

Accident No. 43-6-11-586

Date

Checked by Wet 7-14-43

Analyzed by JPP 7-14-43

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Field by _____

Notes _____

(Nature Group

11 Misc

(Specific Nature

76 Struck ground with
tips of propeller blades
on ground gunnery mission

(Underlying Nature

63 Careless in taking necessary
precautions

(Cause Group

17 Pilot's technique

(Specific Cause

17 Lack of spec. exper.

(Underlying Cause

17 Lack of care

Excess
Damage

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

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(1) Place R.A.F. Station, Llanbedr (2) Date 11 June 1943 (3) Time 11:45
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model P-47D (5) A.F. No. 42-7930 (6) Station R.A.F. Station F-342
 Organization: (7) 8th F.C. 8th A.F. (8) 8th F.C. Wg. (9) 2025th Gunnery Flt.
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

8AF F Command PERSONNEL 7659 PBF Det

DATE	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)
01	Hockery, John J.	P	0-666939	2nd Lt.	20-1 51	A.C.	8AF SFC	None	---



PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Hockery, John J. (21) 0-666939 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 20-1 (24) A.C.
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) 8th F.C. 8th A.F. (26) 8th Ftr. Wg. (27) Hq Squadron (28) R.A.F. Station F-342
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) 8th F.C. 8th A.F. (30) 8th Ftr. Wg. (31) 2025th Gunnery Flt. (32) RAF Station Llanbedr
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 11/10/42 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 11/10/42 Instrument rating (37) ---
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
 (at the time of this accident)

(38) This type	12:00	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	---
(39) This model	4:00	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	---
(40) Last 90 days	48:00	(44) Night time last 6 months	---
(41) Total	208:25	(45) Night time last 30 days	---

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>3</u>	<u>Propeller tips bent</u>
(47) Engine(s) <u>1</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>04</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Good
 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
 (52) Cleared from RAF Sta. Llanbedr (53) To RAF Sta. Llanbedr (54) Kind of clearance Local
 (55) Pilot's mission Low level air to ground gunnery mission
 (56) Nature of accident Propeller tips bent
 (57) Cause of accident Low flying

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

ACCIDENT COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT

The pilot displayed poor judgement in not watching the ground closer and in not having his aircraft trimmed properly.

A definite flight plan is set down for attacks against ground targets at the range. This pilot disregarded regulations and flew so low that his prop tips struck the ground. This pilot was under orders to make low level attacks on ground targets. Pilot error.....100%. (Judgement).

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MELVIN F. McNICKLE, Lt. Col., Air Corps
Selden R. Edner
SELDEN R. EDNER, Major, Air Corps
Walter J. Hollander
WALTER J. HOLLANDER, Capt., A.C.

Date 17 June 1943

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June 11, 1943

I, 2nd Lt. John J. Hockery, O-666939, Hq & Hq Sq., Sixth Fighter Wing, was on an authorized low level air to ground gunnery mission at R.A.F. Station Llanbedr.

While making my pass across the airdrome I glanced over at the target controller to see that it was clear to fire. I had the ship trimmed a little too nose down causing me to get the prop tips.

John J. Hockery

JOHN J. HOCKERY,
2nd Lieut., Air Corps.

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2025TH GUNNERY FLIGHT (PROV)
Office of the Operations Officer
R.A.F. Station Llanbedr

