

Accident No. 43-6-28-507

Date

Checked by Jet

8-12-43

Analyzed by M. J. L.

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Field by \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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(Nature Group

(06 *Landing*

(Specific Nature

(32 *Overshot*

(Underlying Nature

29 *Loss of control*

(Cause Group

(05 *80% (Pilot Error) Cardiac*

(Specific Cause

(34 *Cardiac*

(Underlying Cause

12 *Lack of alertness*

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20% Supervisory Psn. (S.W.)

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Operation Personnel

M. H. R.

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Control Officers

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REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

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(1) Place R.A.F. Station Llanbedr (2) Date June 28, 1943 (3) Time 1918 hours  
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model P-47D (5) A. F. No. 42-7950 (6) Station AAF Station F-342  
 Organization: (7) 8th Ftr Comd (8) 6th Ftr Wg (9) Hq & Hq Squadron  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)  
 8AF F Com PERSONNEL 2nd Sq HDO Sq

DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P	SHELTON, WILLIAM J.	P	0-407151	2nd Lt	01	AAF	8th AF	None	None

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Shelton, William J. (21) 0-407151 (22) 2nd Lt (23) 01 (24) A.C.  
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)  
 Assigned (25) 8th Ftr Comd (26) 6th Ftr Wg (27) Hq & Hq Sqn. (28) AAF Sta. F-342  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
 Attached for flying (29) 8th Ftr Comd (30) 6th Ftr Wg (31) 2025th Gunnery Flt. (32) RAF Sta. Llanbedr  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
 Original rating (33) P (34) 1-4-41 Present rating (35) P (36) 1-4-41 Instrument rating (37) None  
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(38) This type \_\_\_\_\_ (42) Instrument time last 6 months \_\_\_\_\_  
 (39) This model \_\_\_\_\_ (43) Instrument time last 30 days \_\_\_\_\_  
 (40) Last 90 days \_\_\_\_\_ (44) Night time last 6 months \_\_\_\_\_  
 (41) Total \_\_\_\_\_ (45) Night time last 30 days \_\_\_\_\_

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>M3</u>	<u>Rt wing-complete, Rt landing gear bottom fuselage</u>
(47) Engine(s) <u>04</u>	<u>Engine change</u>
(48) Propeller(s) <u>M4</u>	<u>1 propeller</u>

(50) Weather at the time of accident Exceptional  
 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No  
 (52) Cleared from RAF Sta. Llanbedr (53) To 2521 (54) Kind of clearance Contact  
 (55) Pilot's mission A/A Gunnery Mission 39  
 (56) Nature of accident Overshot runway, undercarriage collapsed  
 (57) Cause of accident Landing down wind  
80% (Pilot Error) 20% (Weather)  
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07:38 44

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

ACCIDENT COMMITTEE STATEMENT

Pilot landed downwind against the landing tee and wind-sock. Pilot was given a red light from control tower which was slightly delayed. The pilot made no effort to go around. Weather conditions were exceptionally good, wind speed approximately 15 m.p.h.

This mission lasted thirty minutes during which the wind had changed through 180°. The pilot checked the ACP's hut and found it as he had left it but he did not check the landing tee which had been moved.

In the opinion of the undersigned officers responsibility for the accident lies 100% with the pilot.

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Signature *Melvin F. McNickle*  
(Investigating Officer)  
MELVIN F. MC NICKLE, Lt. Col., A.C.  
*Selden R. Edney*  
SELDEN R. EDNEY, Major, A.C.  
*Walter J. Hollander*  
WALTER J. HOLLANDER, Capt., A.C.

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I, 2nd Lt. William J. Shelton, O-407151, Hq & Hq Squadron, Sixth Fighter Wing, certify that I was on an authorized flying mission from RAF Station Llanbedr, Merionethshire, North Wales.

