

Three injured as Plane Sets House Afire in Hinsdale

Roger Kerylow Burned to Death in Wreckage; Home Destroyed

Special to The Union.

HINSDALE, March 18—Roger Kerylow of this town, age about 28, was burned to death and three other persons were injured Sunday afternoon when a Waco four-place plane, owned by the Bowman Flying Service and out of the Keene Municipal airport in North Swanzy, crashed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bordner on Prospect street and caught fire.

The Bordner home, a small story and a half house, was completely destroyed by the fire as was the plane, which was valued at about \$4,000.

Had Motor Trouble

The plane, which was being piloted by James Bolles of Keene, a veteran instructor and mechanic for the Bowman Flying Service, apparently developed motor trouble over the center of the town and was attempting a forced landing at the playground field at the time of the accident.

Riding with Bolles and Kerylow were two other Hinsdale men, Wilfred Walker, 28, of Highland avenue, who received a possible broken collarbone and facial lacerations, and Philip Biley, who suffered a possible fractured skull.

Biley and Bolles were taken to the Elliot Community hospital in Keene after treatment in the office of Dr. H. L. Brown where Walker

was also treated. Bolles' injuries were minor and he is expected to leave the hospital Monday.

Raymond C. Hildreth, flight officer of the recently formed Hinsdale squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, reported that many persons in Hinsdale were attracted to the plane's plight by the sound of the skipping motor and, seeing the predicament the pilot was in, went to the playground and signaled the plane, indicating the way to come in for a landing.

Hits Pine Tree

The plane had circled the field once and was apparently not having any difficulty when, it is reported, it hit the top of a pine tree, shearing it off and then veered into the corner of the Bordner barn and garage. From this point the plane bounced over a retaining wall about four feet high and came to a stop against the house.

Fire started almost at once. Walker, who was sitting directly in back of the pilot's seat, pulled Bolles out while Biley was able to get out by himself. The two men attempted to get Kerylow free from the ship but were unable to do so. He had been knocked out by the collision and his arm was in a cast from a recent operation.

The Hinsdale Fire Department was delayed in reaching the scene as the force was combating a brush fire on the Brattleboro road at the time.

It was just nine years ago today that the Bordners lost their home as a result of the 1936 flood and it was with the aid of the Red Cross that the couple was able to rebuild their modern little cottage. There was some insurance on the house but none on the contents.

Remains of the airplane were being guarded tonight by the Hinsdale CAP until a representative of the CAA could arrive to make an inspection.

The motor of the plane is reported as having been in good running condition earlier in the day and the ship had been used for passenger carrying prior to the time it took off with the three Hinsdale men for a sight-seeing trip.

First Fatal Accident

It was the first fatal accident which the Bowman Flying Service has suffered in 15 years. Lee Bowman, the proprietor, was the flight contractor in the training of several hundred naval aviation cadets at Keene Teachers college for the government without any accident, establishing one of the best records in the country at this type of school. Bolles was one of the instructors.

An investigation was made by Sheriff Arthur N. Jennison and Deputy Sheriff Frank Walker, also state police. Dr. Louvane A. Fox of Winchester was called to the scene as acting medical referee to view the body of Kerylow.

Kerylow is survived by his mother, Mrs. John Bienick of this town; a sister, Mrs. Joseph Butynski of Athol, Mass.; two brothers, Sgt. John Kerylow in the Philippines and Michael Kerylow of Ashuelot.

Kerylow had broken an arm in an automobile accident about a year ago and this had given him trouble and resulted in an operation about a month ago. Up until that time he had been employed by the Miller Falls Tool company in Millers Falls, Mass.

Man Burns To Death When Plane Crashes

Ship Operating from Keene Port Strikes Hinsdale

Home

HINSDALE, March 19—A passenger was burned to death and the pilot and two other passengers escaped with minor injuries when a Waco four-place cabin plane owned by Bowman Flying Service and flying out of Keene municipal airport, crashed into a home here yesterday and caught fire.

The plane, piloted by James Bolles, Keene flying instructor, had mechanical trouble over the village, and an attempt was made to land it on the playground. On the approach, the plane struck a pine tree, shearing off the top of the tree, and veered into the corner of a barn. From there, the plane bounced over a wall and crashed into the side of a cottage house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bordner.

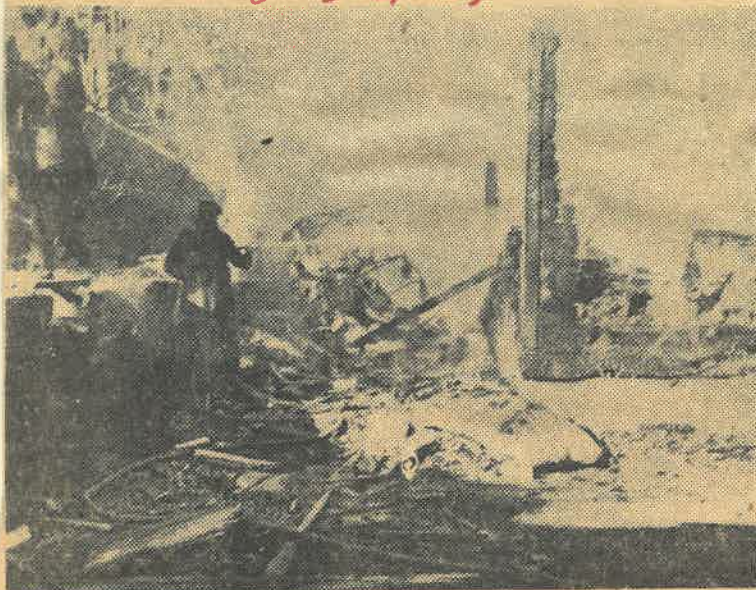
Pilot Rescued

Flames broke out in the plane, apparently from a broken gasoline line. Wilfred Walker, 28, suffering from a possible fractured collarbone and facial cuts, pulled the pilot to safety. Philip Biley, the other passenger, whose injuries included a possible fractured skull, was able to get out of the plane unaided, then assisted Walker in trying to rescue Roger Kerylow, 28, who was sitting beside the pilot.

Kerylow had been knocked out by the impact of the crash landing, and the rescue efforts were further complicated by the heavy cast on his arm, from a recent operation. Finally the flames drove the two flyers away from the plane, and Kerylow died in the plane.

The blaze levelled the Bordner home, a modern cottage they built nine years ago after the 1936 flood swept their former home away. The house, valued at \$4,000, was covered by some insurance, but the contents were not insured.

AIR CRASH RUINS AND VICTIM



Ruins of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bordner at Hinsdale and the wreckage of a four-passenger Waco airplane of the Bowman Flying Service which crashed into the dwelling, causing the fire, last Sunday. Roger Kerylow, 30, of Hinsdale, died in the crash. Pilot James Bolles of Keene, Wilfred Walker and Philip Biley of Hinsdale were injured. The plane developed engine trouble and Bolles was trying a forced landing at the time of the crash. Investigating officials have found no evidence of negligence on the part of Bolles.



Roger Kerylow, 30, of Hinsdale, who lost his life in crash of plane Sunday.

Rites Today for Hinsdale Plane Victim

Special to The Union

HINSDALE, March 19 — Roger Kerylow, 29, of Depot road, who was burned to death when a plane in which he was a passenger crashed in an attempted forced landing off Prospect street Sunday afternoon, will be buried Tuesday morning following funeral services in St. Joseph's church. Rev. George Ledoux, pastor, will officiate.

Kerylow was born in Hinsdale April 23, 1915, and attended the local schools. He had been employed recently in the Millers Falls Tool company in Millers Falls, Mass.

Condition of the other three men who were in the plane on its ill-fated trip is reported good. X-rays taken at the Elliot Community hospital in Keene reveal that Philip Biley, 25, of Hinsdale, has a fractured jaw. James Bolles, 33, of Keene, the pilot, who had several teeth knocked out and received lacerations, is still confined to the Keene hospital. The fourth passenger, Wilfred Walker, is believed to have escaped without serious injuries, although at first it was thought he may have possible skull fracture.

A. L. Borden of the Air Safety Board, New York City, and R. A. Thomas of Concord, a CAA representative, came to Keene Monday to officially determine the cause of the accident. The thought was expressed Sunday that a clogged feed-line might have caused motor difficulty which led the pilot to attempt a forced landing.

It was believed here that the accident will speed up the program of the Monadnock Region association small airport committee which has as its goal the establishment of emergency landing strips in all towns for the accommodation of private fliers and to meet needs such as that which developed Sunday.

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STATE POLICE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

Officer: Joseph W. Demasky Assisting:
Date of Crime: 11 - 29 - 44 Time: 9:15 A.M.
Crime: Airplane Crash Place: Pawtuckaway State Forest Reservation
James Ferrin, State Forestry Lookout,
Complainant: Pawtuckaway Mountain Reservation Address: Nottingham, N.H.
Pellerin
How Received: Mrs. Hazel and Miss Pauline Date: 11 - 29 - 44 Time: 9:45 A.M.
Name of Defendant: Address:
Date of Investigation: 11 - 29 - 44

DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT

Place of Birth: Date of Birth: Age:
Height: Weight: Build:
Hair: Eyes: Color:
Marks, if any:
Occupation:
Assisted by Officer:

MECHANICS OF ARREST AND DISPOSITION

Date Arrested: By Whom:
Court at: Justice:
Date: State Counsel: Defense Counsel:
Plea: Disposition:
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WITNESSES

Names:

Addresses:

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Date:

Joseph W. Demasky
State Trooper

(Give Detailed Description of Investigation on Reverse Side)

On Wednesday Nov. 29, 1944 on my arrival in the town of Raymond, N.H. at about 9:45 A.M. I was informed of an Airplane crash at the Pawtuckaway State Forest Reservation near the lookout. By Mrs. Hazel and Miss Pauline Pellerin of Raymond, N.H. They informed me that the Raymond Fire Dept. was on their way to the scene of the accident;

I called N.H. State Police Hdqtrs. and gave them the information that I had just received. Informed Hdqtrs. that I would advise on further information on my arrival at the scene of the accident.

On my arrival at the scene of the airplane accident. I found the Raymond Fire Dept. had arrived and were playing the water on the fire. On the crashed plane and the wooded area surrounding the plane. We were not able to get near the plane due to the great heat and the blaze.

Shortly after, the army authorities from Grenier Field, Manchester, N.H. arrived at the scene. Officers and enlisted men. In command of Major Martin. In which the army authorities took charge there after.

After the fire got under control and the heat kind of died down, I was informed by the army authorities that the plane was a B - 24 Liberator bomber. Four motor plane. We were able to get near the crashed plane and among the wreckage.

Nine badly burned and disfigured bodies were found among the wreckage. The bodies were the bodies of the officers and enlisted men. Total number of occupants of the crew of the crashed plane. Bodies were beyond recognition. Were identified by the identification tags. The bodies were identified as being the bodies of the following persons, 2nd. Lt. Paul L. Hackstock 2nd. Lt. Wilbur C. Stephenson, Flight Officer Russell L. Jones, Cpl. Calvin R. Rickenbach, Cpl. Thomas L. McDougall, Cpl. William L. Swarner Jr. Cpl. Preston K. Smith, Cpl. Kenneth J. Young and Cpl. Robert H. Wells.

The bodies were removed by Grenier Field ambulance to Manchester, N.H.

James Ferrin State lookout at the Pawtuckaway Forestry Reservation, Stated that he didn't see the plane, but heard the plane before it crashed and heard the crash. Saw a lot of debris coming down from above and a lot of smoke.

Mr. A.M. Worth and Mr. William Clark of Short Falls, Epsom, N.H. were working near by. Stated that they heard the crash and saw the smoke.

Mr. Herbert Smith and Mr. Eben Smith stated that they were working near by at the Ross Tilton Place in Deerfield, N.H. Stated that they saw three or four planes flying around in that vicinity. Then one of the planes suddenly dived downward. In a nose dive. There was a big noise. Sounded like an explosion. Then they saw cloud of dark smoke rise up.

The accident occurred on the Pawtuckaway State Forestry Reservation at the foot of the lookout station. In the vicinity of Round Pond, Nottingham, N.H.

Mr. James Ferrin on hearing the crash contacted the Deerfield Telephone operator, Mrs. Leon Harvey. Who summoned the Deerfield and Raymond Fire Depts. and notified Grenier Field Army Authorities of the accident.

One fire truck from Grenier Field Fire Dept. also arrived at the scene in charge of Chief Clarence Howser, who took over.

After the bodies were removed, a group of soldiers from Grenier Field were left at the scene to guard the wreckage of the crashed plane. And await the arrival of the wrecking crew to clean up the wreckage.

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

C O M P L A I N T S H E E T

DATE 11-29-44 TIME 10.29 A VIA Radio RECEIVED BY DEA

COMPLAINANT _____ ADDRESS _____

DETAILS:

Cr 24--reports--

Plane crash at Round Pond on road to Pawtuckaway Lake reservation
Candia--it is a four motored job--all a fire--two fire trucks from
Raymond are there--have seen no bodies as yet--will give further
info when can get near plane.

*Tel# 9040 Major Churchill
Nov 22 9:40*

10.52---Cr 24 reports---Major Martin and men from Grenier Field
also ambulance has arrived at scene--it is in the Township of
Nottingham.

1130

*Army 4 mo
Navy*

*4 Books located beyond Keegan's
tel H Curran
Brunswick 1070
107 994
lt Munn/ly*

ASSIGNED TO Tr. Demaskey DATE 11-29-44 TIME 10.29A BY: DEA.

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C O M P L A I N T S H E E T

DATE 11-29-44 TIME 11.25A VIA Radio RECEIVED BY DEA

COMPLAINANT _____ ADDRESS _____

DETAILS: PLANE CRASH---NOTTINGHAM.

11.25 AM---Cr 24 reports---4 bodies have been located--there are supposed to be ten men on the plane--it is a 4 motored bomber plane out of Grenier Field.

12.06---Cr 24 reports--about 7 bodies now recovered--on tag of on is name Young--if is a B-24--4 mtr job--can get to plane now--4 miles north of route 107--area easy to drive directly to--not far from road--there is a man stationed at Jet Round Pond Road and Pawtuckaway Lookout Road.

Called Lt Martin re above info

2.50 PM Cr 24 reports---There were only nine men on the plane 9 bodies has been located---names are Young-Jones-Haskins--three subjects identified---unable identify others at this time.

4.41 PM Cr 24 reports---bodies have been taken to Manchester-Grehier Field--Army guarding plane--Cr 24 resuming regular patrol

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NORTH EAST SECTOR JUST CALLED TO SEE IF YOU COULD GET A FU
FOR T.....T COMING SPC SPACE LINE AND OVERLINED TRY AGAIN PLS
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NORTH EAST SECTOR JUST CALLED TO SEE IF YOU COULD GET A REPORT
FOR THEM ON A PLANE CRASH A FOUR MOTORED BOMBER IN NOTTINGHAM N H AT
1029 THIS MORNING THEY SAID THE STATE POLICE OF N H HAD JUST GIVEN
THEM THE INFO THAT THE PLANE HAD CRASHED AND OF COURSE THEY WOULD
LIKE A FULL REPORT
FINIS OK YOUNG

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SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 4 11-29....9 MIN OK DISREGARD
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SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 4 11-29-44 11.32 AM AHEARN
TO SP BOSTON RE PLANE CRASH NOTTINGHAM--
THERE HAS BEEN A PLANE CRASH--AT ROUND POND--PAWTUCKAWAY LAKE-NOTTINGHAM
NH--A 4 MOTORED BOMBER PLANE FROM GRENIER FIELD MANCHESTER-NH--
SUPPOSED TO BE 10 BODIES ON PLANE-FOUR LOCATED--UNABLE GET NEAR
PLANE AT PRESENT--MAJOR MARTIN AND CREW FROM GRENIER FIELD-MANCHESTER--
NOW TAKING CARE OF IT
FINIS

OK YOUNG

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

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COMPLAINT SHEET

DATE Oct. 16, '44 TIME 2:44 VIA phone RECEIVED BY G. Cleveland Percy

COMPLAINANT Warrant Officer Kotlainen ADDRESS ATC Office, Manchester, N.H., Tel. 9040
Ext. 229 or 223

DETAILS:

The above office reports and requests all New Hampshire cruisers and police departments also Massachusetts and Maine be notified and requested to make a search for a B-24 4 motored bomber, color silver, No. 42-51067. This plane left Westover Field, Chicopee, Mass., last night at 10:13 Eastern War Time. Last contact with plane was 10:26 PM. Gas supply in plane would have been consumed at this time.

Radio 3.07 PM

Gr 18--reports at about 2.30 PM---a plane was seen around Epsom circled around and left in the direction of Dover or Rochester. Was seen about 2.30 PM.

Gave above info to PD Dover and Rochester

GBC 18---10-16-44 Radio trn 12 also to WBNV.

10-17-44 7-45 AM.

Arche Ray of West Rumney NH. called this AM. advises that she heard

a plane last Sunday night at about 12-30 PM. this plane was flying

very low as it woke them up that it might be the plane that was lost.

Oct 17-44 3:00 PM
Phone Call from A.T.C. stated this plane found N.W. J. Burleigh

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file in plane folder

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Phone Crash - File Previous May 12/44

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1. Percy Hall Epsom
2. and his son age 10 approx. } LEADER
3. Capt. Gray } In 1 group
4. Lt. Hoyer.

In group later which gathered at same

Roland Lambert
Cambridge Mass

Henry Monroe C. A. P.
New Rye.

Vernon Hall
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Phone Crash at
Epsom or Waltham
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John Davis, Short falls.
Joseph BOSIAK Epsom
W. J. Yeaton Northwood

Come out of woods with us.

Roland Lambert - Cambridge, Massachusetts

Henry Monroe - C. A. P., New Rye

Vernon Hall - R. F. D., Suncook

In the crew with myself were:

Captain Herbert Gray

Percy Hall and his son

Roland Lambert of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Signed L. H. Hoyer

April 24, 1944

In company with Captain Herbert F. Gray of the State Police, I went

to the Short Falls Post Office in Short Falls and from there we were directed to the home of Percy Hall of Epsom.