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June 11, 1943

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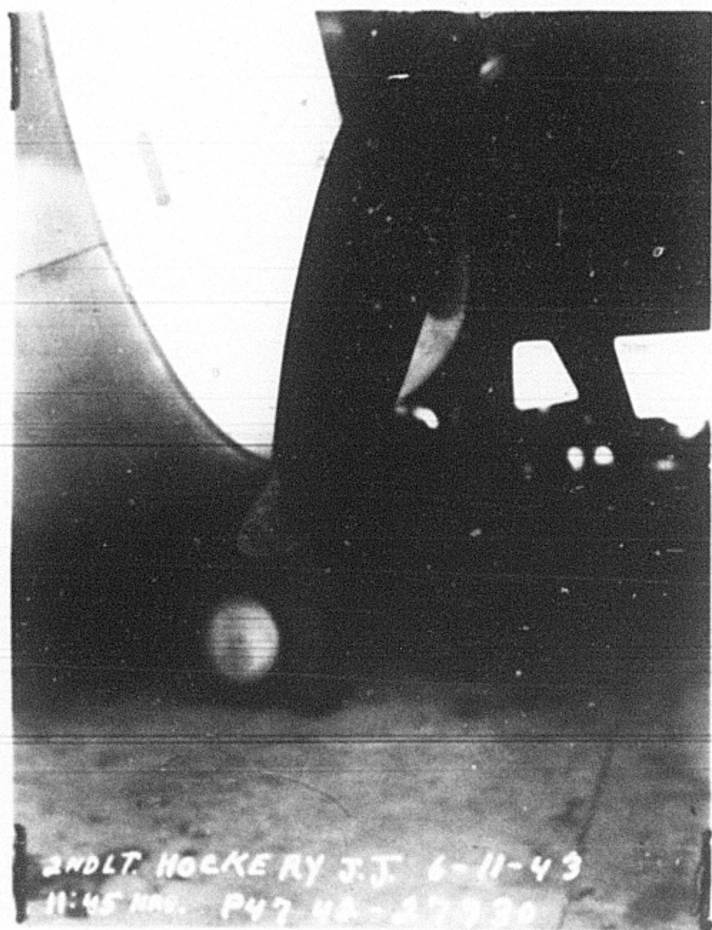
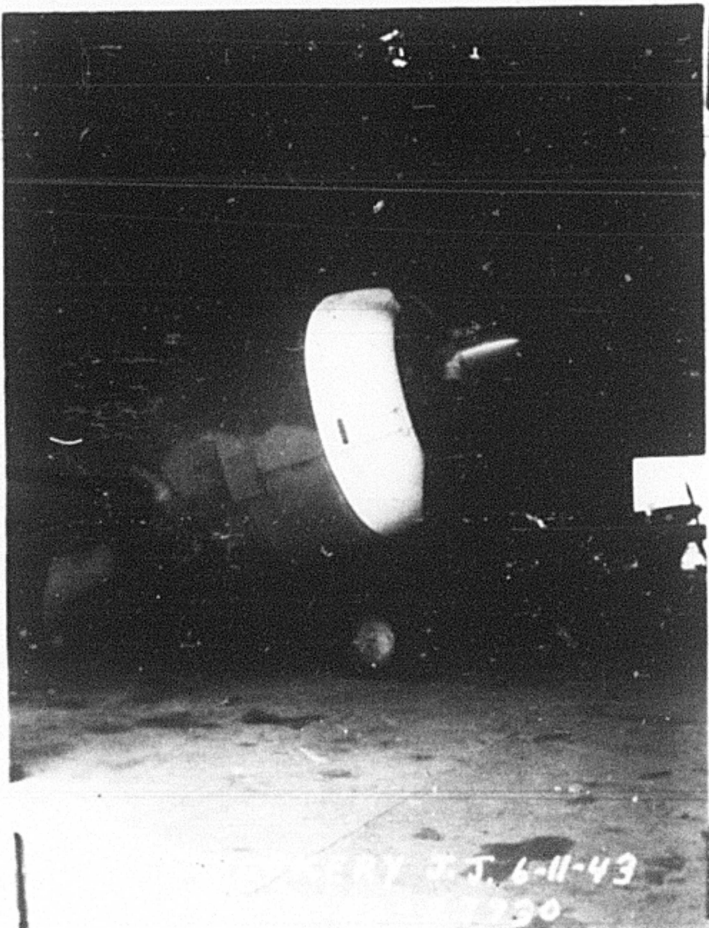
I certify that the following is a list of damaged parts on P-47D,
AAF No. 42-7930, due to an aircraft accident at this Station on June
11, 1943, at approximately 1145 hours:

