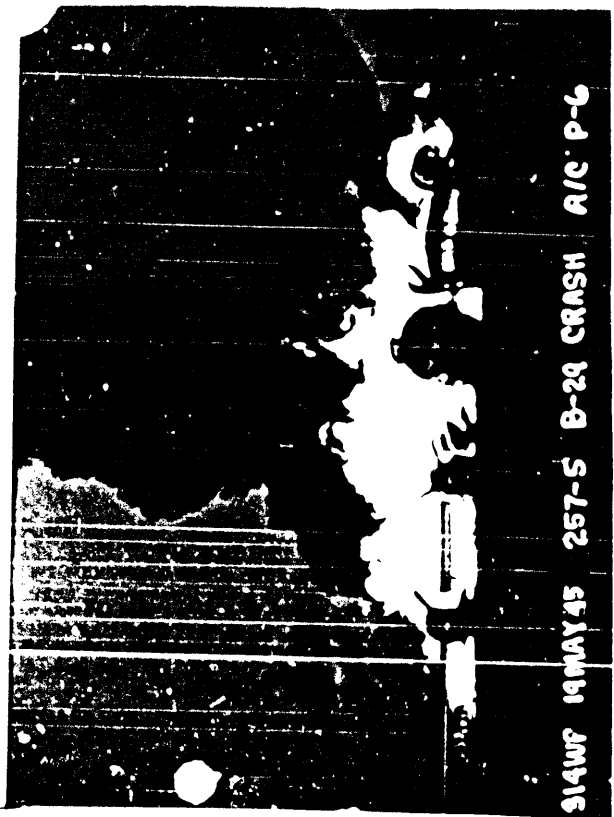
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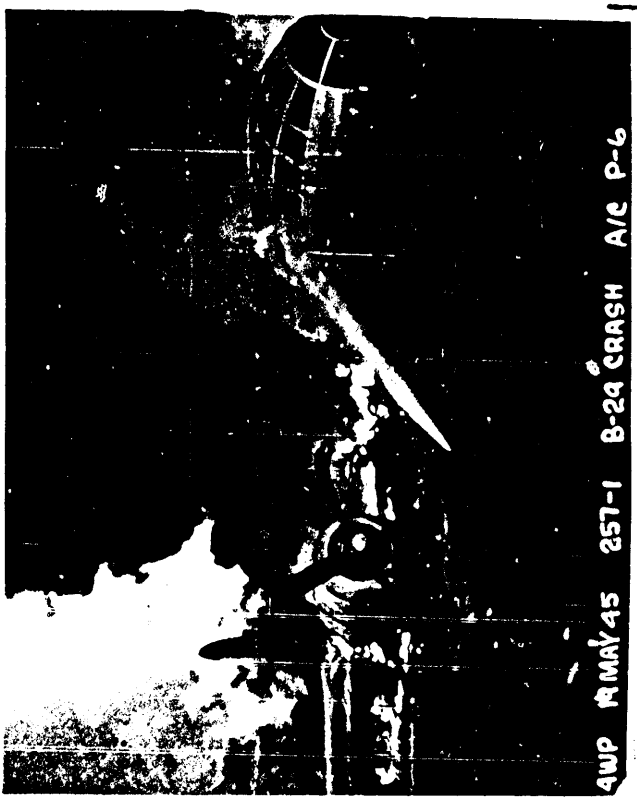