I took off on No. 2 runway and thirty minutes later came in for landing on No. 2 runway. Not flying across the field I entered on the down wind leg and observed the runway guard but still on runway No. 2. In landing I over-shot due to landing downwind. I applied all the brakes possible this not being enough I decided to unlock the tail wheel and spin around. I attempted this but my speed was too great. The ship turned 90° but the forward motion remained. The right wheel collapsed and the plane came to a stop at the end of the runway.

*William J. Shelton*  
WILLIAM J. SHELTON,  
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII FIGHTER COMMAND, A.P.O. 637, AAF Station F-341.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 633.  
Concur:

For the Commanding General:

Incls: n/c.



W. T. DURKOP,  
Capt. AGD,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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SUBJECT: Accident Report

TO : Commanding General, VIII Fighter Command, APO 637.

1. Attached herewith is report on accident which occurred at R.A.F. Station, Llanbedr; WILLIAM J. SHELTON, 2nd Lt., Pilot.

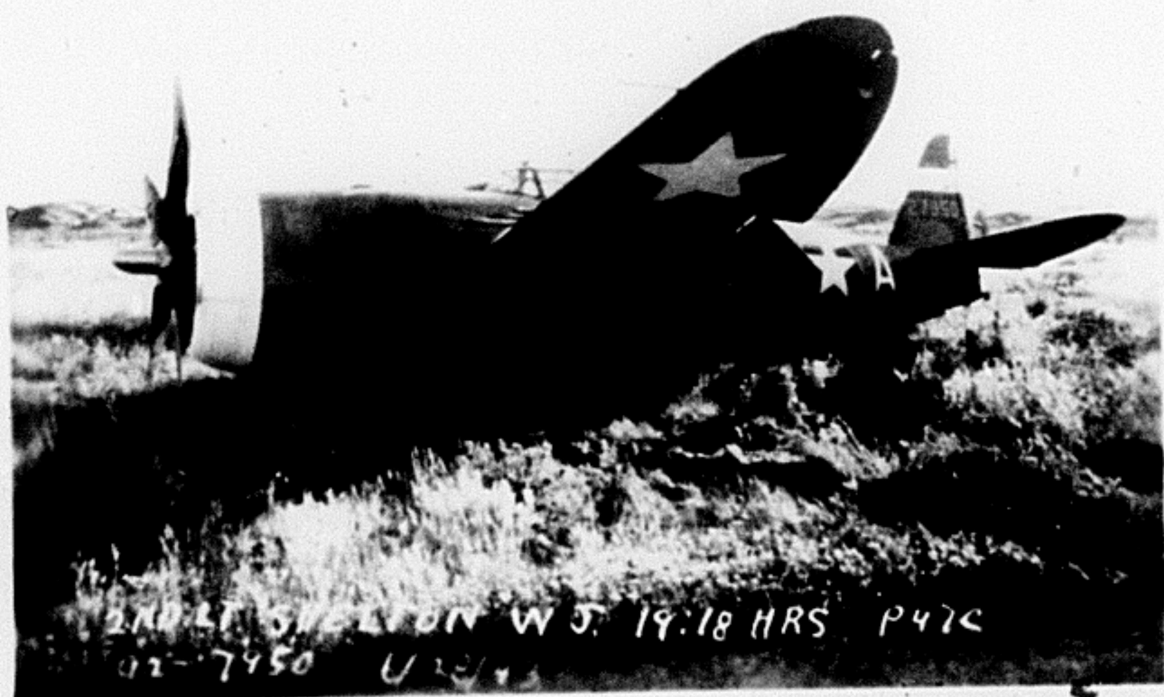
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Colonel, Air Corps,  
Commanding.