Here, we were told by Mr. and Mrs. Hall that at an unknown time they heard the drone of a plane and Mr. Hall's attention was May 5, 1944 on hearing the sound continuing to come nearer and nearer his house so he went

Doctor L. A. Sanders, Medical Referee
Merrimack County
23 West Street
Concord, New Hampshire

For two he heard a crash and Mrs. Hall said she thought she felt an explosion. She heard the sound and then a continued series of reports.

Dear Doctor Sanders: Reports continued for about a half an hour.

Enclosed please find copy of Lieutenant Hayes' report relative to his investigation at the scene of the airplane accident at Epsom, New Hampshire.

Very truly yours,

We located the scene which was scattered over a large area. I only saw two motors. Much of the plane was scattered to the rear of the motors.

The bodies were with the motors at the far end of the accident scene.

Enclosure: the scene I took names of all people which are as follows:

Percy Elliot - Hucksins Garage
Johnnie Davis, - Short Falls
Joseph Hostek - Epsom
Will Yeaton - Northwood
Roland Lambert - Cambridge, Massachusetts
Harry Monroe - C. A. P., New Rye
Vernon Hall - R. F. D., Suncook

In the orgw with myself were:

Captain Herbert Gray
Percy Hall and his son
Roland Lambert of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Signed

L. H. Hayes

Line to 12 Men Reported Dead In Army Plane Crash at Epsom; Ship Rams Mountain, Explodes

Craft Falls Into Pasture On Farm of Steve Bo- siak, Starting Fire in Densely Wooded Area

Grenier Field Officers Speed to Accident Scene

Townsfolk Stand About in Rain Watching Rescue Attempts; Low Clouds Handicap To Navigation

EPSON, April 24—Nine to 12 air-
men are reported to have lost their
lives when a large army plane crash-
ed into the side of Delight Mountain
here this morning at about 10 o'clock.

Under low hanging clouds, the
plane is said to have exploded with
terrific force, residents who rushed to
the scene reporting that nine to 12
bodies were discerned in the wreck-
age.

The plane crashed in the pasture on
the Steve Bosiak farm, starting a
woods fire which called out firemen
of this town and Deerfield.

Densely Wooded Area

The scene, in a densely wooded
area, about two miles from Mountain
Road was reached with great diffi-
culty.

Officers and men from Grenier
Field arrived at noon with command
cars and ambulances, prepared to
make the difficult trek into the woods.

Local persons said that planes often
use a gap in the Nottingham Moun-
tains in passing through this section.

State Police sent Maj. Herbert Gray
from Concord to investigate, also.

Townsfolk stood in the cold rain for
hours watching attempts at rescue.

It was not known from what field
the plane was flying.

At about 9 a. m. (EWT) a four-
motored plane flew over the home
of Bosiak on Mountain road traveling
in southeasterly direction, residents
reported.

A few minutes later a terrific ex-
plosion was heard by many of the
townspeople.

Bosiak, 25, of Mountain road was
among those who heard the explosion
and started into the woods in the di-
rection he had seen the plane fly. He
said he went about a mile and a half
to two miles and that during his
search he was directed to the plane
by a series of minor explosions.

Reports All Dead

"I went in first to see if I could be
of help to the injured men but when
I found them all dead I came back
to telephone and get some help."

Bosiak and a large party of civilians
including members of the Epsom and
Deerfield fire departments went back
to the scene and returned to Moun-
tain road at 12:30 o'clock.

He said he counted nine bodies but
another in the searching party ex-
pressed the belief there were 10 to 12
bodies.

Searchers said that the plane
crashed and plowed through the
woods for a distance of about 400
feet before it came to a stop.

They said that the spot was at least
an airline mile from mountain road.
Members of the party said that the
plane was a total wreck with parts
strewn over a wide area. The bodies
of the crew also were scattered along
the path cut by the huge plane.

Army officers and men from Gren-
ier Field command were helpless to
start their work until the searchers
returned from the mountainside to
conduct them to the scene.

Difficult to Reach

Word was immediately sent back to
Grenier Field for more ambulances
and more equipment.

The spot is difficult to reach. There
is a log road from the Bosiak farm
house part of the way but even this
road is described as a quagmire.

Walking conditions are such that
searchers were handicapped.

A heavy overcast which settled over
the mountaintop prevented observa-
tion from the road.

An army officer from Grenier Field
said he did not know if the plane
came from that base.

State troopers, Epsom and Deerfield
firemen and members of sheriff's office
were among the first men on the
scene after the alarm was given.

Mass Funeral Held For Ten Crash Victims

Officers, Men Dead After Bomber Wreck At Ep- som Are Buried

MANCHESTER, April 26 (AP)—Mass
funeral services were held at Grenier
Field today for the 10 officers and
men who lost their lives when a big
bomber crashed into Delight Moun-
tain and exploded at Epsom Monday.

Public relations officers at Grenier
Field said that simultaneous Catholic
and Protestant ceremonies would be
held.

Officials identified the fliers and
next of kin as follows:

Sgt. John L. Eddins, 26, father, Wal-
ter Eddins, Kingsville, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Marion L. Wolfgang, 23,
wife, Mrs. Maxine R. Wolfgang, 1314
Fairfield street, Muskegon, Mich.

Staff Sgt. Anthony L. Ferrone, 27,
mother, Mrs. Carmella Ferrone, 707
Amsterdam avenue, New York city.

2nd Lt. James H. Jones, 21, wife,
Mrs. Virginia A. Jones, Alumbank,
Pa.

Sgt. Lloyd E. Utley, 25, father, Wal-
ter L. Utley, Mt. Vernon, Ind.

Sgt. Francis M. Weaver, 36, wife,
Mrs. Hattie O. Weaver, 914 Texas ave-
nue, Mart, Tex.

Sgt. Joseph H. Negele, 23, father,
Charles Negele, 220 Riverside Drive,
Newark, Ohio.

2nd Lt. Marvin H. Rupp, 26, Win-
field, Kansas.

2nd Lt. Ardath R. Gannon, 27,
Rockwell City, Iowa.

2nd Lt. William Hunold, 22, of
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Airman Dead In Woodland

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Epsom Mountainside
For Body

ree Lieutenants
Now Are Identified

w Civil Air Patrol Toils
To Construct Road To
Fallen Bomber

PSOM, April 25 (P)—While Army Force men continued their all out search for the 10th victim of a bomber crash here yesterday, army officials made plans for a mass funeral here tomorrow at the Grenier Field. Bodies were recovered last night and soldiers worked without rest on the treacherous side of Dent Mountain to bring out the victims from the dense woodland. Tomorrow Chaplain Lionel E. Beauwill officiate at the services for Catholics, and Chaplain Ira E. Herman for the Protestants. As soon as the victims were identified, their families were notified, and those who are not too far from Manchester were expected to come for the services.

Three Identified

Officials identified three of the victims as:
Second Lieutenant Marvin M. Rupp, of Winfield, Kansas, husband of Maxine L. Rupp.
Second Lieutenant Ardath R. Gannon, 27, of Rockwell City, Iowa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Gannon.
Second Lieutenant William Hunold, of 409 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., son of Mrs. Dorothy W. Hunold.
Colonel Marlowe M. Merrick, commander of Grenier Field Air Transport command at Manchester, said the plane was from that station and that investigation would be made. Military guards were posted in the

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Seek Tenth Airman Dead In Woodland

Army Hunts All Night On
Epsom Mountainside
For Body

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area last evening, barring all except those with official business. Residents who were forced to come and go in the banned area were given military escort.

Make Corduroy Road

Roads were so churned by traffic that a civil air patrol group, organized here only last Saturday, was pressed into service to build a corduroy road to expedite movement of search parties.

These young men, led by Capt. Arthur R. Cheney, Concord, and Henry L. Stevens, prominent local agriculturalist, are undergoing a baptism of mud as they work night and day to construct the new road.

They are: Henry Munroe, Jr., Henry Stevens, Jr., Walter Pauling, Edward Nutter, Harris Mason, Bradford Allen, Robert and Philip Yeaton, Donald Munroe, Earl LaFleur, Richard Fowler, Leonard Batchelder, Jr., all of Epsom; Paul Milbury and Stanley Grimes, Pembroke.

Red Cross Aids

The canteen unit from Concord chapter, American Red Cross, working feverishly under direction of the chairman, Mrs. Orren E. Colby, fed 60 men between 4 and 10 last night. None of the men had eaten since breakfast, and they had been hacking a road into the wilderness all day. The unit appeared early this morning with gallons of oatmeal, coffee and doughnuts and had not reported out at noon.

Mrs. Helen Lombard, proprietor of a general store here, steadily refused payment for food from anyone in uniform. Furthermore, she improvised sandwiches from Argentinian corned beef brought from South America by her son.

It was thought here that wreckage of the plane, if salvaged at all, would have to be lowered over a cliff on the mountain side.

Nine Bodies, Hunt for 10th After Bomber Hits Mountain in Epsom

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT

EPSOM, April 24. — Ten Army fliers were killed Monday morning in the worst plane crash in the history of New Hampshire as a four-motored bomber, on a routine flight from Grenier Field in Manchester, crashed atop what is known generally as Wash Tub mountain.

Only three of the dead were identified tonight, and their families were notified by telephone by military authorities.

Tonight, with a heavy rain falling, officers of Grenier field were faced with the problem of bringing the 10 bodies from the very peak of the mountain.

Still Searching for 10th

Nine of the bodies were recovered and Army men were searching tonight for the 10th.

Those already identified and their names are:

Second Lt. Marvin M. Rupp, R. F. D. No. 2, Winfield, N. H.; 2nd Lt. Ardath R. Gannon, Rockwell City, Ia.; and 1st Lt. William Hunold, 409 Sterling place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Lieutenant Rupp is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maxine Rupp, and was born on Nov. 17, 1917. Lieutenant Gannon has as his nearest relatives his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gannon, and he was born on December 30, 1915. The third lieutenant, William Hunold, leaves his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Hunold, as his nearest relative. He was born on May 3, 1921.

Densely-Wooded Area

The plane crashed Wash Tub mountain, officially known as Fort mountain, which has an elevation of 1,400 feet, shortly after 9 a. m. when the roar of her four motors attracted farmspeople from many homes to watch the low-flying plane carry itself over the farms of James Libbey and Stephen Bozek before rising briefly and then crashing atop the treacherous mountain.

The tragedy took place in a densely-wooded area which gave volunteer searching parties and military authorities much difficulty in clearing a path to the ship and conducting the subsequent investigation.

It was agreed by farmers in the section that the plane was heading southwest when it flew low over the farms of Libbey and Bozek, before going over a small field and then rising briefly to crash on the mountain.

Joseph Bozek, 25, of Mountain road, ran from his house when he heard the heavy roar of the motors and figured there was something wrong.

"I thought the plane was going to crash into the barn," he told the Manchester Union, "and then when it cleared the roof I thought the pilot intended to make an emergency landing in the field. When I saw the plane rise I thought to myself that the crew would have to gain much more elevation than they had in order to clear the mountain. A few seconds later I heard a terrific explosion."

Young Bozek said that he started out immediately in the direction that the plane had traveled and was attracted to the scene of the crash by a series of minor explosions.

"I wanted to help any of the men who might have been injured, but when I found they were all dead I returned down the mountain immediately and telephoned the State Police," he reported.

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Plane Crash

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Bozek was the first to report that there were nine dead, not knowing that there was a 10th man in the crew. Another member of a searching party said it appeared that there were between 10 and 12 bodies scattered over the mountain top.

Although a searching party of between 15 and 20 men started into the woods from different directions soon after the accident, it was not until 12:30 this afternoon that they returned and brought to military authorities the first information as to the number of dead or injured.

Meanwhile, other volunteers and Army officers were handicapped by the fact that a heavy overcast had long since settled over the mountain.

Some observers thought fog was smoke and started into the woods in the general direction from which it was coming, only to learn that they were far away from the crash.

Weather conditions were described as bad if not worse than any ever experienced in this area in rescue operations. With the rain, fog and heavy overcast, it was impossible for anyone to enter the heavily-wooded area and know where he was going.

Cuts Wide Swath

The plane cut a swath of about 400 or 500 feet through the wooded land, cleaving trees six and eight inches thick as if they were straws. Parts of the plane and bodies were scattered along the path, and some sections of the craft, including one or more motors, flew through the air to lower land positions. The high-octane gas created a woods fire that was extinguished by rain. It would have been impossible for fire apparatus to operate anywhere near the area, and regular volunteer firemen would have experienced considerable difficulty in bringing Indian pumps—those carried on the back—to the top of the mountain. Ledge, moss, wet leaves, brush and trees impeded the progress of searchers nearby every foot of the way, and when these were not in the way there was water and mud.

The writer at one time sank almost to one knee in mud and water while returning from the mountain top. There were few members of the searching party or the military force brought into the area who were not wet through to the skin.

In late afternoon when the Union reporter returned from the mountain top fires were still burning and motors still smoldered. Army shoes were strewn here and there. There was a tooth brush near the silent plane. At another point were playing cards from a deck strewn helter-skelter.

Townpeople Help

Townpeople were busy doing whatever they could to help the Army. Mrs. Helen Lombard, proprietor of the general store, refused to accept money from servicemen on duty after they visited her store and had sandwiches and tonic or coffee. The Concord Re-Cross canteen arrived on the scene early tonight and began serving coffee and sandwiches and doughnuts. Unknown to the soldiers, the brisket beef served them by Mrs. Lombard had come from a South American country and had traveled as far as England before her son, Lt. Stephen Lombard, was able to send it home.

Jim Libbey, over whose home the huge plane flew before the plane crashed, outfitted a photographer with rubber boots, overalls, and a raincoat to protect him from the driving rain enroute to the mountain top.

"I'd show you the way," he said, "only I don't think my heart could stand it." He is in his 80's.

The Epsom and Deerfield Fire Departments (the scene was close to the line separating both towns) arrived on the scene within a short time after the crash, but they were helpless because no one on Mountain road at the time knew where the crash took place. All the volunteer searchers had entered from the Bozek and Ralph Cass farms and had not been heard from for hours.

Mr. Cass also observed the wreckage.

"There was little left of the big bomber," he said.

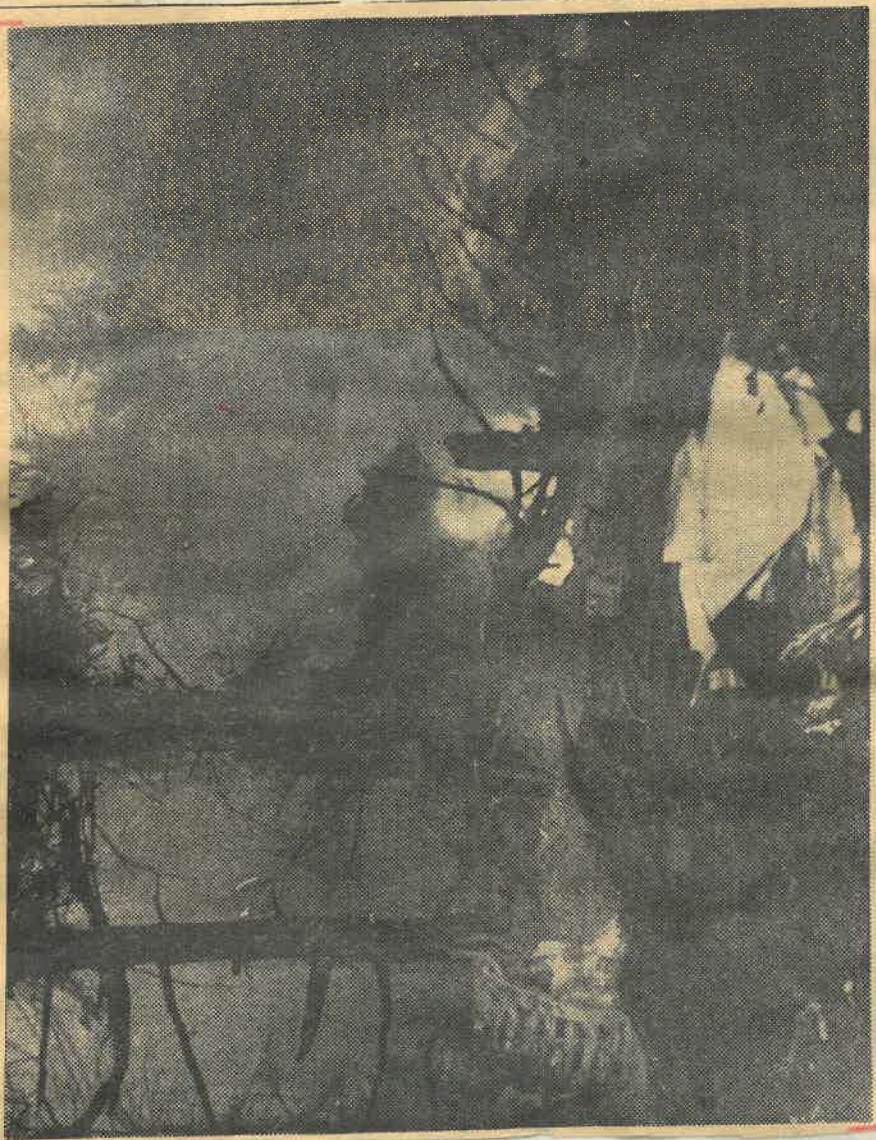
He was notified by a neighbor, Percy Hall, and went with his son, Robert Cass, 32, to the Libbey and Bozek farms where the searching party was organized.

Col. Marlowe M. Merrick, commanding officer of the Air Transport Command in Manchester, said that a board of officers had been named to investigate the crash.



Part of the scattered remains of a B-24 Liberator bomber which crashed on Washtub Hill near the Epsom-Deerfield line Monday morning and sent its crew of 10 men to instant death. A heavy explosion was heard by the residents of Epsom and the searching party found the heavy four-motored bomber blown to pieces, with parts found over an area of almost an acre. The above photo, showing part of the tail, was taken by Ralph L. Cass of Epsom, one of the first men to reach the scene.

BURNING RUINS OF FOUR-MOTORED ARMY BOMBER



Still burning in the muck of Wash Tub mountain is a part of a four-motored Liberator bomber which crashed Monday, carrying 10 Army airmen to their deaths. This photo was taken by Ralph Cass of Epsom.