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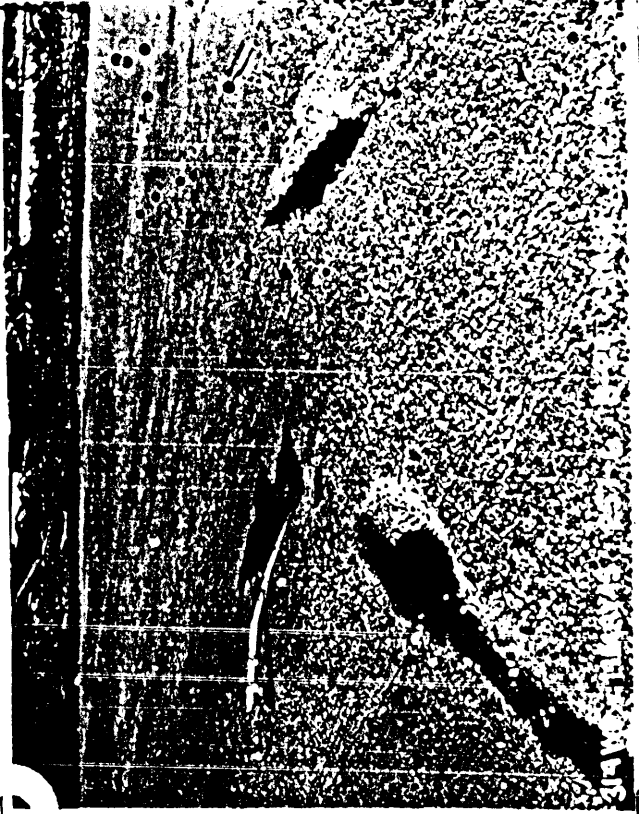