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Photos (5 views)

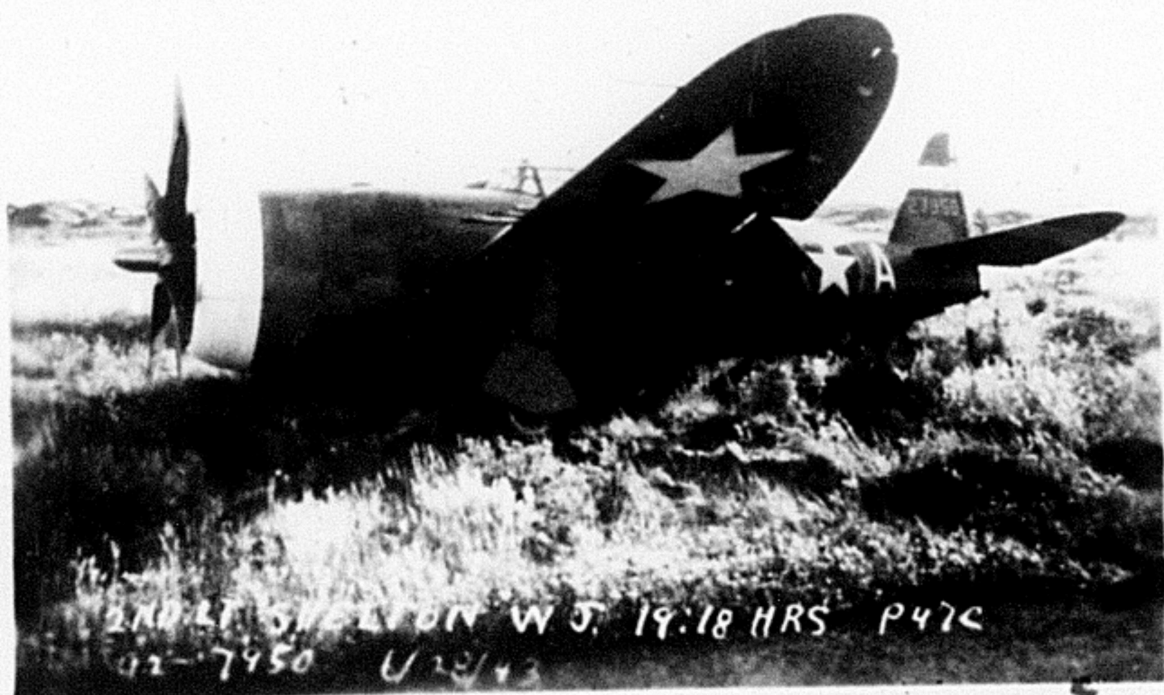
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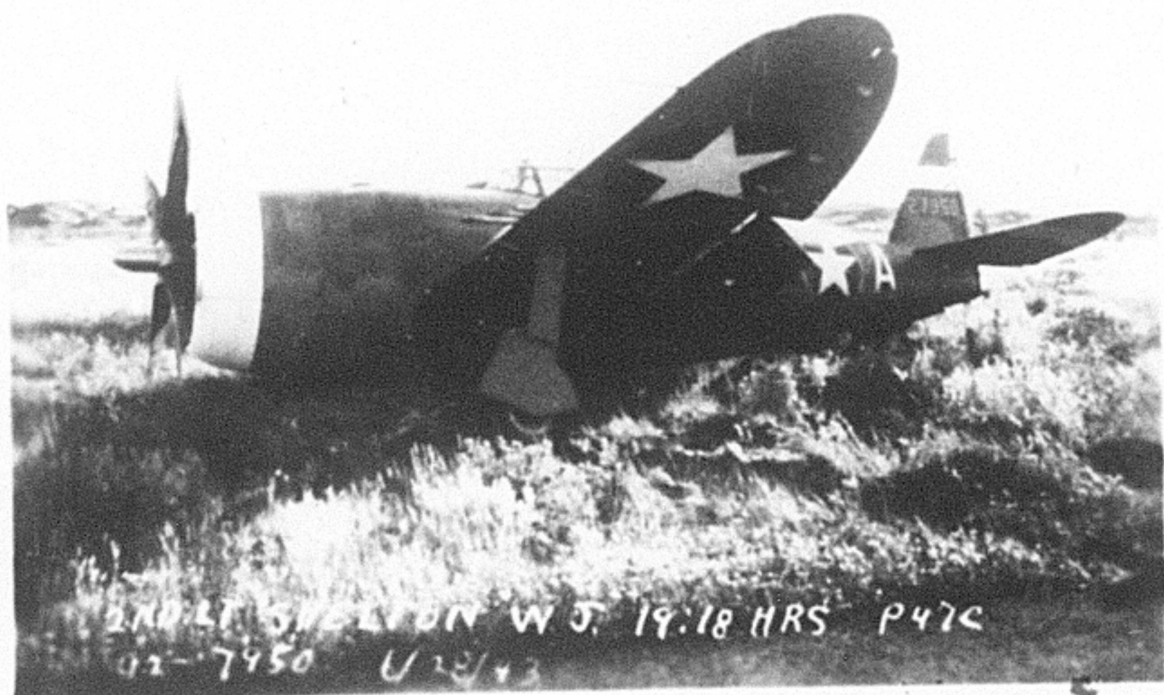