Wreckage Of Plane In Crash At Epsom

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Ten men died in the wreckage of this Liberator bomber when it crashed on Washub hill near the Epsom-Deerfield line yesterday morning. Part of the tail of

the plane is shown in this picture taken by Ralph L. Cass of Epsom for the Manchester Union-Leader. An emergency crew built a road to the scene of the wreck.

2-22-44
To PD Manchester
For Grenier Field

Case No. 5661

We have just been advised that there has been a plane crash on the north shore near the Coast Guard - also near the Ben Butler place our trooper now on way to scene - do not know if plane is military or civilian wl adv later
Is this at Hampton Beach Right - OK Kelley

Feb. 23, 1944

11:28 AM - Chief Harkness called, is escorting the Coast Guard who are moving the crashed plane up Wincummet Road to Rt. 1. Wants Cr. 21 to take over there.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

Report on Airplane crash on Hampton Beach - Route 1A - 2-22-44

At 5:15 P.M. A plane belonging to the Royal Navy, manufactured by the U.S.A. and piloted by Kenneth Leapman, attached to the Squantum Air Base, Squantum, Mass. D.O.b. 8-16-23 "panicked" on Rt. 1A. This plane can be described as a single engine, low wing monoplane, with room for Pilot & crew. This plane is a torpedo plane, T.B.F. or "Avenger".

There were no injuries to the pilot and damage to the plane was confined to a bent propeller, damaged "skin" on right wing and there must of been damage to bottom of plane however I was unable to see any.

The cause of the accident as told to me by the pilot was "icing" of wings, unable to lower landing gear, poor visibility and loss of power.

The color of plane was two shades of Blue with a white-bluish bottom.

The markings on plane consisted of about a 24" in diam. circle of yellow, Blue, white and red colors, right beside this circle were the figures 5H. Near the rudder were the words Royal Navy and the figures JZ491.

This plane landed with its wing flaps down.

The weather at the time of the accident was a combination of snow & rain with a thick mist hanging low.

The plane stopped almost in front of the "Regan" cottage.

Makes Crash Landing on Boulevard

Special to The Union.

HAMPTON BEACH, Feb. 22—A British pilot, lost in a snow squall, crashed his ship on Ocean boulevard here about 5:15 p. m. Monday evening, landing near Tenth street, about a half mile south of the Hampton Beach Coast Guard station. The plane skidded along the highway on its belly for 500 feet before hitting the seawall.

The pilot was taken to the Coast Guard station and the area about the plane was roped off by Police Chief Jerome F. Harkness. Local and State Police guarded the plane until the arrival of soldiers from the Portsmouth Harbor Defenses station at Newcastle.

Observers reported seeing the plane circling at a low altitude for some time before it landed. The pilot was seen to lower his landing gear, but immediately retracted it for a belly landing, apparently to shorten the run of the ship after landing as the highway was lined with cottages.

May 5, 1943 8:14 AM Called Derry 63-gave info TT SP Boston D-1 & 2- and PD Manchester
1 re plane crash about four miles east of Grenier Field-will cover
with Bergeren.

8:45 Called G. Stuart Campbell re above info-given to his Ass't.

8:49 Cr. 20 advises pilot O.K - plane located about 3 miles east of
New Londonderry in the woods.

10:10 Added info on items 8:14 and 8:49 AM date - re radio trans. 9:50 date-
from Cr. 20 - Sgt. Parent-re plane crash-is a P-47 fighter-in woods in
Auburn-1/4 mi. from a black road in woods-plane total wreck-pilot bailed
out - is OK-name unknown at this time(to be supplied later) the back road
runs from the Londonderry Pike. Acc. occurred at 7:50 AM date.

3:10 Name of pilot mentioned in above entries-
(Arlard Baldridge)- (this info to be strictly confidential-name not to be
given to Public!)

See TT items

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

DATE May 5, 1943

FROM Sgt. Parent

AT (OFFICE) Derry, N.H.

SUBJECT Air Plane crash at Auburn.

To Ralph W. Caswell
Supt. State Police
Concord, N.H.

Dear Sir;

I received a call from headquarters at 8.15 A.M. this date informing me that a plane had crashed four miles south of Grenier Field, on route 28, and that the pilot had bailed out and was about six miles east of the base.

I got in touch with Trooper Bergeron at once and had him go up route 28 and I went up the Londonderry Turn Pike. I met an army sergeant there and he informed me that the pilot had been located and was being taken to the base. He said that he was O.K. except a small cut on the bottom lip. I was also informed that the plane had been located, and after being given its location I at once notified the office regarding this and went there. This plane landed in the woods about three miles east of the Londonderry Turn-Pike in the town of Auburn. At the scene of this accident I met Capt. Martin from Grenier Field and was told by him that the pilot had bailed out just a few hundred yards from where the plane landed. After the pilot landed he was picked up by someone that lives in the district, and was being taken to Manchester when they were met by officials from the base.

This plane was a P 47 Fighter and the pilot was alone at the time. After striking the ground this plane caught fire and was a complete wreck. I was unable to get much information at the scene as Capt. Martin did not know who the pilot was at that time but he told me to call him at the base later in the day and he would give me that information. I called him at 3 P.M. this date and he told me that this boy's name is Arlard Baldrige, age twenty. I was unable to get anymore information and Captain Martin requested that we keep this information from the press.

Very truly yours,

Henry J. Parent

4/23/43 3:18 PM

Sgt. Conti reports via radio- re plane crash.

Plane was a pursuit ship, authorities will not give out make or style. Flown by 2nd. Lt. Robert E. Pherson, Grenier Field, altitude 2200 - coming out of bombing range when plane caught on fire; pilot bailed out, uninjured; plane total wreck. Landed at Bedford one mile east of Holbrook Farm at the edge of graveled road, no name. Plane now being guarded by soldiers from Grenier Field.

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Item 4/23/43 1:14 PM Sgt. Conti adv. via radio - plane crash near Mont Vernon-is to cover and advise.

1:16 Peterboro tel. op. called re plane crash-adv. is on Shirley Hill road from Goffstown to Bedford on way to Merrimack in near Voses Corner. Understand pilot bailed out.

1:20 SP Boston called via TT item D-7 at 1:17 PM date-re plane crash-understand plane is on fire-adv. them our Tr. checking.
would

1:22 Called Aeronautics re above-adv. them further on added info.Att BCI.

1:48 Major Brown, C.A.P. called-re plane crash would like us to give all information possible to Mr. Chamberlain of the Aeronautics. Adv. have already done so and will keep them adv. of further developments.

2:02 Major Barnard, B. I. C.(Boston) report via S.P. Boston TT #C-5 2:02 PM date-that he has information from Manchester that the man in the tower at Grenier Field saw pilot bail out, get up and walk away. Apparently is O.K. Would appreciate any information you can give us on incident such as outfit, anything pertaining to the identity of plane.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

COMPLAINT SHEET

DATE 5-13-43 TIME 7.03 VIA TTC-12 RECEIVED BY SymondsCOMPLAINANT Boston Info. Center Cpl. LovensteinADDRESS BostonDETAILS: Plane Crash. in Candia. Believed
Pilot burned to Death.

Cr-23 and 16 at the scene of the acc. Cr-16 Waters, reported that a pursuit ship crashed and the pilot was killed. No fire as first reported. Capt. Martin, who went to scene with Tr. Waters, requests a detail of four men, equipped with blankets, to stay at scene over night. Capt. Martin requests that this message be sent to Capt. Rogers at Grenier Field.

Called Capt. Rogers with this message.

Capt. Martin advises that the pilot's last name is "Ralph" first name unknown.

name: Charles R Ralph
age 24 - Waverly, Va.

ASSIGNED TO Tr Brown ^{Cr-23} DATE 5-13-43 TIME 7-14 PM BY: Symonds

WRITTEN REPORT

RECEIVED _____

REMARKS:

Log entry 5/13/43 7:05 PM Reported by TT item from SP Boston C-12-Airplane crash No. East of Manchester in Candia - pilot believed burned to death-ambulance on way-this reported by PD Manchester-Call to Cr. 23 to check-Called Mr. Campbell, Dept. of Aero. not located.

8:40 Cld. Mr. Campbell at Andover-re plane crash.

8:40 Called Capt. Rogers at Grenier Field with info from Captain Martin at scene of plane crash-to detail 4 men to scene of crash w/ blankets to stay overnight. Plane a pursuit plane-pilot killed.

9:05 Called Capt. Rogers at Grenier Field w/ info from Capt. Martin at scene of crash.

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STON C-12

5-13-43

7:03 PM

NELSON

MANCHESTER AND SP CONCORD, NH

PL-LOWENSTEIN BOSTON INFOR. CTR -- CALLED TO REPORT A PLANE CRASH AT POINT SLIGHTLY
NORTHEAST OF MANCHESTER IN CANDIA, N.H. LOCAL PD & FIRE DEPT. BELIEVED TO BE AT SCENE
PILOT BELIEVED TO BE BURNED TO DEATH. CAN U CHECK & ADV. ANY INFO U MAY SECURE
FINIS OK KELLEY AT MANCHESTER OK SYMONDS

PD MANCHESTER

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7-07 PM

KELLEY

TO SP BOSTON

UR C-12

GRENIER FIELD CHECKED THEY HAVE INFO AMBULANCE ON WAY CRASH IN CANDIA-NO OTHER INFO AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME FINIS OK PERLITSH

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

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Groveton

February 10, 1943
February 11, 1943

Colonel
State
Concord
G. Stuart Campbell, Acting Director
State Aeronautics Commission
State House
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Trooper Harold Johnson regarding the forced landing of a plane piloted by one Sergeant Lester Lane of 124 Ferry Squadron, HDQ Unit, Ottawa, Canada. Plane #2900.

We are forwarding this information to you for your files.
Very truly yours,

TDC:en
encl.
COLONEL RALPH W. CASWELL
Superintendent

Having only 20 gallons of gasoline left, and as it was getting dark fast, he decided to make a forced landing. He received slight injuries to his nose.

He thought that outside of the propeller being badly bent, very little damage was done to the plane.

Trooper Sherman and I guarded the plane until 7:40 this morning, when seven soldiers arrived from Grenier Field. They were in charge of Wernel Lane, 83rd Guard Squadron, Grenier Field, Manchester, N. H.

Yours truly,

W.B. Johnson

MR CAMPBELL

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

February 10, 1943

Colonel Ralph Caswell
State Police
Concord, N. H.

Dear Sir:

This is to report a forced landing of a R.A.F. Plane at Groveton, N. H. at 6:15 P.M. February 9, in Ismond Ellingwood's field, just off the road known as the Brown Road.

This plane was piloted by Sgt. Lester Lane, Ottawa, Canada, 124 Ferry Squadron, Hdq. unit, Ottawa. Plane #2900.

Four Canadian planes left Bangor, Maine at 4:30 P.M. on February 9. Sgt. Lane lost track of the other three planes in the clouds and said that the winds about the clouds caused him to drift from his course. He circled around North Stratford, and saw the sign "N. H.--Vermont Lbr. Co." He then drifted back to Groveton, circled Groveton several times in order to set his bearings and find a place to land.

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Yours truly,

HB Johnson

COPY TO
AERONAUTICS
MR CAMPDELL

- plane 5661*
- PM Lt. Buick, First Fighter Command control center, Boston - has received call from Thomas Morriss, Chief Observer at Groveton, Phone 117-4 - there is a plane down either in the Conn. River or in a Meadow near the river.
- 7:07 PM Called Tr. Johnson at Lancaster to check entry 7:05
- 7:29 PM Tr. Johnson reports by radio that there is a plane down in a meadow just outside of Groveton - is one of three planes out to Bangor - on way to Groveton for further check.
- 7:50 PM Lt. Buick, Fighter Control Center, Boston reports re plane in Groveton - Plane is a North American Harvard Training Plane enroute from St. Hubert to Montreal, Canada - No. 2900 - pilot, Sgt. L. Lane - slight injury to nose - has received medical care. Wants plane guarded until detail from Army arrives - advised would have troopers stand by.
- 8:10 PM Called Mr. Campbell, Aero. Comm., re entry 7:50.
- 8:43 PM Tr. Johnson reports plane is down in Groveton in a field about 200 ft. from highway reports same as entry 7:50 - is to contact Tr. Sherman and they to guard plane until Army Detail arrives.
- 12:00 PM Col. Howe called from First Fighter control - reports that detail has left Grenier Field, Manchester - for Groveton - to take charge of plane grounded there.

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Ralph Barnes
Chief of Police, Sandown, N.H.
Mr. Crocker
Chief of Police, Hampstead, N.H.
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE POLICE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

Major Holden
Major Augustinis
Major Hubbard

Trooper: Joseph W. Demasky
Investigating: Airplane Crash
Committed at: East Hampstead, N.H.
Arrest or Summons:
Name of Defendant:
Residence:
Charged with:
Municipal Court at:
Counsel for State:
Date of hearing:
Continued to:
Witnesses:
Assisting: U.S. Army, Grenier Field,
Manchester, N.H.
Date: 8-19-43. Trooper, N.H. State Police
Date:
Alias:
Name of Judge:
Counsel for Defense:
Plea: Found: Guilty
Not Guilty
Final Disposition:
Appealed: Yes
No

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Grand Jury at:
Superior Court at:
Name of County Solicitor:
Amount involved:
Owner:
Plea:
Date:
Name of Justice:
Amount Recovered:
Final Disposition:

DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT

Place of Birth: Date of Birth: Age:
Height: Weight: Build:
Hair: Eyes: Color:
Marks, if any:
Occupation: Fingerprint classification:
Previous Record:
Assisted by Trooper:

(Give Detailed Description of Investigation on Reverse Side)

Joseph W. Demasky
State Trooper

file

On Thursday August 19, 1943. While on tour of patrol duty and being parked in the town of Danville, N.H. Miss Lois Johnson reported an Airoplane crash. Thought to be in the vicinity of East Hampstead, N.H. The Airoplane accident occurring about 4:30 P.M.

While being parked in Danville, I saw two planes in the air. Then I heard one of the planes sound as if going into a nose dive, but did not see it. Very shortly after, Miss Lois Johnson reported the crash. Miss Johnson lives in Danville, N.H.

I looked up in the air and could see the smoke. It seemed to be in the direction of Angle Pond, Sandown, N.H. I called Hdqtrs. and informed that I had a report of an Airoplane crash. Stated that I was on my way to the scene and would advise if there was any thing to the report. On nearing the scene I noticed a lot of cars and people traveling towards the scene of the accident. On entering the woods south of Angle Pond, Sandown, N.H. I met Chief of Police Ralph Barnes of Sandown, N.H. On arriving at the scene of the Airoplane accident, I noticed a few people at the scene who arrived there before Chief Barnes and I did. The plane was all ablaze and on fire. Completely demolished. Three or four bodies lying on the ground near the plane. Bodies being burned and mutilated beyond recognition. The woods were beginning to burn around there. I requested Chief Barnes, to ask some of the men around the place, to form a circle and keep the people away from the burning plane. Also to try and get ahold of some rope so as to rope the place off. To keep the people away. Then I went back to where my cruiser was parked and called Hdqtrs. Gave Hdqtrs. the information and requested Hdqtrs. to notify the Army authorities at Grenier Field, Manchester, N.H. and also Medical Referee, Dr. Tietlebaum of Derry, N.H. Gave Hdqtrs. directions for the Army authorities and Dr. Tietlebaum the shortest route to travel to reach the scene of accident. Stated that I would stand by until their arrival. Shortly after, Chief of Police, Crooker of Hampstead, N.H. and Trooper James Brown arrived and assisted. The Plaistow Fire Dept. and Hampstead Fire Dept. Had arrived at the scene.

While standing by for the Army authorities to arrive, I received some information from some people that saw the plane go down.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy W. Rollins of Central St. East Hampstead, N.H. Mrs. Thomas Root of the same address and staying with the Rollins family. and Mrs. Julia A. Sullivan. also staying at the Rollins place. Home address, 49 Park St. Danvers, Mass. These people stated that they saw the plane going over, then it started to spin and went into a nose dive. The plane was not on fire at the time. Mr. Rollins stated that he thought that the pilot was having engine trouble. The motor sounded kind of funny. After the plane took a nose dive, they heard the explosion and saw the smoke.

Mr. Ralph Smith of Salem, N.H. and Mr. Francis Haggett of Route 111 East Hampstead, N.H. Stated and claimed that they were the first ones to arrive at the scene of the accident. After the plane had crashed. There was no one around there but them.

Mr. Ralph Smith was on his way home from Exeter, N.H. Mr. Smith operates a saw mill, located on Brentwood Rd. Exeter, N.H. Was very near the scene of accident when it occurred. Mr. Francis Haggett stated that he had just arrived home from work. He saw the plane as it was first spinning, then went into a nose dive. Then heard the explosion and saw the smoke. Mr. Haggett jumped into his car and went to the scene of the accident. On the way in, he met Mr. Ralph Smith. Mr. Haggett stated that when they arrived at the scene, he saw the bodies lying on the ground. The bodies were not on fire as yet. But could not get near the bodies, due to the fire and heat of the burning plane.

On the arrival of some of the Army authorities and as I was going to take them into the woods to where the plane was, a man came up to me and pointed out a man that just came out of the woods and away from the scene, stating that this man had taken some pictures of the burning plane. I called this man over to the Army Vehicle. One of the Army Officers who was in the vehicle. took the camera away from the man. The man gave the officer his name as Fuller. Also gave his address. The Army Officer informed the man that he could get his camera back by calling at the Grenier Field, At Manchester, N.H. after the Film was taken out of camera. The man gave his camera to the Army Officer.

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Later on another man gave me some more information and a slip of paper with a Mass. and N.H. registration on the paper. Stating that the man in the Mass. Reg. car. Mass. 69623 a DeSoto car. told the man in the N.H. Reg. Car. N.H. Reg. 87566 that he took some pictures on hearing that a man's camera was taken away; he threw his camera in the bushes. Later he went and got his camera. Stating that the man that had his camera taken away wasn't wise. Stating that the man lost his pictures and he had his. This information with the slip of paper I turned over to one of the Army Officers. Was a Capt. Name not known, by me.

Another Army Capt. who was at the scene indentified the plane as being a, D C-3 or a C 49, a transport. Supposed to be the property of the Eastern Air Lines and leased to the U.S. Army.