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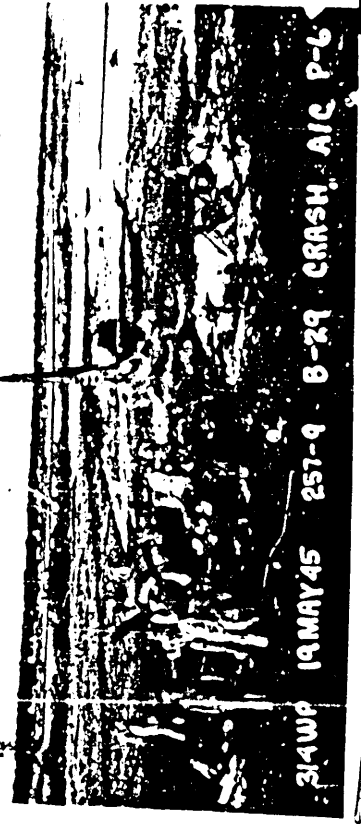
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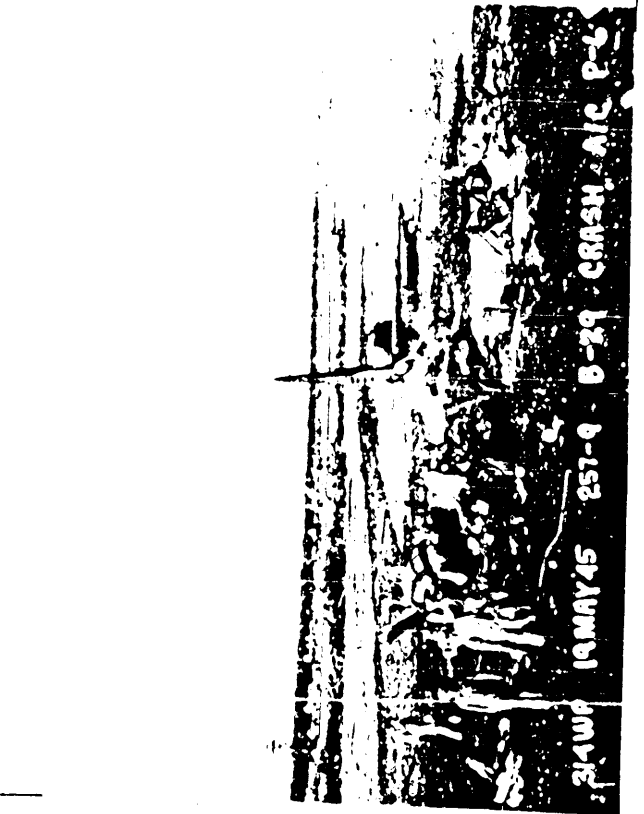
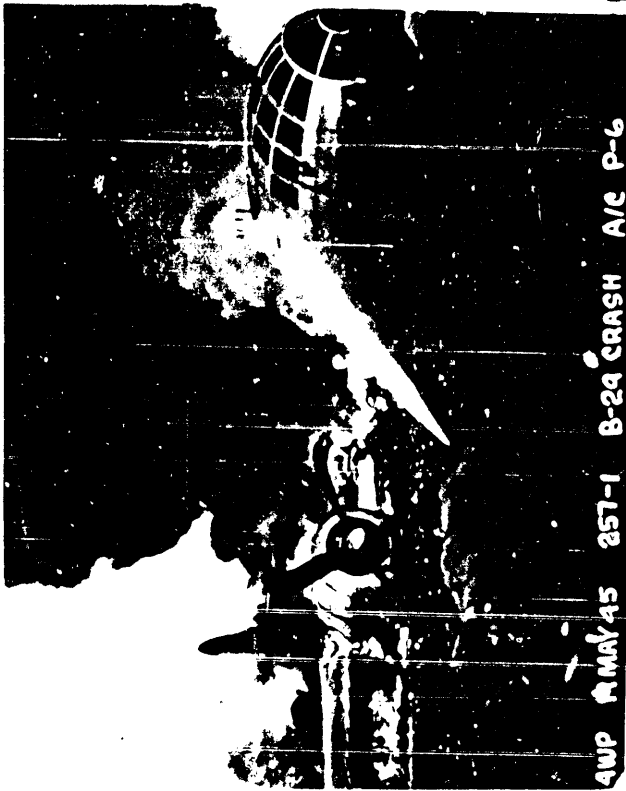
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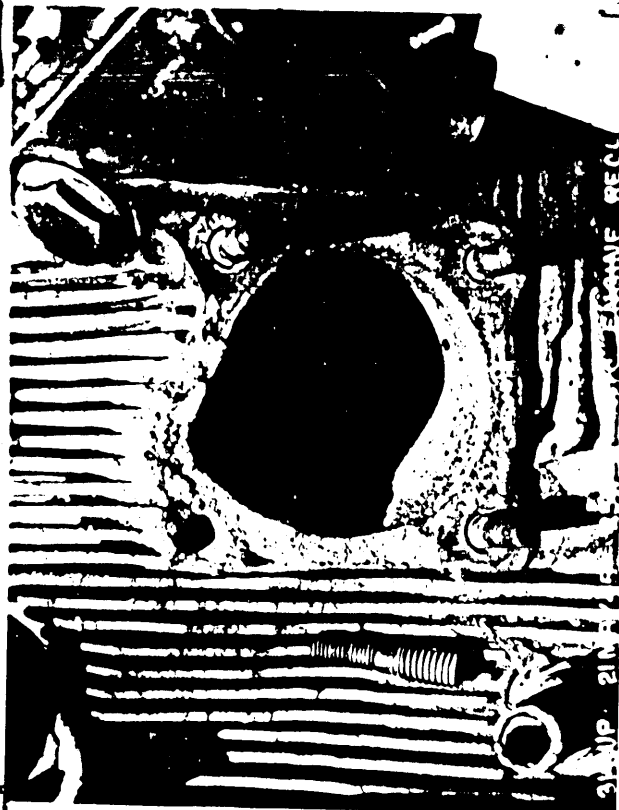
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BRIEF OF
AIRCRAFT
ACCIDENT

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF FLYING SAFETY
WASHINGTON

AFAPS-1

BRIEF NO. 6-372

RESTRICTED

3646

DATE AND TIME

10 May 48

PLACE OF ACCIDENT

North Field, Guam

AIRCRAFT AND STATION

B-29 (42-84085), 29 B Gp, 214 B Wing, APO 214, 8/9 FM, ^{San} Francisco

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

Complete wreck

PILOT NAME

1st Lt. Edward J. Flynn (Aircraft Commander)

PILOT STATION

29 B Gp, 21 28, 29 AF

PERSONNEL INVOLVED
AND INJURIES

Aircraft Commander—major injury. Co-pilot, P/O David G.

Wagner; Navigator, 2nd Lt. Warren G. Foster; Bombardier, 1st

Lt. Andrew P. Flynn—Engineer, W/Lt Angelo P. Rapucci; Radio

Oper., Sgt. Ray L. Schwartz; GPO, Sgt. James G. Rappaport;

Commander Sgt. Robert A. Vicenti; Sgt. John E. Tyson; Radar,

P/O David G. Loney; Tail Gunner, Sgt. Nathan Garcia, Jr.;

Propagator, Sgt. William J. Duke—slight injuries.