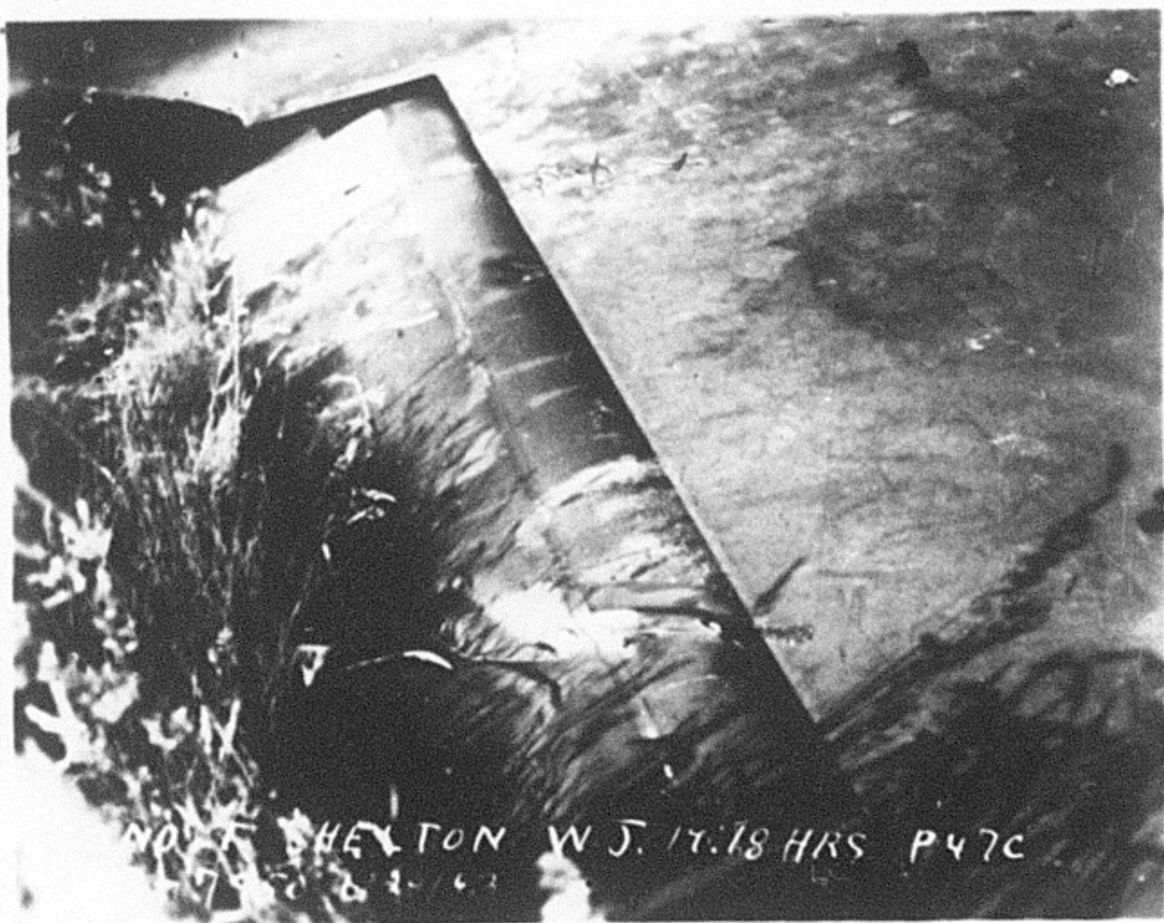
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