There was supposed to be and thought to be three civilians and an army man in the plane. One of the bodies was indentified as being an army man, after the body was removed on a stretcher and finding the identification tags. The name was thought to be, Bell. First name not known. There were four men in the plane, and the four bodies were removed from the scene of accident and taken to Grenier Field, Manchester, N.H. in an Army Ambulance, on order of Medical Referee, Dr. Tietlebaum.

A wrist watch, Bulova make, was found near the plane by one of the soldiers. Badly demolished. The hour hand was still in tact, and showed to be on four o'clock. The minute hand was missing. But the imprint of the minute hand showed the be on twenty-seven minutes after four. It was thought that this was about the time the accident might of occurred.

After the bodies were removed and every thing was under control, an army guard was posted around what was left of the plane and scene. The wreckage was to be picked up in the morning.

The accident occurred on the property of, Mr. Eugene True of Hampstead, N.H. about one and one half miles in the woods, north of Route 141 East Hampstead, N.H. Time late after noon and the weather being clear.

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Added Information

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE POLICE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

Trooper: Joseph W. Demasky

Assisting:

Investigating: Airplane Crash

Committed at: East Hampstead, N.H.

Date: 8 - 19 - 43.

Arrest or Summons:

Date:

Name of Defendant:

Alias:

Residence:

Charged with:

Municipal Court at:

Name of Judge:

Counsel for State:

Counsel for Defense:

Date of hearing:

Plea:

Found: Guilty
Not Guilty

Continued to:

Final Disposition:

Witnesses:

Appealed: Yes
No

Grand Jury at:

Superior Court at:

Name of Justice:

Name of County Solicitor:

Amount involved:

Amount Recovered:

Owner:

Plea:

Final Disposition:

Date:

DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT

Place of Birth:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Height:

Weight:

Build:

Hair:

Eyes:

Color:

Marks, if any:

Occupation:

Fingerprint classification:

Previous Record:

Assisted by Trooper:

State Trooper

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE POLICE

Attached to this State Police Criminal Investigation Report, Please find two news paper clippings. One is from the Haverhill Evening Gazette. Dated, Saturday Aug. 21, 1943. and the other clipping is from the, Manchester Union. Dated, Monday Aug. 23, 1943.

These clippings bear the released names of crash-victims and identified by the, Public Relations at Grenier Field, Manchester, N.H.

Date	Aug. 21 - 1943
Place	Haverhill
Case No.	
Charge	
Arrested by	
Witnesses	
Vehicle	
Location	
Time	
Weather	
Remarks	

DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT

Name	
Age	
Height	
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Occupation	
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Previous Record	
Arrested by	

(Give Detailed Description of Investigation on Reverse Side)

State Trooper

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1943

Release Names of Crash Victims

Four Soldiers, One Civilian Lost Lives at Hampstead

The names of four soldiers and one civilian killed in the crash of an Army cargo plane in Hampstead Thursday afternoon were made public Saturday.

Public relations at Grenier Field identified the military personnel as:

2nd Lt. Charles R. Appier, 21, whose wife, Mrs. Wanda Appier, lives at Box 343, Ft. Stockton, Tex., and whose mother, Mrs. Lucy M. Appier, is at RFD 2, Huntington, Ind.

2nd Lt. Robert W. Barron, 20, whose father, Frank Barron, lives in Route 1, Gladstone, Mich.

PFC Conroy Newcomb, 21, whose father, Troy Newcomb, lives in Lewis, Kan.

PFC Robert A. Bell, 21, whose father, Arthur S. Bell, lives in Route 3, Flandreau, S. D.

Officials at Northeast Airlines in East Boston, Mass., identified the civilian as Robert G. Whiden, 25, of 114 Temple street, West Newton, Mass., an instructor in pilot train-

ing and a captain with the airlines. Grenier Field officials said that cause of the crash was not known and that a board was still investigating. All men aboard the two-motor Douglas cargo plane were based in Boston, authorities said, and were on a training flight from the East Boston airport. The bodies were removed to the Lambert Funeral home, from where they will be sent to next-to-kin.

Victims Of Hampstead Airplane Crash Named

Public relations office at Grenier field, Manchester, N. H., today identified the five who were carried to death in the crash of an Army cargo ship in Hampstead, N. H., Thursday afternoon, as four Army men and one civilian.

Army personnel was identified as Second Lt. Charles R. Aphier, age 21, husband of Mrs. Wanda Aphier, Fort Stockton, Tex., formerly of Huntington, Ind.; Second Lt. Robert W. Barron, age 20, son of Frank Barron, Gladstone, Mich.; Pfc. Conroy N. Newcomb, age 21, son of Troy Newcomb, Lewis, Kan.; and Pfc. Robert A. Bell, age 21, son of Arthur Bell, Flandreau, S. D.

The fifth body uncovered from the charred ruins of the two-motor plane which exploded after attempting a crash landing in a wooded area, was identified as that of R. G. Whidden, employed by the Northeast Airlines. Whidden's age or his address has not been determined by Army officials.

There were no further details available on the crash, nor the destination of the plane.

The crash occurred late Thursday afternoon, not far from Angle pond, in Hampstead. The plane was seen to go into a spin shortly before it hurtled to ground in an earth-shaking

crash. Its nose was buried eight feet in the ground. An explosion followed.

MAN SL KNOCKED

Friday, August 20, 1943

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5.40 PM Cr. 24 reports Guard on Duty at Plane Crash Hampstead reports one more body found.

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Daily Log.

Time
5:05 Lt. Bruder, Grenier Field called, States Crash Detail on way to scene of Acc.
5:35 Called Grenier Field and Reported Cond. at scene of Crash (Cr. 24)
6:00 Called Mr. Cambell ro report Air Plane Crash, NOT LOCATED
6:08 Reported Air Plane Crash to Robt. Potter (Concord)
7:52 Called Haverhill P.D. Re: Request of Maj. Augustine of Grenier Field to have Op. of Car Mass, Reg. 69-623 Picked up, Also Camera in his Poss. This party reported to have taken Pictures at scene of Army Plane Crash in Hampstead.
8:20 Haverhill PD called. Report that pictures taken by operator of car 69-623 have been sent to Boston. Wants Maj. Augustine's Tel. No. to contact him direct. Gave number.

SP BOSTON c-15 8-19-43 4-49 PM OBRIEN
TO SP CONCORD NH. FROM ARMY INFO CENTER BOSTON
HAVE JUST RECD CALL FROM SPOTTER THAT BY MOTOR PLANCE HAS CRASHED
AT DANVILLE, NH. SPOTTER CAN SEE SMOKE RAISING AND LOCAL POLICE
AND FIRE DEPT. HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED PLS HAVE CHECK MADE AND ADVISE NUMBERS OF
PLANE IF POSSIBLE AND NAME OF PILOT AND CONDITION
FINIS

OK OUR TROOPER IS THERE NOW IS CHKING WILL ADVISE

LO CONCORD HAVE JUST GOT A CALL FROM ANDOVER RE A PLANE CRASH IN NH
OVER THE HAVERHILL LINE HAVE FIRE DEPT. HAVE GO TO SCENE
WOULD THIS BE THE SAME PLANE AS THE DANVILLE CRASH OR ANOTHER

THINK IT WOULD BE THE SAME OK WILL NOT CALL THE ARMY ON IT THEN
ARMY AT MANCHESTER ADVISES THAT CRASH TRUCKS AND FIRE TRUCKS ARE ON THE WAY NOW
WELL FROM THE LOOKS THERE SHUD BE LOTSA FORE QUIPMENT THERE

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 13 8019-43 5-42 PM SYMONDS
TO SP. BOSTON UR ITEM C-15 DATE FOR ARMY INFO CER.
THAT PLANE CRASHED IN HAMPSTEAD NH. IS A TOTAL LOSS BURNED
COMPLETELY ALSO SEVERAL BODIES IN PLANE BUT UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THEM AS YET
CRASH DETAIL FROM GRENIER FIELD, MANCHESTER ON WAY THERE NOW FINIS

SP BOSTON C-19 8-19-43 8056 PM OBRIEN
TO SP CONCORD NH. FROM ARMY INFO CENTER BOSTON
REF OUR C-15 DATE ON PLANE CRASH AT HAMPSTEAD, NH.
CANC. YOUR AT THIS TIME ADVISE ANY INFO AS TO WHERE THE PLANE WAS FROM
ALSO HAW MANY BODIES WERE RECOVERED FROM SAME AND IF ANY IDENTIFIICATION WAS MADE?

THIS PLANE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AN EASTERN TRANSPORT LINES PLANE
LEASED TO ARMY NO. C47 THERE WERE ON ARMY MAN BELIEVED NAME TO BE "BELL"
AND 3 CIVILIANS IN PLANE ALL BURNED BEYOND RECOGNITION

IS THAT ONE ARMY MAN THAT RIGHT DON'T KNOW AT THIS TIME WERE PLANE WAS FROM

Four Killed in Crash of Army Plane in Hampstead Woods

Cargo Ship Explodes and Burns After Plunge; Three Civilians and Army Officer Are Believed Victims

Army officials at Grenier Field announced last night that a cargo type Army plane had crashed at Hampstead yesterday on the property of Eugene True. They would reveal no further details on the accident.

Special to The Union.

HAMPSTEAD, Aug. 19—Four bodies were removed from an Army plane that crashed in the woods near Angle pond shortly before 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Dr. A. D. Teitelbaum of Derry, medical referee for Rockingham county, was called to the scene and he reported that he examined "four bodies that were burned and crushed." He said further information would have to come from Army officials.

Bursts into Flames

Eye-witnesses of the crash said they saw the two-motored Army plane go into a bank then a spin before it plunged to the earth and burst into flames on the property of Eugene True, approximately a mile and one-half from Route 111, the Hampstead-Exeter road.

Among the first persons to arrive at the scene of the crash were Police Chief Ralph Barnes of San-

down, State Trooper Joseph Damaskey of Exeter and Fire Chief Levi Dustin of Hampstead.

Chief Dustin, his wife and son were among the eye-witnesses who saw the big ship acting strangely as it cruised slowly at only a moderate altitude. Something seemed to be wrong with the plane and when it went into a spin the Dustins started to watch for the possible bailing out of the occupants but they saw none.

After the crash there was an explosion which Chief Dustin said he could hear about three miles from the spot where the wreckage of the plane was found.

Chief Dustin quickly assembled his 15-man crew of volunteer firefighters, loaded a truck with Indian knapsack pumps and was on his way out of the yard by the time the first wisps of black smoke could be seen trailing up from the wreck.

No Chance for Rescue

When they arrived at the scene, after traveling over a little-used woods road, the plane was burning so fiercely that there was no chance of extinguishing the fire and even less opportunity of attempting to rescue any of the occupants.

They quickly extinguished a

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Plane Crash

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woods fire which was started by the crash and subsequent explosion. Chief Dustin also reported that four bodies were later taken from the wreckage but that all were so badly burned and crushed that immediate identification appeared impossible.

Police Chief Barnes of Sandown reported that three of the victims were civilians and one was an Army officer but this could not be confirmed. He also reported that

Army Probes Plane Crash At Hampstead

At Least Four Killed When Ship Plunges After Spin

HAMPSTEAD, Aug. 20 (AP)—Army authorities today were investigating the crash of an army cargo plane which plunged to earth and burned near Angle pond yesterday with the loss of at least four lives.

The Eastern Defense Command in New York announced that the four bodies had been recovered from the wreckage and added that a fifth man was believed aboard the plane.

Fire Chief Levi Dustin told of seeing the plane go into a spin and hurtle to the ground. He said he assembled 15 volunteer firemen and rushed to the scene.

The fire chief said a patch of woods caught fire from the blazing plane but that it was quickly extinguished.

Identification of the dead fliers was not available immediately, pending notification of next of kin.

Army authorities at Grenier field, Manchester, described the plane as a service craft of cargo type.

FOUR DEAD IN CARGO PLANE

Large Army Aircraft Crashes Near Hampstead, N. H., and Explodes ---Death List May Rise

HAMPSTEAD, N. H., Aug. 19—

At least four and probably six officers and men were instantly killed in the crash and explosion of a big two-motored army cargo plane late this afternoon in the woods near Angle Pond near route 111, about three miles out of this village.

So devastating was the explosion which followed the forced landing of the ship, that the detonation was heard clearly here. Black smoke billowed up high into the clear sky.

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FOUR DEAD IN CRASH OF PLANE

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Fire Chief Levi Dustin, his son and hired man witnessed the descent of the big plane, and saw the black smoke arise after an earth-shaking blast.

"The ship was seeking a landing," Chief Dustin said tonight. "We saw its landing wheels lowered, as it began descending and disappeared from our sight into the woods."

"Immediately, it seemed, there came a terrific explosion; a sheet of flame, and then black smoke belched up."

"When we got to the scene, the ship was shattered beyond identification. There was not enough of the crew left to tell whether there were four or six men, or their ranks. One wrist watch was found, with the hands stopped at 4:23 o'clock, the time of the crash."

Board Probing Crash

A military mission arrived later from Grenier Field, Manchester, but officers were unable to learn much of the ship, its cargo or personnel, they said, so a terrific had been the explosion. It was not known at that time from which quarter the plane had come.

The explosion set the woods afire, and Hampstead firemen and civilians had a hard time extinguishing it, Chief Dustin said.

From Grenier Field, tonight, it was stated that when the investigating officers were able to find enough to make a report, a communique will be issued.

Goes Into Tail Spin

Eye witnesses said they saw the plane go into a tail spin as it fell. It was losing altitude fast and then went into the fatal spin, they said.

Medical Referee Dr. A. D. Teitelbaum of Derry said there were at least four bodies, three civilians and one army

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SP BOSTON D-1
TO SP NEW HAMPSHIRE

8-20-43

8.53 A.M

WRIGHT

BOSTON ARMY INFORMATION CENTER CALLED FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
YOU CAN GIVE ON THE PLANE CRASH CRASH AT HAMPSTEAD NH AS THEY
ONLY HAVE THE INFO NOW THAT YOU GAVE THEM THE RESULT OF OUR C-19
LAST NIGHT.

FINIS

OK WL CK AND ADUR - BROWN - TKS

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SP NEW HAMPSHIRE

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820-43

9-09 AM

BKOWN

TO SP BOSTON RE UR D-1 DATE

BE AD THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO FURNISH THIS INFO -----

FOR UR INFO - THE ARMY- " GRENIER FIELD" MANCHESTER - NH---

HAS TAKEN OVER THE INVESTIGATION ----- AND ANY INFORMATION NEEDED

PROBABLY COULD BE OBTAINED FROM THAT SOURCE -

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
INTER--DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

5661

DATE May 2, 1943

FROM Trooper James F. Brown

AT (OFFICE) Epping, N.H.

SUBJECT Plane Crash

TO Colonel Ralph Caswell
State Police Dept.
Concord, N.H.

Dear Sir:

This morning about 9:10 I received a call from Sergeant Parent telling me to go immediately to South Kingston where an Army plane had crashed. I went to So. Kingston and found that the plane had crashed in the wood land of Fred Heath, located about one mile off route 125 on the so-called Hunt Road. The Pilot of the plane had been rescued from a pine tree in which the paracute had tangled. He had been brought to the home of Mr. Whittier on route 125. I instructed Mr. Whittier to call an ambulance at once and the injured Pilot was taken to the Exeter Hospital. Sergeant Parent escorted the ambulance to the Hospital.

I went to the place where the plane had crashed and found Chief Carter and Deputy Sheriff Stevens of Kingston there. We took a rope and roped off a section of the woods to keep people away from the plane. Chief Carter appointed several men to help guard the wrecked plane. I went back to the highway to keep cars from entering the woods road.

Lieut. Holdenbrook who came with the ambulance from Grenier Field, asked me to take him and some others to the Exeter Hospital. Returning to Kingston I took Lieut. Martin, Lieut. Ross and several other army officers to the place where the plane had crashed. Here they questioned several witnesses and asked me to stay there until a ground crew came from Manchester to get the wreck.

Sergeant Parent and I stayed until about 3:30 when the ground crew arrived.

I learned from Lieut. Holdenbrook that the injured pilot was Lieut. Edward Paetz from Massachusetts and that the plane was a P47.

Very Sincerely,

James F. Brown

GA
SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 1 5-2-43 10.00 AM AHEARN
TO SP BOSTON RE UR ITEM E-8 RE PLANE CRASH
PILOT BEING TAKEN TO EXETER HOSPITAL-EXETER NH---AN ARMY PLANE
MORE INFO LATER
FINIS OK PERLITSH

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T GA
SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 2 5-2-43 10.17 AM AHEARN
TO SP BOSTON RE UR ITEM E-8 DATE FOR CPL LEECH BIC
RE PLANE CRASH
OCCURRED AT 9.02 AM DATE--LOCATION 125 ROUTE--AT SOUTH KINGSTON NH
PLANE COMPLETED BURNED AND EXPLODED--PLANE TOTAL WRECK---UNABLE GET
ANY DATA ON KIND OF PLANE ONLY A BOMBER NUMBERS NOT AVAILABLE-AS
PARTS OF PLANE STREWN AROUND FOR ABOUT 1,000 FEET--PILOT PARACHUTED
OUT AND LANDED IN A TREE AND IS NOW AT EXTE EXETER HOTSPILT CONDITION
AND NAME UNKNOWN AT PRESENT-TROOPER WILL GET THIS INFO WHEN TALKES
WITH SUBJECT AT HOSPITAL--PLANE LANDED IN THE WOODS ABOUT A MILE
FROM THE ROAD---TROOPERS ASSITED BY LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE
GUARDING PLANE PENDING ARRIVAL OF ARMY OFFICIALS FROM GRENIER FIELD
MANCHESTER-NH
FINIS .