DESCRIPTION OF
ACCIDENT

Leading accident. Airplane was making a 2-engine approach. 2
engine feathered. Directional control of airplane was lost
after full flaps had been lowered. Airplane was at approx. 200
ft. altitude with full high RPM and 40 inches Hg., and at an
airspeed of 140 to 145 MPH, when an ground was attempted. Flaps
were raised up to 20 degrees and gear was retracted, but air-
plane washed into ground on left side of runway. Airplane
trunk in two, caught fire, and is a complete wreck

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MISSION

Tactical - Control mission to Tokyo suburbs

WEATHER

at 0800H: Wind 100 to 110 MPH, 1/10 cumulus clouds, base 2000 ft.;

ceiling unlimited, visibility 10 miles.

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(Signature)

5-5260, AF

SOURCE

Incl # 6

5-5-19-505

REPORT OF
AIRCRAFT
ACCIDENT

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DATE AND TIME

19 May 45 0826K

PLACE OF ACCIDENT

North Field, Guam

AIRCRAFT AND UNIT INVOLVED

B-29 (42-94053), 39 B Gr, 314 B Wing, APO 248, C/O PH, Francisco

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

Complete wreck

PILOT NAME

1st Lt. Edmund J. Flynn (Aircraft Commander)

PILOT RATION

39 B Gr, 21 BC, 20 AF

PERSONNEL INVOLVED
AND INJURIES

Aircraft Commander--major injury. Co-Pilot, F/O David G.

Wagner; Navigator, 2nd Lt. Warren G. Foster; Bombardier, 1st

Lt. Andrew P. Hiltner; Engineer, M/Sgt. Arnold P. Reynolds; Radio

Oper., Sgt. Ray L. Schwartz; OTO, Sgt. James G. Hagepoulos;

Gunner; Sgt. Robert A. Wisniski; Sgt. John B. Tynan; Radar,

F/O David G. Lomen; Tail Gunner, Sgt. Esteban Garcia, Jr.;

Passenger, Sgt. William J. Burke--minor injuries.

DESCRIPTION OF
ACCIDENT

Landing accident. Airplane was making a 3-engine approach, #1 engine feathered. Directional control of airplane was lost after full flaps had been lowered. Airplane was at approx. 200 ft. altitude with full high RPM and 49 inches Hg., and at an airspeed of 140 to 145 MPH, when go around was attempted. Flaps were milked up to 25 degrees and gear was retracted, but airplane washed into ground on left side of runway. Airplane broke in two, caught fire, and is a complete wreck

MISSION

Tactical - Combat mission to Tokyo suburbs

WEATHER

at OSSOK: Wind HNE 10 MPH, 1/10 cumulus clouds, base 2000 ft.

Ce'ling unlimited, visibility 12 miles.

SOURCE

GUAM. FM-19-18. 20 May 45

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FORM 1

IMMEDIATE ACTION

ROUTING SLIP

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Date 25 Sept. 1945

B-29 ACCIDENT REPORT

TO: IN TURN

~~(1) DEPUTY CHIEF~~

IN: Date _____ Hour _____

OUT: Date _____ Hour _____

✓(2) PREVENTION
BOMBER BR.

IN: Date 20 Sept Hour 9:00

OUT: Date _____ Hour _____

TECH. REVIEW BR.

IN: Date 27 Sept Hour 1500

OUT: Date 27 Sept Hour 1530

(3) MEDICAL SAFETY

IN: Date _____ Hour 1:00

OUT: Date 1 Oct Hour 1000

(4) ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

IN: Date _____ Hour _____

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NAME OF PILOT

TYPE OF PLANE

ACCIDENT NUMBER

Flynn Edmund J.

B-29A

43-5-19-505

CHARGED TO:

OUT:

IN

CHARGED TO:

OUT

IN

CHARGED TO:

OUT

IN

B. J. Yacbrugh 6/3/47