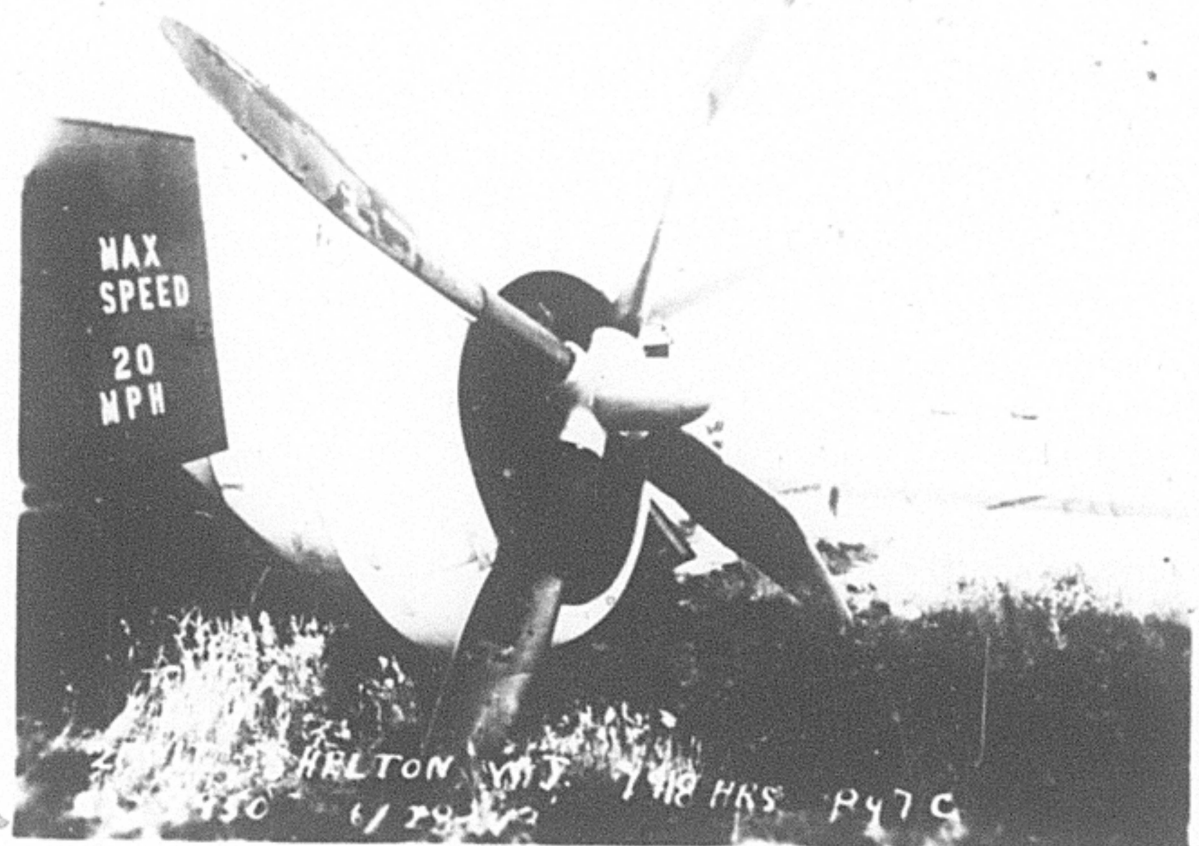
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