RCLLITSH WE JUST RECD INFO THAT THE PLANE IS FROM MANCHESTER
FINIS OK & THKAU WEN

SP BOSTON E-6 5-2-43 9-12 AM NELSON
TO SP N.H.---
CPL LEECH- B I C REPORTS INFO FROM KINGSTON 805-12 (TEL NO)!
THAT A PLANE CRASH AT SOUTH EASTON N.H.---- WOULD LIKE MORE INFO
WL U CHK AND ADVISE
FINIS
FOR UR INFO WE ARE NOW CHECKING THIS LOCATION IS SOUTH KINGSTON NH
FINIS AHEARN
OK & W L U SEND IN SOME INFO RE. THIS WHEN U GET IT PLS? THKX.
WEN OK WEN WILL DO THAT FINIS THKX

M GA
SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 3 5-2-43 10.37 AM AHEARN
TO SP NEW/HAMP/ BOSTON RE UR ITEM E-8 DATE RE POA PLANE CRASH
PLANE WAS A P-47 PURSUIT PLANE---PILOT NOW AT EXETER HOSPITAL-
ARM TORN FROM SHOULDER AND STILL MISSING-PILOT HAD BAD GASH BACK OF SKULL
NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE--UNABLE SECURE NAME--TROOPER RETURNING TO SCEN TO
TRY LOCATE THE MISSING ARM---THIS PLANE NOW DEFINITELY OUT OF GRENIER
FIELD MANCHESTER.
FINIS
OK PERLITSH

SP BOSTON E-8 5-2-43 9-50 AM NELSON

TO SP CONCORD N.H.

RE OUR E-6

INFO FROM TT BARNARD- OF B I C- THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT PILOT
NAME EDWARD PATZ- NOW AT A HOME OF WALTER WHITTIER- AND THAT
THEY HAVE CALLED AMBULANCE -- ETC--

WOULD LIKE INFO RE HIS CONDITION-

ALSO- IF POSSIBLE TO SAFEGUARD PLANE FROM CROWDS ETC-

ALSO WUD U SEND INFO RE SAME THAT U MAY HAVE PLS

FINIS

PLANE BEING TAKEN CARE OF TWO TROOPERS NOW AT SCENE AMBULANCE ON WAY
FROM MANCHESTER ALSO A PLANE HAS LEFT GRENIER FIELD MANCHESTER FOR
SCENE TROOPERS NOW HANDLING DETAILS AND WILL ADVISE WHEN THEY ARE
ABLE TO GIVE REPORT FINIS AHEARN

THKX

Cr 20 Aug 10. 29

rt arm missing
from shoulder -

Bad Cut back of
head below the skull

Sgt Parent now returning to
scene to locate the
missing arm -

Unable get name
of party - is now
expected to live

Perman's plane

log entry 5/2/43

9:07 AM Mrs. Demasky called collect from Exeter reporting airplane crash near the lookout, South Kingston.

9:10 Called Sgt. Parentwith above info-Will cover with Cr. 23.

9:33 Maj. Swanson of Manchester called if any airplane crash-adv. have info of one near the lookout, So. Kingston, near Wheeler's Store, no particulars as yet. Tel. Manch. 8300 - ext. 326.

9:35 Called G. Stuart Campbell, with info log 9:07 AM - if a civilian wants info.

10:12 G. Stuart Campbell called re plane crash - adv. it was an Army bomber and completely burned-pilot bailed out and landed in a tree and taken to the Exeter hospital.

10:21 Concord Airport (Petrusiak) called re info plane crash - wants know where plane was from when we have info - he understands it was from Manchester.

10:22 Info plane crash: Occ. 9:02 AM - Route 125 - So. Kingston, N.H. Plane completely burned, total wreck, parts of plane strewn around for about 1000 ft. - pilot parachuted and landed in a tree-now at Exeter Hosp. Name of pilot unknown - right arm torn off at shoulder and missing - bad cut back of head - not expected to live. The plane was a P-47 out of Manchester.

10:35 Lt. Barnard, Boston Airport, called re above.

10:36 Called Maj. Swanson, Manchester 8300, ext. 326.

10:45 Called Maj. Caswell with above info re plane crash.

10:45 Called Concord Airport(Petrusiak) adv. the plane was a P-47 out of Manchester - officials on their way now.

11:23 Cr. 23 reports - re plane crash, pilot's name was Lt. Edward Paetz.

SP BOSTON E-6

5-2-43

9-12 AM

NELSON

TO SP NH

CPL LEECH B I C REPORTS INFO FROM KINGSTON 805-12(TEL. NO.)

THAT A PLANE CRASH AT SOUTH EASTON, N. H. WOULD LIKE MORE INFO

WL U CK. AND ADV.

FINIS

FOR UR INFO WE ARE NOW CHECKING-THIS LOCATION IS SOUTH KINGSTON, NH

FINIS AHEARN

OK & W L U SEND IN SO INFO RE THIS WHEN U GET IT PLS? THX WEN

OK WEN WILL DO THAT FINIS THK

SP BOSTON E-8

5-2-43

9:50 AM

NELSON

TO SP CONCORD NH

RE OUR E-6

INFO FROM TT BARNARD OF B I C THAT HE UNDERSTANDS PILOT NAME EDWARD PATZ-NOW AT HOME OF WATER WHITTIER AND THAT THEY HAVE CALLED AMBULANCE. WOULD LIKE INFO RE HIS CONDITION.

ALSO IF POSSIBLE TO SAFEGUARD PLANE FROM CROWDS ETC.

ALSO WUD U SEND INFO RE SAME THAT U MAY HAVE PES.

FINIS

PLANE BEING TAKEN CARE OF TWO TROOPERS NOW AT SCENE AMBULANCE ON WAY FROM MANCHESTER

ALSO A PLANE HAS LEFT GRENIER FIELD MANCHESTER FOR SCENE TROOPERS NOW HANDLING DETAILS

AND WL ADV. WHEN THEY ARE ABLE TO GIVE RPT. FINIS AHEARN

THKS

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE

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5-2-43

10:00 AM

AHEARN

TO SP BOSTON

RE UR ITEM E-8

RE PLANE CRASH

PILOT BEING TAKEN TO EXETER HOSPITAL - EXETER, NH AN ARMY PLANE - MORE INFO LATER.

FINIS OK PERLITSH

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE

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5-2-43

10:17 AM

AHEARN

TO SP BOSTON

RE UR ITEM E-8 DATE

FOR CPL LEECH BIC

RE PLANE CRASH

OCCURRED AT 9:02 AM DATE - LOCATION ROUTE 125-AT SOUTH KINGSTON, NH - PLANE COMPLETELY BURNED AND EXPLODED-TOTAL WRECK-UNABLE GET ANY DATA ON KIND OF PLANE ONLY A BOMBER- NUMBERS NOT AVAILABLE AS PARTS OF PLANE STREWN AROUND FOR ABOUT 1,000 FT. PILOT PARACHUTED OUT AND LANDED IN A TREE AND IS NOW AT EXETER HOSP. CONDITION AND NAME UNKNOWN AT PRESENT. TR. WILL GET THIS INFO WHEN TALKS WITH SUBJ. AT HOSP--PLANE LANDED IN THE WOODS ABOUT A MILE FROM ROAD. TROOPERS ASSISTED BY LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE GUARDING PLANE PENDING ARRIVAL OF ARMY OFFICIALS FROM GRENIER FIELD, MANCHESTER, N.H.

FINIS

OK PERLITSH WE JUST RECD INFO THAT THE PLANE IS FROM MANCHESTER

FINIS OK & THX U WEN

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE

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5-2-43

10:37 AM

AHEARN

TO SP ~~NEW~~BOSTON

RE UR ITEM E-8 DATE PLANE CRASH

PLANE WAS A P-47 PURSUIT PLANE-PILOT NOW AT EXETER HOSPITAL-ARM TORN FROM SHOULDER AND STILL MISSING - PILOT HAD BAD GASH BACK OF SKULL NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE. UNABLE SECURE NAME. TROOPER RETURNING TO SCENE TO TRY LOCATE MISSING ARM. THIS PLANE NOW DEFINITELY OUT OF GRENIER FIELD, MANCHESTER.

FINIS

OK PERLITSH

Local Base Flier Dies of Injuries

5/7/43
**Bailed Out of Plane
Sunday, Taken to
Exeter Hospital**

2nd Lt. Edward E. Paetz, 21, of Merchantville, N. J., died Friday morning at the Exeter hospital as the result of injuries received Sunday in bailing out of an Army fighter plane over Kingston, Grenier Field officers announced.

Lieutenant Paetz lost his left arm and suffered severe head hurts in the accident, according to reports from Kingston eyewitnesses of the crash.

He got free of the plane after the ship had apparently caught fire in the air, but landed in pine trees. The plane crashed and blew up, starting woods fires.

Paetz was born August 5, 1921, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Earl Paetz of Merchantville. His parents had been in Exeter since Monday, after they had been notified of the crash by air base officers.

The body will be sent to Arlington cemetery, Washington, for burial. The Lambert Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Paetz had been stationed at the local air base for one month. He is a graduate of the Moorestown, N. J., High school and at the time of his enlistment was attending Drexel college in Philadelphia. He was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church in Camden, N. J.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. James Phillips of Mount Ayre, Pa.

FLIER, INJURED IN CRASH, DEAD

B. Post
**Parachuted From Blazing
Plane, Lost Arm**

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KINGSTON, N. H., May 7—According to an army release from Grenier Field, Manchester, N. H., today, Second Lieutenant Edward E. Paetz, 21, of 1812 44th street, Merchantville, N. J., died this morning from injuries received last Sunday when he parachuted from a burning army fighter plane over this town.

The pilot, who was lowered from the top of a 30-foot pine tree by residents of Kingston, following his leap, lost his right arm in the jump. Although he was rescued within minutes of his crash landing, he lost considerable blood.

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CONFIDENTIAL

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATE POLICE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

Trooper: Sgt. Parent

Assisting: Army Officials

Investigating: Airplane crash

Committed at: Londonderry

Date: September, 30, 1943

Arrest or Summons:

Date:

Name of Defendant:

Alias:

Residence:

Charged with:

Municipal Court at:

Name of Judge:

Counsel for State:

Counsel for Defense:

Date of hearing:

Plea:

Found: Guilty
Not Guilty

Continued to:

Final Disposition:

Witnesses:

Lt Charles Wilson
Lt. Wm. Curtis

Appealed: Yes
No

Grand Jury at:

Superior Court at:

Name of Justice:

Name of County Solicitor:

Amount involved:

Amount Recovered:

Owner: U.S. Army plane

Plea:

Final Disposition:

Date:

DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT

Place of Birth:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Height:

Weight:

Build:

Hair:

Eyes:

Color:

Marks, if any:

Occupation:

Fingerprint classification:

Previous Record:

Assisted by Trooper: Smith, Brown, Dion. Sgt. Parent

State Trooper

(Give Detailed Description of Investigation on Reverse Side)

Oct. 2, 1943

On September 30 shortly before 8 P.M. I received a call from Officer Manning of the Derry Police, saying that he had received a call of a plane being in distress in Coteville which is in Londonderry near the Derry town line. I got in touch with cruiser 22 and asked Trooper Smith to go there and check which he did. I called Chief Smith of Londonderry and told him the story and met him at Coteville a short time later. We talked with the Cotes and they told us of hearing a plane over their place about 7.45 P.M. and they thought it sounded in the direction of Scobies Pond. It was agreed that Chief Smith go there and check which he did. Trooper Smith and I in separate cars, checked houses east of there in the direction of Chester. Trooper Smith taking the side roads and I took the main road. We talked with people over in that area that said they heard this plane flying over their place but could not see it. One party on the English Range Road said that it came so close to their house that they thought it would hit their chimney and it was headed east toward Chester. We checked farther east and found that this plane turned before reaching Chester and went west which is in the direction it was found.

Trooper Brown being in the direction of Auburn while we were checking I had him check at several places in Auburn and he reported that no one there had heard it. We were satisfied then that it was down between the Derry and Chester town line and route 28 in Londonderry I went back to town and talked with Captain Martin of Grenier Field and several other army men and gave them the information we had received. In the meantime several other people had given them information about this plane being in the direction of the base, from Derry. The base had several soldiers standing by in Derry and decided to sent them back to the base. This was 12.30 A.M. and Captain Martin said they would be back in the morning at 6.15. and asked me if we would give them a hand which we did. They came down with about 150 men and spread them out on what is known as Bitch Hill in Londonderry. Trooper Smith and I went back and checked several places in the vicinity of Scobie's Pond. Shortly after noon I talked with Mr. Emery Currier and his son of Londonderry. They said that they heard this plane about 7.30 P.M. in the vicinity of Scobie's Pond and all at once they heard the motor cut out and did not hear it again. The Currier boy said that he went up stairs in his room and sat in the dark for more than a half hour looking for fire etc. but did not see any.

I gave this information to Captain Martin who was near by at the time and it was decided to put some men over in that area. The captain ordered two truck loads of men to follow us to the pond. He sent them into the woods shortly after 2 P.M. In the meantime we went in the general direction of Auburn and did more checking there. Then together with the captain we went back to Derry to get our dinner. When I signed on the air after dinner we were informed that my wife had called headquarters saying that the plane had been found at Scobie's Pond. She had received a telephone call from one of the men that found it.

This plane crashed about 300 yards west of the pond in a thickly wooded area and did not catch on fire. 2nd Lt. Charles H. Wilson Jr. age 23, home Greenfield, Mass. was thrown clear of the plane and was lying four feet from the front of it. 1st Lt. William C. Curtiss, age 23, home Columbus Mississippi, was in the wrecked plane. Both boys were dead and badly crushed. This plane was an A-T-10 twin motor, two passenger plane.

It left the Troy N.Y. airport for Grenier Field at 6.P.M. and was due at the Manchester base at 6.54 P.M. The radio operator in the tower at the base received a radio call from this plane at 6.40 P.M. He had all lights on at the base and told them to come in.

I was told unofficially that the tower thought that this plane was near Derry when he received the radio call. Also that he kept trying to get them to get their location but was unable to. The clock on dash of plane stopped at 7.37 P.M.

P.S. It is requested by Captain Martin that this information is not to be given out to the press or any one not connected with this department.

5661
COTTONET GEORGE V DORVILLE

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE A-1

10-1-43

12:31 PM

AHEARN

TO PD MANCHESTER

ARMY OFFICIALS CHECKING LOST PLANE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CALL MANCHESTER 8300 EXTENSION 334 AND FIND OUT OF THE FLYER NAMED SCOTT WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO THE BASE FOUND OUT ANYTHING ON THE MISSING PLANE. THEY ARE NOW WITH CR. 22 FINIS. ONE HOUR

OK WL CHECK AND ADV. QUINN 10-30-41 2:10 PM 1118 WYU 4001

LO CONCORD - CONTACTED THE BASE AND THEY WILL ADV. AS SOON AS CAPT. ELLIS RETURNS TO OFFICE.

OK AND TX. 12 11-3-41 1118 WYU 4001

LO CONCORD - WILL U TRY AND LOCATE LIEUT. CARROL AND HAVE HIM CALL CAPT. ELLIS AT THE BASE. HE IS WITH THE ARMY OFFICERS LOOKING FOR THAT PLANE. OK AND ALREADY LOCATED HE WILL CALL AT ONCE, FINIS AHEARN OK DAN QUINN

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE A-1

10-1-43

3:11 PM

AHEARN

TO PD MANCHESTER

PLS. CALL CAPT. ELLIS AT GRENIER FIELD AND NOTIFY HIM THAT LT. CARROL ADVISES PLANE HAS BEEN FOUND.

FINIS.

December 17, 1942

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Rochester, N.H.
October 31, 1942

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The plane has a number, 8285.

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Log. 10/31/42 2:03 AM Trooper Manning reports via radio an army plane down in Chaplin's Airport, Rochester - pilot uninjured.

2:06 AM P.D. Rochester called re above item.

2:09 AM Called Mr. Campbell at Andover 3731 re above - not contacted.

2:16 AM Called Caleb Marston, Canterbury 732 - re plane accident - contacted and gave info.

2:18 AM Trooper Manning reports added information on plane accident- Pilot was Lieutenant Love - departed Newark, N. J. 10:15 P.M. on 10/30/42 - enroute to Grenier Field, Manchester. Apparently lost way - plane crashed but pilot uninjured. This is an Army plane, #8285. Rochester P.D. to guard.

2:30 AM Called Grenier Field, Manchester re above - Had been notified-request of Lt. Love through Trooper Manning.

Marston

12/12/42

Log 11/1/42

3:15 AM

Rochester PD called re Army Officers requesting escort for the plane - going to Manchester - advised to call Tr. Manning and for him to contact Col. Caswell.

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3:35 AM

Call from Col. Caswell re contacting Manchester PD concerning escort by Tr. Manning from Dover to Manchester with crashed plane. Wishes Manchester to meet Manning at rotary traffic circle at Massabesic Lake on Rte. #101.

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE
TO PD MANCHESTER

1A

11-1-42

3:38 AM

MARCHAND

WE HAVE TROOPER MANNING ESCORTING CRASHED PLANE IN TRUCK ENROUTE FROM DOVER TO MANCHESTER
IS IT POSSIBLE FOR YOUR CRUISER TO MEET HIM AT THE ROTARY TRAFFIC CIRCLE AT MASSABESIC ON
ROUTE 101 - ADVISE LATER WHAT TIME HE WILL ARRIVE THERE.
FINIS OK WILL DO VERRETTE

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LO MANCHESTER - THIS IS CONCORD - OUR TR. SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE ABOUT
5-50 AM FINIS OK WILL HAVE CRUISER THERE VERRETTE OK AND THX PERKINS

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INTER--DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

DATE 12-24-42.

FROM Trooper A E Bergeron

AT (OFFICE)

SUBJECT Airplane ACC.

TO Ralph Casewell
Supt, State Police
Concord N.H.

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Dear Sir;

On Dec, 24 1942 a United States P-40 fighter plane operated by Lueit William Wendt of Grenier field Man, N.H. and Mitchell South Dakota made a force landing on Mr Charles Kulesz farm North Salem N.H. causing property damage, received minor bruises and cuts.

The proper authorities at Grenier field were notified, and made immediate contact at the scene of the accident, taking full charge of the same.

Very truly yours

Trooper A E Bergeron

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 SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 4 12-24-42 12-42 PM LEHOUX
 TO SP BOSTON UR ITEM D-12 DATE FOR CAPT DOLE OF ARMY INFO CTRE.
 THE PLANE IN QUESTION MADE A FORCED LANDING ON CHARLES HULESC FARM
 NORTH SALEM - IS A P-40 - LIC.NO. 114072 - TOTAL WRECK. PILOT WILLIAM
 WENDT OF GRENIER FIELD MANCHESTER REC. MINOR WRINCHED BACK - ONLY PERSON
 ON BOARD. OFFICIALS OF GRENIER FIELD HAVE CHARGE FO INVESTIGATION
 FINIS OKWENTHKS

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Log item 12/24/42 12:38 PM Cr. 22 reports forced landing of plane No. Salem , pilot
 slightly injured. See T.T. itme 4 for further information.