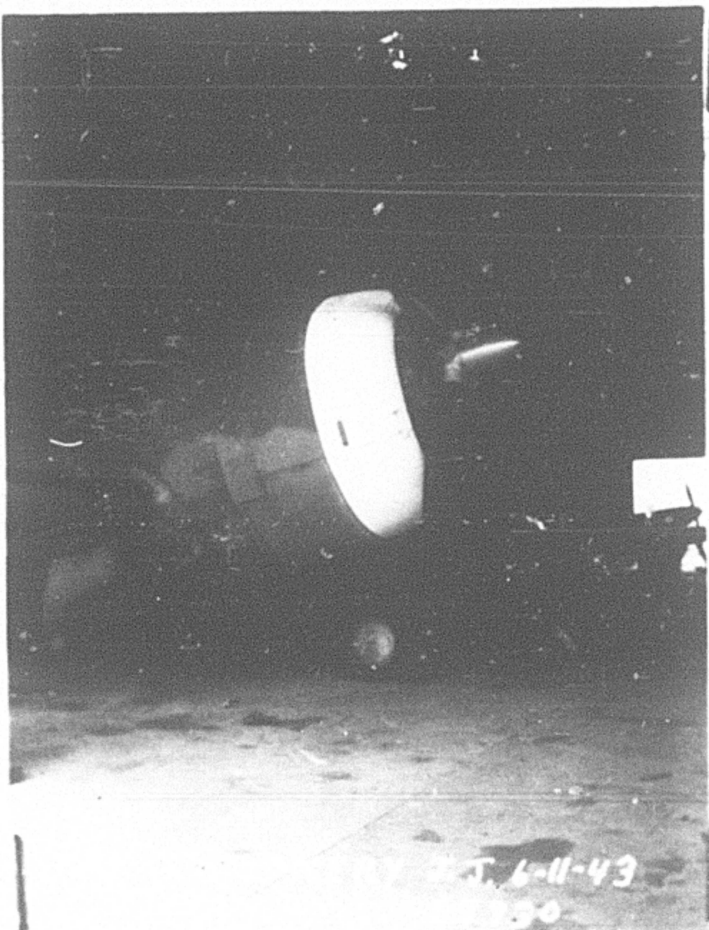
Propeller - all four tips

Norman V. Crabtree
NORMAN V. CRABTREE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

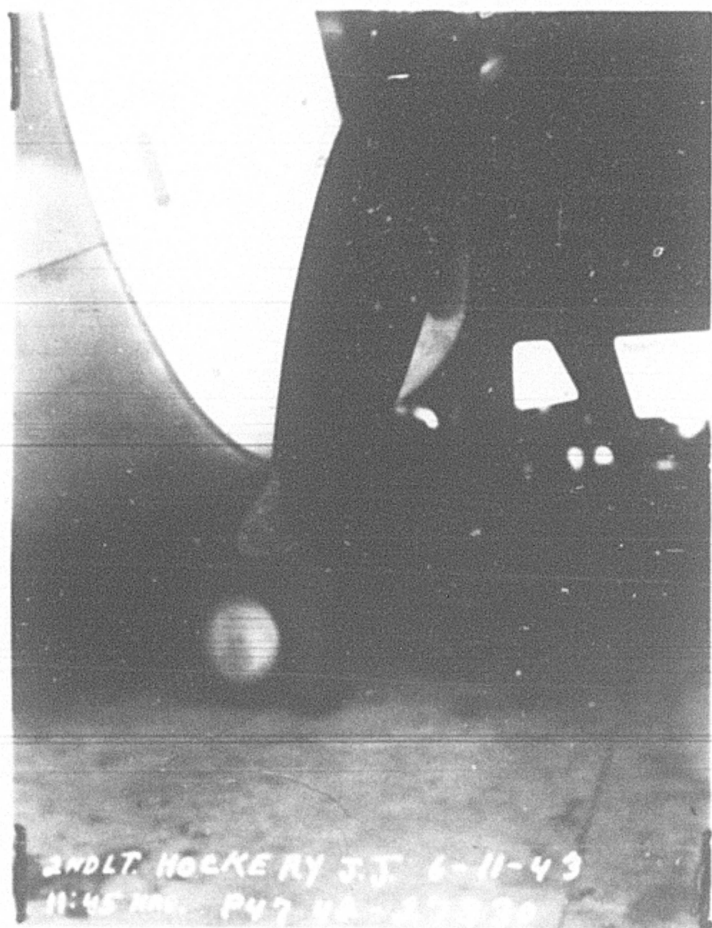
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