SP BOSTON D-12 12-24-42 12-:05PM NELSON
 TO SP NH
 HAVE U ANY REPORT OF A PLANE CRASHING IN VICINITY SALEM, N. H. HAVERHILL PD RECEIVED
 REPORT THAT THERE WAS A CRASH AT SALEM NH - PLANE IN QUESTION THOUGHT TO BE DESCR AS A
 TWO MOTOR JOB AND HAD A STAR ON WING - LOOKING LIKE ARMY PLANE
 FINIS

I MIGHT ADD CAPT DOLE OF ARMY INFO CTRE WUD APPRECIATE ALL INFO U CUD OBTAIN RE THIS
 FINIS

OK LEHOUX-----OUR CRUISER THAT AREA JUST REPORTED HE WAS COVERING A PLANE CRASH IN
 VICINITY OF NORTH SALEM PLANE A P-40 BADLY DAMAGED---CONDITION OF AVIATOR IS NOT KNOWN
 AT THIS TIME. HE WILL MAKE REPORT TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WE WILL ADVISE YOU
 FINIS
 OK THX WEN

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Log item 4/20/43 5:10 PM Tr. Hartwell reports a plane accident at S. Swanzey, happened at 4:45 PM
A trainer plane, piloted by James Shannon, 39 Willoughby Rd., Milton, Mass
Instructor- Alan Stein, 12 Willow Court, Keene, N. H. Both men severely
injured. They were practicing landings and struck a tree. Plane
complete wreck. Cub plane - number NC-35134 Owned by the Bowman Flying S
Service, W. Keene, N. H.

5:12 Called Mr. Campbell re above.

6:29 Called Mr. Campbell Aero. re if inspector on the way-adv. insp. on way
also that the plane will have to be guarded for the nite. Would like
this Dept. to take care of that detail.

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State Police Keene, N. H.
April 20 1943

Col. Ralph Caswell
Supt. State Police
Concord N. H.

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Dear Sir:-

On 4-20-42 at about 4:45 to 4:50 I was notified by the Police Dept, Keene, of an airplane crash, which took place at Sawyer's Crossing in Swanzy Center N. H.

I at once started for that point and arrived there within a few minutes as it is only a matter of 3 or 4 miles from the Keene P. D.

Upon my arrival there I saw the plane in a field, about 25 yds from the road, headed in a southerly direction. Officer Griffin of the Keene P. Dept. was there keeping people away from the wreckage, out of which gasoline was running.

The instructor, one Alan Stein of 12 Willow St. Keene, and trainee, one James Shannon of 39 Willoughby Rd, Milton Mass, were both injured and were lying upon the ground in front of the plane. Stein complained of back injuries, and had had to be removed from the plane. Shannon had gotten out himself and was not hurt very seriously, and suffered mostly from shock.

An ambulance had been called from the Keene Hospital and both parties were in the very capable hands of a man named G. C. Hunter of Goffstown, who happened by when the crash

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Occurred, or shortly afterward.

The plane was a 2 place, dual control, Piper J 3. trainers. The number on the plane is N. C. 35134.

This plane was practicing simulated forced landings. From an eye witness, one Frederick Baker, in front of whose house the plane crashed, I learned that the plane had come in a southeasterly direction and had come down fairly close to the field. It was thought by Baker that the plane was nearly at a level with the barn roof. He also states that as the plane went over the barn it seemed to gain more power.

The plane broke several large sized limbs out of the top of a large elm tree in front of the barn, and came to earth on the under side of the nose of the plane, about 35 or 40 yards south of this large elm tree.

Pictures were taken of the wreck by Sheriff Jennison who arrived at the scene shortly after I did.

The accident happened very close to 4:45 P.M. The plane is the property of the Bowman Flying Service, and is based at the West Keene Airport.

General Headquarters was called by me, and notified, also requested that the Aeronautics Bureau be notified, that an inspector might view the scene.

After waiting until 8 P.M. Chief of Police Schmyer of Swanzy came to the scene and offered to guard the plane until the inspector arrived. Headquarters O.K'd this.

Any additional information will be forwarded. Respectfully C. L. Hartwell Jr.

Items from Log for Saturday, June 9, 1945

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- 1:17 PM Cr. 34 via radio, have received report of a plane crash at North Swanzy airport, subject taken to Keene hospital, cr 31 to check Keene angle and Cr. 34 to check at Airport.
- 1:30 PM Cr. 31 reports---re above entry--name of subject is 2nd Lt. Allan C. Green--US N.A.S., Brunswick, Maine, was taken to Keene, Hospital at 12:50 PM.
- 1:43 PM Call Rescu Control Center, Manchester tel 9040, Capt. Reeves, gave log. 1:17PM.
- 1:50 PM Called Mr. Campbell at Andover, gave Log 1:17 PM.

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COMPLAINT SHEET

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Swanzy

DATE 6-9-45 TIME 1.17P VIA Radio RECEIVED BY DEA.

COMPLAINANT _____ ADDRESS _____

DETAILS:

Cr 34 reports have received word of a plane crash at the North Swanzy airport--subject taken to Keene Hospital--cr 31 to check on Keene angle and cr 34 going to Airport.

1.30PM---Cr 31 reports re plane crash--subjects name was 2n Lt. Allan E. Green--US N.A.S.-Brunswick--was taken to Keene Hospital at 12.50 PM.

1.42 P--Info from Cr 34--re plane crash--
Happened at 12.45PM--at Dillant Hopkins Airport--
pilot Lt. A C Green--of Berwick Maine--
Nosed dived after landing on runway--nosed over--
Royal Navy plane--Corsair---1 IV8 RM
JT 6211

Plane badly damaged--pilot cut around face.
Subject at Elliott Community Hosp--Keene

1.43 P Called Rescue Control Center Manchester--Capt Reeves--
gave info

1.50 P Called Mr. Campbell at Andover gave info.

2.19P Cr 34 reports---Lt. Green--was out of plane base--
S.B.N.O--US Naval Air Station-Brunswick-Maine age
19--of Manchester-England--
Will be released from Hospital at 3 PM this date.

ASSIGNED TO _____ DATE _____ TIME _____ BY: _____

See Sc. Book--7-pages 15, and 16.

Case
#5661

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(reg)

SP BOSTON D- 22
TO SP NEW HAMPSHIRE

8-9-43

8-02 PM

WRIGHT

BOSTON ARMY INFORMATION CENTER REPORT THAT L TYPE PLANE LANDED 3 MILES
WEST ON POST IN MC CUSTER FIELD WEST DEERING N. H. THIS POST NEAR HILLS-
BORO THE MOTOR OF PLANE WAS KNOCKING OBERS / OBSERVOR MR HIMP
TEL HILLSBORO 29
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AND WHETHER OR NOT THE PILOT NEEDS
ASSISTANCE ETC?

FINIS

THEY JUST INFORMED HIM THAT THEY HAVE HEARD FRO THE PILOT HE MADE
EMERGENCY LANDING AND I YOUR INVESTIGATION MAY BE CALLED OFF.
WRIGHT
OK WILL DISREGARD - LEHOUX

LOG ITEMS

Thursday, Sept, 2, 1943

Clark 5:25 Capt Lane called from Camp Langdon--has a report from Army
info Center that a B-24 plane in town in the vicinity of
Nottingham of Deerfield

- " 5:30 Boston info center reports re plane entry 5:25. Plane
3 miles se of Deerfield.
- " 8:05 Called Mr. Campbell re Plane reported down at Deerfield.
- " 8:54 Capt Crook called from Camp Langdon re any info on plane
entry 5:25 Advised no info Tr still checking unable to
find any one with info.

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 11 9-2-43 8-09 PM SYMONDS

TO SP. BOSTON FOR B I C

RE PHONE CALL ON PLANE-----HAVE HAD TROOPER CHECK IN DEERFIELD-
NOTTINGHAM-RAYMOND-ETC, HAS CHKED WTH CB. POSTS AND ALL THE
FARMS IN THAT TERRITORY---NO ONE SAW OR HEARD ANY PLANE--
UNABLE TO GET ANY INFO ON IT AT ALL----FINIS

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STATE POLICE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

Trooper: *Louis Clement*
Investigating: *Rptd Plane accident*

Assisting:

Committed at: *Henniker*

Date: *7-24-43*

Arrest or Summons:

Date:

Name of Defendant:

Alias:

Residence:

Charged with:

Municipal Court at:

Name of Judge:

Counsel for State:

Counsel for Defense:

Date of hearing:

Plea:

Found: Guilty
Not Guilty

Continued to:

Final Disposition:

Witnesses:

Appealed: Yes
No

Grand Jury at:

Superior Court at:

Name of Justice:

Name of County Solicitor:

Amount involved:

Amount Recovered:

Owner:

Plea:

Final Disposition:

Date:

DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT

Place of Birth:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Height:

Weight:

Build:

Hair:

Eyes:

Color:

Marks, if any:

Occupation:

Fingerprint classification:

Previous Record:

Assisted by Trooper:

Louis Clement
State Trooper

(Give Detailed Description of Investigation on Reverse Side)

On Saturday July 24, 1943 at about 11:40 AM I was detailed by Maj. Comstock to go to Kemmer on Craney Hill to check a reported plane crash.

I went to the scene and started searching in the woods with the volunteers and Guinan and combed the hillside and could not see any trace where a plane could have crashed.

An Army plane circled the area for about an hour and could not see any place where a crash had taken place.

In the course of searching I met Maj. Kottler from Genier Field and he was satisfied that ~~no~~ plane had crashed there.

The possibilities were that a plane could have come low then circled around the hill and gone out of sight.

LOG ITEMS 24
Saturday, July, 1943

French 11:06 Army Red Flash, Lt. Brudier reports plane crash four miles southeast of the lookout post on Craney Hill, Henniker. Requests we check it right away and advise him name of pilot if it can be learned.

Durfee 11: 38 Lt. Brudier advises that any info obtained by checking trooper be kept as strictly confidential.

" 12:15 Maj. Augustinus, Manch. Airbase called re report of plane crash at Henniker. Advised that Trooper is checking but no info as yet. Wants to be called at the Air-Base extension 301.

French 3:28 Cr 11 vis radio--had been checking there with Maj. Holteon Grenief Field can find nothing-Maj. thinks a false rumor and will not bother any more-cr 11 back on patrol.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

Trooper: McKeagney Assisting: Trooper Manning
Investigating: Reported burning airplane by Gonic obs post.
Committed at: Date: 7-19-43 7 p.m.
Arrest or Summons: Date:
Name of Defendant: Alias:
Residence:
Charged with:
Municipal Court at: Name of Judge:
Counsel for State: Counsel for Defense:
Date of hearing: Plea: Found: Guilty
Continued to: Final Disposition: Not Guilty
Witnesses:
Appealed: Yes
No
Grand Jury at:
Superior Court at: Name of Justice:
Name of County Solicitor:
Amount involved: Amount Recovered:
Owner:
Plea: Final Disposition:
Date:

DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT

Place of Birth:	Date of Birth:	Age:
Height:	Weight:	Build:
Hair:	Eyes:	Color:
Marks, if any:		
Occupation:	Fingerprint classification:	
Previous Record:		

Assisted by Trooper:

State Trooper

(Give Detailed Description of Investigation on Reverse Side)

Upon receiving the report from headquarters that a plane had been seen on fire west of Gonic observers at the post there, I started out from Dover toward Barrington where I met Trooper Manning on route 125, he had talked with the fellow who reported the plane to the information center at Boston, it was thought from this fellows story that the plane might have been over Barrington or Madbury so I went back around thru Madbury while Manning went on over 125 to the Lee rotary traffic circle. I inquired of a number of persons along the way as to whether they had seen any planes around, none of had until I talked with Robert Jones of Madbury a boy of about twelve years of age, he had seen two planes go over about that time one was a bomber the other a small fighter plane. The small one was going west and the large one was going north according to him. This was about 7-20 when I talked with him and he thought that the planes had gone over about a half hour before. He said that they were going along alright.

I went on to the rotary traffic where I again met Manning, while there we received a report of a fire at Durham and thought that it might have something to do with the plane so I went to Durham and checked with the fire department. They had just returned from a fire which had been started by a train. I then went to the Durham ski jump where an excellent view of the country for miles around may be had, nothing could be seen from there which would indicate that a plane had crashed while on fire.

Went to Rochester from there as another report had been received from the post to the effect that they now thought that the plane had been over Strafford near route 202 A. Upon arriving in Rochester I went to the police station and called the district chief in charge of the observation posts in this area, (Edgar Varney of Rochester) he told me to call Richard Holland of 84 Church St Gonic who has charge of the Gonic post and would know who was on duty at that time. I made arrangements to meet Mr Holland and Robert Gourgue one of the men on duty when the plane was reported, at Mr Hollands home. We went to the post and found the place deserted. They showed me on their map the location of the plane when last seen, also the sheet on which they record each plane, there had been two pass within sight of the post at that time the one reported on fire and a bimotor the latter being reported at 6-36 p.m and the former which was later turned in on the red flash was spotted at 6-38. The following is the story told me by Robert Gourgue aged 16 yrs of 74 Church St Gonic N.H

"Carl Howard and I were on watch here this evening a bimotored plane went by at 6-36 and I reported it just a minute or two later another small one came along and I called Carls attention to it because we take turns reporting them. The plane was going northwest when Carl went in to report it, while he was doing that it changed and went west for a little way and then seemed to stand still and I didn't hear the motor anymore. It stayed that way for about two or three minutes before what looked like a ball of fire and a lot of white smoke came out of it and it started to fall. I ran into the post then to turn in the red flash and Carl watched the plane, when I came out Carl said the plane had gone down. I don't know just how far it could have been it might have been two miles or it could be five miles, it was over toward Parker mountain!"

I then went back to 111 Portland St Rochester where the Carl Howard mentioned by Gourgue lives. He had gone to bed but got up and came down and talked with me. He told me that the two planes had appeared within a short space of time and that the ship in question had been some distance

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away, he thought that it would have been much nearer the Strafford observation post than it was to theirs. He stated that there did appear to be some smoke coming from the plane but that it was so far away that it was hard to say for sure, he also stated that it was going down toward the ground not streight down but on an angle such as a plane going in for a landing would do. The last he saw of the plane it was skimming along over the tree tops in the direction of Parker mountain. I asked him if he really believed that the plane had crashed and he made this remark, " Well' It could have crashed over in there somewhere but I don't know for sure that it did!"

Due to the fact that the above conversation was held around 11 p.m, and that up to that time the army had not reported any planes missing, also that no person living in the area in which this plane was supposed to have been in trouble had seen anything or heard a sound which was unusual, and it would be unusual if a plane had trouble to the extent of bursting into flame and smoke pouring from it to go unobserved by some of the many inhabitants of that area, the search was given up.

LOG ITEMS

Lehoux 10:38 Ch. Nash of Fire Dept. Durham reports, at about 10:25 a green parachute flare shot up over the station from west to east, from general direction of Concord. A very pronounced green flare.

LOG ITEMS

Monday, July, 19, 1943

Lehoux 8:37 Mrs. Manning called collect from Rochester reports the Observation Port reports plane was seen going down west of the observation post near Strafford line near Route 202-A. Info Cr. 17.

LOG ITEMS

Monday, July, 19, 1943

Lehoux 7:00 Lt. Barrett Boston Info Ctr. adv. red flash(same as TT item PD Manch.6) wants a check and adv.

" 8:36 Lt. Barrett Boston Info. Ctr.called re Log 7:00 P.M. adv. a check revealed there was a fire south of Durham but caused by train. No one saw a plane coming down. Checked from top mountain and saw nothing.(Red Flash.)

LOG ITEMS

PD MANCHESTER 6 7-19-43 6-54 P.M. KELLEY

TO SP CONCORD

INFO. RECEIVED FROM BOSTON INFO. CENTER THAT A PLANE CAUGHT FIRE ABOUT 5 MILES WEST OF GONIC N.H.--SO. OF ROCHESTER N.H. FINIS

OK-BEOWN-

OK NH OK B

Sunday, September 12, 1943.

Daily Log.

Time

10:42

AM. CAA Concord called if heard of a Cub plane down Londonderry Rt 28-A Adv.
no report as yet. If anything call 840.

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Monday, September 13, 1943

Daily Log.

Time

10:57 Capt. Martin, Grenier Field called R: any info. on Reported Plane Crash near
Lincoln, no info. if and when info. Rec. Call Cept. at 8-300 Ext. 217

12:05 Called Capt. Martin, Grenier Field Re: Info. from Chief Lynch, No Plane Acct.

SP BOSTON C-2 9-13-43 10-12 A.M. OBRIAN
TO SP NEW HAMPSHIRE ----- FROM ARMY INFO CENTER - BOSTON -
HAVE RECD A CALL FROM A MG. SECTAU- IN LINCOLN, N. H. -PHONE LINCOLN 3506.
HE REPORTS THAT APLANE HAS CRASHED ON MO. LIBERTY IN THE INDIANHEAD SEC *
1 1/2 MILES SOUTH OF THE FLUME---
WILL YOU PLASE CHECK THIS AND GET INFO RE THE PLANE AND PILOT AND DAMAGE
FINIS OK AHEARN

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UL LGA
SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 7 9-13-43 11.57 AM AHEARN
TO SP BOSTON RE UR ITEM C-2 DATE 10.12 AM
FOR FOR BOSTON ARMY INFO
CHECK HAS BEEN MADE AND NO ONE SAW A PLANE CRASH----- PLANE WAS SEEN TO FLY VERY
LOW BUT TOOK OFF IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION---
FINIS
OK DP

SP BOSTON B-1

8-1-43

6.45 P.M.

MCCARTHY

2661
(reptd)

TO SP NH

BOSTON INFORMATION CENTER JUST CALLED AND ADVISE THEY HAVE A REPORT
OF A PLANE BEING FORCED DOWN SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF MADISON
AND TAMWORTH N.H. THEY REQUEST U CHECK FOR ANY INFORMATION AND
ASSISTANCE U CAN GIVE TO THE PILOT AND ALSO TO ADV THEM OF WHATEVER U CAN
THEY BELIEVE IT IS A SINGLE MOTOR PLANE - POSSIBLE US ARMY
FINIS OK WL CK AND AD - BROWN - KO

M GA

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE

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8-1-43

7-10 PM

BROWN

TO SP BOSTON RE UR B-1 DATE

OUR TROOPER HAS HECKED WITH THE PLANE SPOTTER AT TAMWORTH NH AND HAS
LEARNED THAT A SINGLE ENGINE PLANE WAS UP THERE DOING STUNTS - BETWEEN
~~TAMWORTH~~ WEST OSSIPEE AND MADISON - BUT AS FAR AS THEY KNEW
IT WAS NOT IN ANY TROUBLE OR NOTHING HAPPENED - CAN U ADV WHERE THIS
INFORMATION ORIGINATED FROM SO HE CAN CK FURTHER -

FI IS

~~XXIXX~~

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WL CL U BACK SHORTLY MC OK -

SP BOSTON A-3

8-1-43

7.18 P.M.

MCCARTHY

TO SP NH --- RE OUR B-1 DATE & UR 10

INFORMATION CENTER ADV THAT - REPORTED ORIGINATED BY THE OBSERVER
AT OSSIPEE- ONE JOHN W NOYES - TEL OSSIPEE CENTER-108R-3 THEY SAY
HE CAN F GIVE U MORE INFO ON THIS AND MORE DEFINITE LOCATION OF THIS
PLAIN

FINI OK IS THAT 108 (RING) 3 FINIS - THAT IS RITE AND ALSO THAT
NAME & TEL NO IS CONFIDENTIAL KO OK BROWN -

GBC
ANY MORE INFO ON THAT PLANE AS YET ??

NO OUR MAN HAS NOT CK IN YET

KO

EILL PUSH HIM UP FOR U AGN PLS WILL PUSH HIM UP FOR U OK

V GA

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 12 8-1-43 8-33 PM BROWN
TO SP BOSTON RE UR B-1 DATE

OUR TR NOW AD THAT HE HAS TALKED WITH TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE WHO STATE
THAT AROUND 6-00 PM DZTE THERE WAS AN ARMY PLANE THAT CAME FROM THE
NORTH AND DONE SOME CIRCULATING AROUND THE GIRLS CAMP ON SILVER
LAKE IN THE TOWN OF MADISON - WHICH IS BETWEEN CONWAY AND OSSISPEE NH
- HE FURTHER AD THAT HE HAS TALKED WITH MR NOYES ON THE PHONE AND INS
IS NOW ON HIS WAY TO TALK TO HIM IN PERSON - WILL GIVE US THE INFO
AS SOON AS HE GETS IT - FINIS - BY THE WAY HE ALSO SAID THAT AFTER
THE GOT THROUGH OVER THE GIRLS CAMP THAT HE WENT BACK TOWARDS THE NORTH
IN THE SAME DIRECTION W FROM WHENCE HE CAME FINIS - OK MC THNX
OKE

M. GA

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 13 8-1-43 9-00 PM R- BROWN
TO SP BOSTON RE UR B-1 DATE

OUR TR RPTS RE PLANE - HAS TALKED WITH MR NOYES THE OBSERVER - AND
HE ADVISES THAT THE PLANE WAS SEEN AROUND SILVER LAKE NEAR THE
GIRLS CAMP CIRCULATING AROUND - AND THAT SOMETIME AFTER 6-06 PM IT
TURNED AROUND AND WENT BACK NORTH - MR NOYES SAYS THAT HE DOES NOT
CLAIM THAT IT WENT DOWN OR THAT THE PILOT IN IT IS IN TROUBLE -
BUT THAT AFTER IT WENT OVER ONE OF THE HILLS HE COULDN'T HEAR THE MOTOR
ANY MORE - BUT OUR TR ADVISES THAT THIS IS POSSIBLE AS THE HILL IS SO

HIGH THAT THE MOTOR WOULD FADE OUT -
IN TROUBLE AT THIS TIME
FINIS

DO NOT BELIEVE ANY PLANE

OK MC THNX

OKE

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

DATE Aug.1-1943

FROM

A.M.Brown

AT (OFFICE) Communications

SUBJECT

Plane check

TO

Major Comstock;

Sir;

The following submitted for your information.

SP BOSTON B-1 8-1-43 6-45 PM MCCARTHY
TO SP NH
BOSTON INFORMATION CENTER JUST CALLED AND ADVISE THEY HAVE
A REPORT OF A PLANE BEING FORCED DOWN SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY
OF MADISON AND TAMWORTH NH. THEY REQUEST U CHECK FOR ANY
INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE U CAN GIVE TO THE PILOT AND ALSO TO
ADV THEM OF WHATEVER U CAN-BELIEVE IT IS A SINGLE MOTOR
PLANE POSSIBLE U.S. ARMY FINIS. OK WL CK AND AD-BROWN.

Gave the above TT to Cr.51(Marsh)--at 6;53 PM date.

At 7;10 PM date Marsh radio'd in and advised that he
had checked with the observer at Tamworth, and had learned that
there was a single motor'd plane up there this PM doing stunts
but didn't think that it had any trouble.

At 7;10 PM gave this info.in TT NH 10 to SP Boston
and at the same time requested origin of complaint. They advised.

SP BOSTON A-3 8-1-43 7;18 PM MCCARTHY
TO SP NH---RE OUR B-1 date & UR 10
INFORMATION CENTER ADV. THAT REPORTED ORIGINATED BY THE OBSERVER
AT OSSISPEE--ONE JOHN W. NOYES--TEL OSSISPEE CTR-108-3 THEY SAY HE
CAN GIVE U MORE INFO ON THIS AND MORE DEFINITE LOC OF THIS
PLANE FINIS--(NAME AND TEL. NO. CONFIDENTIAL) OK-BROWN

At 7;20 PM date called Marsh and gave him this added
information-

At 8;33 PM Date Marsh again called and ad that he had
talked to two people whom had seen an army plane flying around
the girls camp on Silver Lake in the town of Madison NH-that
it came from the north and went back in the same direction-

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Marsh further advised that he had talked to Mr. Noyes on the fone and that he was not on his way to see him in person:

The above information was given to SP Boston in TT NH 12 at 8:33 PM date.-

At 8:59 PM date Tr. Marsh again rptd on above stating that he had talked with Mr. Noyes in person-and that he advised that he had noticed a plane in the vicinity of Silver Lake in Madison NH-that sometime after 6:06 PM the plane after circling around the Girls camp on the lake, turned around and went back towards the north from whence it came, he, Marsh, says that Mr. Noyes does not claim that the plane went or that the pilot was in any trouble, but had stated to the BIC over the fone at Boston, that the plane seemed to go down, Marsh clears this up by obtaining info. from Noyes that after the plane went over a high hill the motor seemed to fade and die down, Marsh says that this is possible as the hill is so high that a motor would ordinarily fade out,

At 9:00 PM date the above info was give to SP Boston on TT NH 13.

END.

Archie.

Sunday, August, 1, 1943

Clark 9.38

~~Grenier Field reports-Missing a B-34 Twin Eng, Mid Wing Twin Tail~~
elliptical shape Plane Pilot Cunningham- left Manchester 2.56
to go to Salisbury Beach and due to return at 5.56- has not returned
Ser No AJ422.

Given to all Crs in B Troope and GBC.

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Comp C Grenier Field
2-2- Manchester

SP CONCORD A-1

8-3-43

5--8 PM

BROWN

TO PD MANCHESTER

ON 8-1-43 AT 9-38 PM - GRENIER FIELD - CALLED THIS H. Q.

VIA PHONE AND REPORTED AS MISSING A B-34- TWIN ENGINE PLANE

MIDWING - SER NO. - AJ-422- WAS ENROUTE TO SALISBURY BEACH AND

RETURN - WE ARE STILL CARRYING THIS PLANE AS MISSING - WILL U PS

CALL THE BASE AND FIND OUT IF IT HAS RETURNED- SO THAT WE CAN
CANCEL AM/ SAME FINIS - OK QUINN TKS

LO CONCORD THIS IS MANCHESTER IN RE TO UR AI DATE HAVE CONTACTED
GRENIER FIELD AND THEY ADVISE THAT PLANE RETURNED SAFELY SUN-NITE
AND THOT THE MASS. & TATE POLICE HAD NOTIFIED U FINIS OK AND THANKS

D aily Log.

9/3/43

B. I. C.
Manchester

Time

6.20

Boston Info. Center Reports, Post 471 Man. Reports Parachute seen going down west of Unc. Mt. New Boston, Cr. 35 notified.

B. I. C.

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE A-4

9-3-43

7-33PM

CLARK

TO PD MANCHESTER

PLS CHECK WITH SAMUEL MARGOLIS 415 WALNUT ST MANCHESTER AND GET THE STORY RE THE PARPCHURE HE REPORTED TO THE BOSTON INFO CENTER AT BOSTON THIS PM - WE HAVE CHECKED THIS AND TALKED TO A PARTY THAT WAS ON DUTY AT THAT TIME AND THEY THINK THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A BOX KITE AS THERE WERE SOME BOYS ON THE MT THIS PM
FINIS OK KELLEY

SP BOSTON B-4

9-3-43

7.56 P. M.

WRIGHT

TO SP NEW HAMPSHIRE

6.56 P. M.

AT 18 30 THE NEW ENGLAND SECTION REPORTED TO OUR BDG. GEN.'S OFFICE THAT A PARACHURE AHD BEEN OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF UNCANONUC MT. WHICH WAS DANGLING IN THE AIR WITH SOMETHING ATTACHED TO IT.
THEY REQUEST A CHECK BE MADE AND ADVISE

UNDERSTAND THIS MR. IS LOCATED NEAR MANCHESTER N. H.

FINIS

ARE ALREADY CHECKING THIS CASE MIN PLS
MIN PLS FOR AGO THE OBSERVERS PHONE NUMBER IS MANCHESTER 6566 END
OUR MAN CALLING THEM AT THIS TIME MIN PLST

THIS HAS BEEN CHECKED BY OUR TROOPER HE TALKED TO A GIRL THAT IS ON DUTY NOW AND SHE THOT THAT IT MIGHT BE A KITE BUT WE ARE TO MAKE FURTHER CHECK WITH THE LOOKOUT ON THE MT.
FINIS CLARK

PD MANCHESTER 2

9-3-43

8-44 P. M.

KELLEY

TO SP CONCORD

UR A-4 DATE

CHECKED WITH MR. MARGOIS-- HE REPORTS THE SAME AS HE NOTIFIED THE INFO CENTER-- HE SAID THAT HE SAW WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE A PARACHUTE ABOUT 7-8 MILES FROM HIS LOOKOUT POST-- THIS WOULD BE NEAR UNCONOONIC MT. THIS OBJECT STAYED IN ONE LOCATION AND MOVED UP AND DOWN-- HE USED FIELD GLASSES BUT SAYS GLASSES NOT TOO STRONG - CANNOT ADD ANY OTHER INFO- UNLESS FIRE LOOKOUT ON MT. CAN ADVISE ON OBJECT SEEN AT THAT TIME FINIS TOK COMSTOCK OK

LO MANCHESTER IS THERE A FIRE LOOKOUT ON UNCONOONOC MT. AT ALL TIMES IF SO DO YOU KNOW THE MAN THAT WOULD BE THERE THIS PM

FINIS CLARK

NO SIR WALT. NEVER CALLED OR SPOKE TO PARTY IN LOOKOUT

OK CAN THIS AT THE STATE HOUSE JUST THORT OF THAT

TKS BILL

OK FL

T.....T

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A

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 11

9-3-43

9-19 PM

CLARK

TO SP BOSTON RE UR B-4 DATE FOR THE AGO BOSTON

WE HAVE CHECKED RE THIS ITEM- TALKED WITH THE PARTY THAT SENT IN THE INFO AND A GIRL THAT WAS ON DUTY WITH HIM AT THE OBSERVATION POST. MR MARGOIS THE MAN STATED THAT HE HAD TO USE SOME GLASSES THAT WERE NOT VERY STRONG TO SEE WHAT HE THOT WAS A PARACHUTE- THAT THIS ABJECT MOVED UP AND DOWN AND THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING ATTACHED TO IT- THE GIRL STATED THOT THAT IT WAS A BOX KITE - SHE STATED THAT SHE SAW SOME BOYS IN THE VICINITY OF THE MT. THIS PM. WE TRIED TO LOCATE THE LOOKOUT ON THE MT. BUT WAS NOT ON DUTY TO DAY THE FBI AGENT HAS TALKED WITH THE GIRL AND THEY ARE OF THE SAME OPINION AS WE ARE.

WILL CHECK FURTHER IN THE AM IF U THINK THERE IS NEED OF IT

FINIS

OK PERLITSH

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

INTER--DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

DATE 8-6-43

FROM TR, A.E.Bergeron

AT (OFFICE)

SUBJECT Airplane Invest,

TO Ralph W. Casewell
Supt, State Police
Concord N.H.

Dear Sir;

On Aug,6,1943 a Miss Marjorie Pike of camp Sargeant, Reeds Ferry N.H. reported to the Nashua police Dept, that a plane had crashed due East from the camp, and near the town of Merrimac.

Trooper McBain and I immediately made contact with the Nashua police, a search was made in the towns of Bedford, Merrimac, and Nashua without any results.

Yours truly.

Trooper *A. E. Bergeron*

Friday, August 6, 1943

2.30 PM UNION Leader called re: a report of plane crash, Told by Major Comstock
no report in here as yet.
2.30 PM Army information Station, Boston called said their anti sub bomber reported a
plane down southwest of Manchester in the Merrimack River. Radio to Cr. 36 to investigate.

SP, NEW HAMPSHIRE 4 8/6/43 3.18 PM BROWN
TO SP BOSTON FOR THE BOSTON INFORMATION CENTER
RE UR TELEPHONE CALL TO THIS HEADQUARTERS THIS DATE- RE: PLANE BEING DOWN IN THE MERRIMACK RIVER
"SOUTH WEST OF MANCHESTER" BE ADVISED THAT OUR TROOPERS HAVE CHECKED THIS COMPLAINT WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS IF ANYTHING FURTHER DEVELOPS WILL ADVISE

SP BOSTON A-1 8/6/43 2.54 PM BROWN
TO 1. MANCHESTER AND NASHUA
WE HAVE A REPORT THAT THERE IS A PLANE DOWN IN THE MERRIMACK RIVER AND THE ONLY INFORMATION WE
HAVE AS TO LOCATION IS WOUTH WEST OF MANCHESTER
FINIS MANCH PLEASE ACKN. OK ONEILL
NASHUA PLEASE ACK OK LARIVEE OK

LO CONCORD THIS IS MANCHESTER -- THE BEST INFORMATION WE HAVE ON THIS PLANE IS THAT IT IS DOWN IN
THE VICINITY OF MERRIMACK, N.H.
FINIS ONEILL OK?? FINE TK U. BROWN- V.

LO CONCORD THIS IS NASHUA- HAVE CHECKED THE RIVER DOWN THIS SECTION AND EVERYTHING CLEAR NO PLANES
SEEN OK TKS.
OUR TRS. REPORT THE SAME A. BROWN OK

SP CONCORD A-1 7-28-43 11-20 AM BROWN
TO PD MANCHESTER

WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING FROM BOSTON INFORMATION CENTER-VIA BP BOSTON
ON THE TT-----

"TO HAVE A REPORT OF A PLANE IN DISTRESS-BETWEEN PORTSMOUTH AND MANCHESTER
LAS REPORTED IN THE VICINITY OF RAYMOND-NH-WILL YOU KINDLY HAVE PATROLS
ALERTED IN CASE THERE IS A CRASH OR IF YOU GET ANY INFO
ADVISE"

LO CONCORD THIS MANC HAVE CALLED THE BASE RE. PLANE THEY KNOW
NOTHING OF IT BUT WILL BE ON THE ALERT STIPS
FINIS OK TKS LEHOUX

B.D.C.
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AUG 5, 1943

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

DATE 8-3-43

FROM Clifton W. Smith

AT (OFFICE) Derry

SUBJECT Alleged airplane crash

TO Col. Ralph W. Caswell, Supt

State Police

Concord, N. H.

Dear Sir,

On this date at approximately 3:00 PM. I was informed by G.H.P. of a report from the Boston Filter Center of a reported plane crash in Salem.

I went to the O.P. and Mrs. Howard said that it had been reported to her by a Mrs. Seibert of Melville Lake Park.

Going there I was told by Mr. Seibert that he had been working in his garden when he heard a plane just east of him. He looked up and saw it make two vertical banks and then disappear. He heard no crash, nor could he give a description of the type of plane.

Whereupon I circled the area he described as the possible place of the crash. This was an area east of Melville Lake toward the Haverhill, Mass line. I inquired from people on all sides of this area, and all reported seeing

the plane but none thought it had crashed
as they heard nothing. All seemed agreed
that it was a single engine plane (possibly a
P-47) flying low and stunting. Particularly vertical
bankes.

I advised G.H.Q. of my findings and
was advised to discontinue the search.

Very truly yours,

Clifton W. Smith.

SP BOSTON C-4 8-3-34 3.11 P. M. MCCARTHY
TO SP NH

BOSTON INFOR CENTER- JUST CALLED AND ADC ADVISED THEY HAVE RECD A
REPORT ON A PLANE DOWN IN THE WOODS IN SALEM NH- NEAR THE WATER
S RESORVOIR-- HAPPENED ABOUT 45 MIN AGO- REPORTED TO THEM BY OBSERVER
MRS HOWARD REL SALEM 34-----B PLANE BELIEVED TO BE WHITE IN COLOR
AND THOT TO BELONG TO THE CIVIL AIR PATROL- NOT KNOWN IF THE OCCUPANTS
BAILED OUT - WL U CHECK AND ADV
FINIS OK AHEAN

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reptd.

LOG ITEMS

Tuesday, August 3, 1943

Burleigh 3.40 Boston Info. Center called re: TT on possible plane crash
and were we checking. Advised Yes.

" 4:18 Methuen, Mass. PD called re: reported plane crash. Advised
22 checking byt can't seem to locate it.

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 7 8-3-43 3.47 PM AHEARN
TO SP BOSTON FOR BOSTON INFO CENTER E RE UR ITEM C-4 DATE
TROOPER HAS CHECKED WITH OBSERVER WHO REPORTED PLANE DOWN-ALSO
CHECK WITH PARTY REPORTING IT TO OBSERVER---THIS PARTY SAWTHE PLANE
MAKE A COUPLE OF DIVES AND DID NOT SEE IT COME UP AGAIN--NO ONE HAS
ANY INFO OF ANY CRASH----TROOPER STILL CHECKING AND WILL ADVISE ANY
INFORMATION
FINIS OKWEN

V GA

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 9 8-3-43 4.27 PM AHEARN
TO SP BOSTON RE UR ITEM C-6DATE
TROOPER HAS CHECKED, ANGLES AND DIRECTIONS WHERE PLANE
REPORTED AS BEING DOWN-----HAS FOUND NO ONE WHO SAW ANY PLANE CRASH
IF ANYTHING FURTHER LEARNED W LL ADVISE
FINIS OKWENTHKS

MAR 29 1944

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

Wolfeboro
3-25-44

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Col. Ralph W. Caswell
Supt. State Police
Concord
New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

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The following named men were fishing thru the ice about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the scene; they were eye witnesses to the smash-up. They immediately drove their cars to the scene, extricated the two flyers and drove them to Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro. W. Fred Tuttle, Percy Rhodes, Hugo Johnson, Ralph Carpenter Sr. and Ralph Horne, all of Wolfeboro.

After I had taken pictures of the scene, I told W. Fred Tuttle, Lt. CAP, that he was in charge of the guard on the wreck until the military arrived and took over.

At the Hospital the injured flyer identified himself as Sub Lt. John Derek Pearson, 20, of the Royal Navy, stationed at U.S.N.A.S. Lewiston, Me. Later I met the pilot who was not injured. He gave me his name as Sub Lt. George Kay, 21, Royal Navy, same station. Pearson is under the care of Dr. Ralph Tuttle, Wolfeboro, who told me he had a compressed fracture of the first lumbar vertebra, laceration of the scalp and sprained right ankle.

About 3 hours after the accident Lt. Doherty, Laconia CAP, drove into town and I guided him out to the wreck. That evening about 8 Lt. James Sands (SG) U.S. Navy came into town from Brunswick, Me. with eight U.S. Marines. I guided them out to the scene and the Lt. took over the guard from the CAP.

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of course it is rapidly becoming rotten and honeycombed by the increasing warmth. The surface water comes up over an automobile or cruiser's exhaust and stops the motor. The work of the afternoon of 3-25-44 had to be done by the Marine International truck.

The plane weighs about 8 tons, I am advised; it is probable that no attempt will be made, because of weather and ice conditions, to salvage the fuselage and motor.

At the time of the crash the weather was clear and sunny. The plane appeared to be flying a Northerly course and a strong NW wind was blowing. Witnesses said the plane was flying low, close down to the ice, when one wing tipped down and struck the ice as if caught in a down-draft. The ship then bounced up and down for a half mile before coming to a stop right side up.

On 3-26-44 local men jacked up the plane and hauled it to the Carry on Wolfeboro Neck; on 3-27-44 a detail of British sailors came over from Lewiston to disassemble the ship. Two tractors also came to cart the plane back to its base.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Swift

Two Injured as Canadian Navy Plane Crashes

0-3-28-44
CAP Members Remove
Victims of Mishap
at Lake Winnepesaukee

Special to The Union.

WOLFEBORO, March 24—Two members of a three-man crew of a Royal Canadian Navy plane were at Huggins Memorial hospital here tonight with serious injuries received when their craft crashed about a half mile from Moose island at the east end of Lake Winnepesaukee early this afternoon.

Unhurt, according to authorities, was the pilot while the other two members of the crew of the plane were reported suffering from serious injuries. Names of the crewmen were withheld by officials.

Within 11 minutes after the crash members of the N. H. Wing, Civil Air patrol, had arrived on the scene and work of removing the victims was under way. CAP also established guard about the airplane.

Authorities indicated that a joint investigation of the crash would be conducted by American and Canadian officials. The plane, a Grumman Avenger, was badly damaged as the right wing was sheared off and part of the tail assembly was smashed.

Rescue operations were hampered considerably by heavy slush and water over the ice on the surface of the lake.

Two Killed in Maine

WALDOBORO, Me., March 24—(AP)—Two British naval airmen were killed today when two planes in a formation collided over a rural area and crashed within a half mile of each other.

One of the craft fell in woods on the farm of Ernest Castner and the other in a field on the farm of Preston Lewis in North Waldoboro.

A guard was thrown around the wreckage of the planes, both of which caught fire after they crashed. The bodies of the two occupants were removed in an ambulance from Rockland Naval Air Station.

Witnesses said the mishap apparently occurred as the formation was banking.

The accident was first reported by Philip Lee, an RFD mail carrier, who telephoned word of it to the telephone exchange, which notified proper authorities.

Plane Wreckage Hauled From Ice

One Crewman of Canadian Bomber Recovering
at Wolfeboro Hospital

Special to The Union.

WOLFEBORO, March 26—As one crewman of an RAF torpedo bomber lay in Huggins Memorial hospital here recovering from injuries received when the ship crashed a half mile from Moose island at the east end of Lake Winnepesaukee Friday, wreckage of the plane Sunday afternoon was removed to mainland and investigation of the accident continued.

Officials said Sunday that the plane, originally believed to have been a Royal Canadian Navy ship, was a Grumman Avenger belonging to the Royal Air Force. Two men, not three, were in the plane when it crashed and the pilot was unhurt, authorities said.

Loaded with Bombs

It was further revealed Sunday that the plane, on a routine training mission, was fully loaded with live bombs which in some manner did not explode when the ship crashed. The bombs were removed and wreckage of the plane brought to what is known as the Old Indian Carrying Place here. It will later be taken to an RAF training base for salvage.

Names of the two crewmen have not yet been released. Officials said that the hospitalized flier suffered back injuries but was reported to be out of danger.

A detachment of U. S. Marines from Brunswick, Me., under Lt. James Sands, worked 'round the clock on 12-hour shifts to prepare the plane for its removal from Lake Winnepesaukee. Most of the detachment of eight men were veterans of action on Guadalcanal. While here they were quartered at the home of Mrs. Archie A. Horne, Sr., mother of two sons in the service.

Assisting were Sgt. Ernest H. Swift of the State Police, Fire Chief Ray Mansfield and 2nd Lt. Fred Tuttle of the Wolfeboro flight, CAP, organized only last Thursday. All are veterans of World War I. Standing by to lend a hand during the rescue operations were members of the Harry Harriman unit, Air auxiliary, and the Wolfeboro M. Cross Canteen Corps.

One Hurt In Plane Crash At Wolfeboro

m-3-25-44
WOLFEBORO, March 25 (P)—The flier who was injured yesterday when a British plane crashed on the ice of Lake Winnepesaukee was reported as resting comfortably today at Wolfeboro hospital. The pilot and only other occupant was not hurt.

Captain Arthur R. Cheney of the Civil Air Patrol at Concord said that gusty winds apparently tipped the plane as it landed, causing it to smash against the ice.

The accident occurred a half-mile east of Moose Island near Roberts Cove.

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SP BOSTON E-2 7-28-43 12-31 AM SMITH

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE

BOSTON INFO CENTER REPORTS-THEY HAVE REC'D REPORT THAT THERE IS A
PLANE FLYING VICINITY OF "DOW FIELD-NEAR BANGOR-MAINE" THEIR
RECORDS SHOW THAT THEY HAVE NO PLANES LISTED AS BEING IN THAT AREA-
AND WOULD LIKE A VERIFICATION OF REPORT IF POSSIBLE-WOULD LIKE TO
OBTAIN TYPE OF PLANE ETC--IF NOT--ANY INFO RE WHETHER OR NOT A PLANE
IS OR WAS FLYING IN THAT AREA-WILL BE APPRECIATED PLS ADV SOON
AS POSSIBLE

FINIS

WL TRY AND GET INFO THROUGHT TO MAINE-FOR UR INFO-RADIO TOUGH
TO-NIGHT FINIS-BROWN-OK

Maine

B.L.C.

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SP BOSTON D-21
TO SPNH

8-9-43

7.28 P. M.

WRIGHT

BOSTON ARMY INFO CINTER REPORT THAT OBSERVER RUTH FLANDERS REPORTS
SEEING A PLANE 1/2 MILE EAST OF HER POST WENT INTO A SIDE SLIP AND WENT
DOWN ON SIDE NEAR A RAILROAD TRACK.
THIS WAS AT LINCOLN CENTER MAINE TELEPHONE LINCOLN 82

FINIS

OK SYMONDS MAY I HAVE REG PLS-? BY MIN

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 11 8-9-43 8-55 PM SYMONDS
TO SP. BOSTON FOR ARMY INFO CTR. UR D-21 DATE - FROM SP MAINE-

HAVE CHKED AT LINCOLN CENTER MAINE -- THAT WAS A LARGE TRANSPORT
PLANE AND FOXX FLEW LOW ALONG THE RAILROAD TRACKS - WENT OVER
TREES AND HEADED SOUTH - ALL OK- FINIS

SP BOSTON D-7 8-5-43 4-10 PM NELSON

TO SP CONCORD NH-FOR SP MAINE.

SGT CHAPMAN-BIC CALLS-REPORT PLANE DOWN-LOCATION 30 MILES NORTH
LEWISTON- BEAR POND NEAR NORTH TURNER.

KDLY CHK& ADV ANY INFO

FINIS

OK WL GIVE TO ME. LEHOUX AT SP CONCORD, N.H. OK

Manila 5661
BDC

SP BOSTON C-17 8-5-43 4-12 PM

Nelson

TO SP CONCORD NH RE ITEM D-7

SGT. CHAPMAN ADVISES HE HAS HEARD FROM SHERIFF UP THERE AND NO PLANE
DOWN ON POND SO CANCEL SAME

FINIS OK LEHOUX TKS

SP BOSTON C-8

5-19-43

6:05 PM

NELSON

TO SP CONCORD NH FOR ME SP
CPL LEECH BOSTON INFO CTRE REPORTS INFO THAT A PLANE FLYING VERY LOW, VICINITY PHILLIPS, ME.
WAS REPORTED TO A CAPT. WAYNE TEL PHILLIP 30-Ring 5.
NOT KNOWN IF PLANE DID CRASH - WUD U KILY CK. FINIS OK SYMONDS

SP BOSTON C-9

5-19-43

7:20 PM

NELSON

TO SP CONCORD NH RE OUR C-8 FOR SP ME
BIC JUST CALLED AGAIN SAYING THEY HAD HEARD FROM SP AUGUSTA ME. THAT A BOMBER DID CRASH ABT
72 MILES N.W. OF BANGOR. AND WOULD APPRECIATE GETTING DETAILS VIA TT. FINIS OK SYMONDS.

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE
TO SP BOSTON

5-

5-19-43

8:01 PM

CLARK

RE UR C-8 DATE

FROM SP AUGUSTA ME.

ATT CPL LEECH BOSTON INFO CTRE.

BANGOR AIR BASE REPORT THAT THEY HEARD A 4ENG. BOMBER NEAR PHILLIPS ME. PLANE LANDED BANGOR
AIR BASE AT 7-03 PM HOWEVER, SP ME CHECKING NEAR PHILLIPS ME. WL AD. ANY FURTHER INFO RECEI ED.

LATER FR M SP AUGUSTA ME.

SP HDQTRS HAVE NO INFO RE BOMBER CRASHING 72 MILES N W OF BANGOR WILL ADV. ANY INFO THAT THEY
MAY RECEIVE FINIS OK PERLITSH

SP BOSTON C-10

5-19-43

8:20 PM

NELSON

TO SP CONCORD NH FOR SP ME

RE OUR C-9 AT 7:20 PM

PVT HEALEY BIC ADVISES THAT HE IS SATISFIED THE REPORT WAS FALSE RE CRASH AT LOCATION GIVEN -
72 MILES N.W. BANGOR
HOWEVER, WUD APPRECIATE ANY INFO THAT MIGHT BE OBTAINED RE ORIG MSG / C-8 VICINITY PHILLIPS, ME.
FINIS OK CLARK

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE

7

5-19-43

11-40 PM

SYMONDS

TO SP BOSTON FROM SP AUGUSTA, MAINE RE UR ITEM C-10 AND C-9 DATE
TROOPER AT PHILLIPS ME ADV. NO EVIDENCE OF PLANE CRASHING AT PHILLIPS OR AVON, MAINE - IF
ANY FURTHER INFO IS OBTAINED WL ADV. FINIS
OK WEN THKS.

SP BOSTON D 3 10-3-43
TO SPNH FOR SP MAINE

10.04 A.M.

WRIGHT

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Maine

LT BARRETT BOSTON ARMY INFORMATION CENTER REPORTS TWO PLANES HAVE CRASHED NOW BURNING
PARACHUTE HAS BEEN USED IN CONTACT MR LIBBY - INFORMANT AT PW POWNEL MAINE 14

ADVISE PARTICULARS
FINIS

SP NEW HAMPSHIRE 2 10-3-43 10.42 AM HEARN
TO SP BOSTON RE UR ITEM D-3 DATE FROM SP AUGUSTA MAINE

ATTN LT BARRETT BOSTON ARMY INFO CENTER
INFO RE PLANE CRASHED HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF TELEPHONE TO THE BOSTON ARMY INFO CENTER
FINIS OK WRIGHT

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COMPLAINT SHEET

DATE 3-18-45 TIME 4.11 P VIA Radio RECEIVED BY DEA

COMPLAINANT _____ ADDRESS _____

DETAILS:

PD Keene--called--wants crs 31-34 contacted have report of a plane crash at Hinsdale.

4.12 P Call crs 31-34 no answer
4.13 P Call crs 31-34 signal 60
4.15 P Call crs 31-34 to call PD Keene.
4.20 P Cr 32---advised proceed to Hinsdale on plane crash.
4.21 P Call crs 31-34--get a buff-buff gave info plane crash
4.25 P Crs 31-34--proceed Hinsdale.
4.25 P WJLR--Report crash near Catholic Church.
4.26 P Cr 32 gave info location plane Crash.
4.28 P Crs 31-34 together--received call ok unable get in-on way Hinsdale.
4.30 P Cr 31 reports radio no good at Hinsdale will call by fone-results.
4.43 P WJLR re crs on way--advises them crs 32--31--34 on way
4.44 P WJLR reports have cruisers cut across playground at Hinsdale
5:28 P WJLR reports pilot of plane Roger Kerlow burned to death--Passengers Wilfred Walker, Phil. Biley James Bolles--extent of their injuries unknown at this time.
7:23 P Cr-32 reported- plane was a Waco type--number- N.C.1320-- Had motor trouble and tried to make a forced landing.
7.40 P Tr Hartwell reports by phone - A Waco 4 passenger plane N C 1320- Pilot James Bolles left Keene Airport at 3.15PM for Hinsdale-When over Hinsdale had trouble with motor and tried to land on a play group Struck a tree -turned around and ran into a house and barn-gas tank exploded and set fire to barn-Passenger Roger Kerlow burned to death. Bolles Pilot minor injuries-Walker face and leg injury, broken collar bone-injuries to others unknown at this time. Hartwell will mail complete report.

ASSIGNED TO _____ DATE _____ TIME _____ BY: _____

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

March 19, 1945

Col. Ralph W. Caswell
Dept. of State Police
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

On March 18, 1945 at about 4:20 PM, I received a radio call to proceed to Hinsdale, N.H., where an airplane accident had occurred. I immediately proceeded, and upon my arrival at Hinsdale, I learned that the accident was at Prospect St., a short distance from the town Playground.

The home of one Steve Bordner was burned to the ground and the wreckage of a Waco plane was still smouldering and just the framework remained. There was a body in the wreckage, and the bystanders around informed me that it was one Roger Kerylow, age 31, of Hinsdale, N.H., and that Kerylow and three other fellows, namely, William Walker, Philip Biley and James Bolles, had gone to the airport at Keene to hire a plane from the Bowman Flying Service, Inc. They obtained a plane of the Waco type, number NCL320. James Bolles of Keene, being an instructor, operated the plane. As they were circling in the vicinity of the Bordner home, the people in and around Hinsdale noticed that the plane was backfiring and appeared to be in trouble, and then according to Mr. Bordner, the plane started to descend and struck the top of a dead pine tree, which was about 60 to 70 ft. high, and then crashed partly on the barn, then landing on the house. It is believed that the gasoline from the plane sprayed the house and caused the fire. Most everyone whom we talked with, stated they thought the accident occurred at about 3:45 PM.

The occupants, Walker, Biley and Bolles were treated by Dr. H.L. Brown of Winchester, and then were sent to the Elliott Hospital at Keene for further treatment. Dr. L.A. Fox of Winchester, N.H. was called to the scene, as acting Medical Referee, to view the body of Kerylow.

The Civilian Air Patrol have posted a number of guards to prevent bystanders from touching any part of the plane. A warrant officer, L. B. Hall of Hinsdale, of the Civilian Air Patrol, was in charge of the guards.

For further information, see Tr. Menzies and Hartwell's report, as these two troopers made a more detailed investigation, while I was at the scene, helping to keep bystanders

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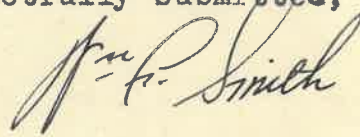
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away from the plane.

Sheriff Arthur N. Jennison of Keene, and Dep. Sheriff Frank Walker of Hinsdale, helped in the investigation and Sheriff Jennison took a number of pictures at the scene, and I will try to obtain some from him in order that Headquarters may have a copy of them.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. F. Smith", written in dark ink.

March 21, 1945

Colonel Ralph W. Caswell

State Police

Airplane crash - Hinsdale

G. Stewart Campbell
Aeronautics Commission
State House Annex

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find copy of Trooper Smith's report relative to the
airplane crash in Hinsdale, New Hampshire on March 18, 1945.
This report is forwarded to you for your files.

Very truly yours,

COLONEL RALPH W. CASWELL
Superintendent

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