

Accident No. 43-4-8-4

Date

Checked by Wallace 4-28

Analyzed by R. L. [unclear] 4-28-43

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(Nature Group Collision in full  
flight

(Specific Nature with mountain

(Underlying Nature Undetermined

(Cause Group Undetermined

(Specific Cause No information  
available

(Underlying Cause Undetermined

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES  
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT  
HAMILTON FIELD, CALIF.

43-4-8-7

(500 ft. up from base of hill)

(1) Place 5 miles Southwest Dublin, California (2) Date April 8, 1943 (3) Time 14:10 PWT  
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model P-39-N-O-EE (5) A. F. No. 42-8863 (6) Station Oakland Municipal Airport, Cal.  
Organization: (7) 4th F.C. 4th A.F. (8) 328th (Fighter) (9) 329th Fighter Squadron, (7SE), AAF.  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUTY (10)	NAME (Last name first) (11)	RATING (12)	SERIAL NO. (13)	RANK (14)	PERSONNEL CLASS (15)	BRANCH (16)	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND (17)	RESULT TO PERSONNEL (18)	USE OF PARACHUTE (19)
P.	JAGO, JAMES A.	Pilot	0-739297	2nd Lt.	2C-1	A.C.	4th AF	Fatal	None

APR 26 1943



RECEIVED  
AF DIRECTOR  
OF FLYING SAFETY

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Jago, James A. (21) 0-739297 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 2C-1 (24) A.C.  
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)  
Assigned (25) 4th F.C. 4th A.F. (26) 328th Ftr. (27) 329th Fighter (28) Oakland, California.  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
Attached for flying (29) 4th F.C. 4th A.F. (30) 328th (F) (31) 329th Fighter (32) Oakland, California.  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 3/10/43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 4/8/43 Instrument rating (37) None.  
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 15:30 (42) Instrument time last 6 months None  
(39) This model 16:05 (43) Instrument time last 30 days None  
(40) Last 90 days 16:05 (44) Night time last 6 months None  
(41) Total 226:55 (45) Night time last 30 days None

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>None</u>	Complete Loss
(47) Engine(s) <u>None</u>	"
(48) Propeller(s) <u>None</u>	"

(50) Weather at the time of accident Broken clouds at three thousand feet. 21.

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident Unknown.

(52) Cleared from Oakland (53) To Oakland (54) Kind of clearance Contact.

(55) Pilot's mission Formation Training. 76

(56) Nature of accident Plane crashed into hill. 145 511 68. 02 05 68.

(57) Cause of accident Undetermined. 139 72 58

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

2nd Lt. James A. Jago was flying in a string formation in position number two on April 8, 1943. He was at approximately 9000 feet following the flight leader at two hundred yards flying over a broken cloud layer which rested at 5000 feet. The flight leader did not see Lt. Jago leave the formation.

The cause of this accident is unknown. A possible cause for the accident could have been the failure of the pilot to change gas tank selector. Lt. Jago was in the air approximately 45 minutes which would have been just enough time to run one tank dry. If this happened he would have dropped altitude very fast and might have entered a cloud at a lower level, thus, not realizing his position as to the ground level until it was too late. The altitude between the point Lt. Jago crashed and the cloud base was approximately 1500 feet to 2000 feet. It is further possible that Lt. Jago recovered satisfactorily beneath the clouds; then attempted a turn in the canyon. The canyon was quite narrow and he may have crashed into the side while attempting to complete the turn.

The responsibility for the accident is undetermined.

There are no recommendations.

Incls.

1. Statement of Capt. Hoffman.
2. Statement of Lt. Cook.
3. Certificate of Lt. Janesic.
4. Certificate of Capt. Hoffman.
5. List of damaged assemblies.
6. Form 1.
7. Form 1A.
8. Photographs.

*F. L. NDS*  
F. L. NDS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Aircraft Accident Officer.

Signature

*William R. Gladden*  
WILLIAM R. GLADDEN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Member.

April 16, 1943.

*Charles W. Hoffman*  
CHARLES W. HOFFMAN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Member.

4/8/53

Oakland, California

328 (F) Grp.

P-39N-0-NE

DATE

STATION

GROUP NO. AND TYPE

AIRCRAFT MODEL

S/ Sgt. Reeves

329 (F) Sqdn.

42-8863

CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER

SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE

AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO

PERS. CLASS	- PRINT PLAINLY - NAME - RANK - ORGANIZATION	USE AS DIRECTED LOCALLY	ALWAYS ENTER DUTY SYMBOLS WHEN APPLICABLE. ENTER N - NIGHT OR I - INSTRUMENT. ENTER TIME FLOWN THEREUNDER				FLIGHT DATA	
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20-1	Mahn, R. J., 2nd Lt., 329th F.S.	5	P 1 : 05	:	:	:	:	FROM: Local 08 : 55 TO: 10 : 00 MISSION: NO OF LANDINGS T 1 1 : 05
20-1	Reed, J. L., 2nd Lt., 329th F.S.	2	P 1 : 00	:	:	:	:	FROM: Local 10 : 00 TO: 11 : 00 MISSION: NO OF LANDINGS T 1 1 : 00
20-1	Mahn, R. J., 2nd Lt., 329th F.S.	5	P 1 : 00	:	:	:	:	FROM: Local 11 : 20 TO: 12 : 20 MISSION: NO OF LANDINGS T 1 1 : 00
20-1	Jago, J. A. H., 2nd Lt., 329th F.S.	5	P :	:	:	:	:	FROM: Local 13 : 20 TO: (CRASHED) MISSION: NO OF LANDINGS T 1

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

WAR DEPARTMENT  
A A F  
FORM NO. 1  
2-7-42

FLIGHT REPORT - OPERATION

CHARLES W. LEWIS

Captains Air Corps, Operations Officer.

TRANSCRIBED  
TOTAL FLIGHT  
TIME ENTERED  
ON FORM 1ATOTAL  
FLIGHT  
TIME

3 : 35

RETURN THIS STUB TO:

BUDGET OFFICE,

AIR SERVICE COMMAND,

PATTERSON FIELD,

FAIRFIELD, OHIO

This is a true copy.

*Charles W. Hoffman*

CHARLES W. HOFFMAN  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.

4-8-43

DATE

Oakland

STATION

S/Sgt. Reeves

CREW CHIEF OR AERIAL ENGINEER

4TH AF

AIR FORCE

4TH (F) COM.

COMMAND, CORPS AREA OR DEPT.

328th (F) Gr.

GROUP NO. AND TYPE

329th (F) Sqd.

SQUADRON NO. AND TYPE

AAF

COMPONENT

P-39N-O-BE

AIRCRAFT MODEL

42-8863

AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.

V-1710-85

ENGINE MODEL

42-26832

ENGINE SERIAL NO.

(1)

(2)

ENGINE SERIAL NO.

(3)

ENGINE SERIAL NO.

(4)

ENGINE SERIAL NO.

TOTAL  
FLIGHT  
TIME

3 : 35

AIRCRAFT ORG. DATA

AIRCRAFT DATA

ENGINE DATA

# FLIGHT REPORT - ENGINEERING

**INSPECTION STATUS**

	DATE OF HOURS DUE	INSPECTED TODAY	
		BY	STATION
PREFLIGHT	4/8/43	Reeves	Oakland Airport
DAILY	4/7/43		
25 HOURS	122:20		
50 HOURS	148:20		
100 HOURS	197:20		
Valves	197:20		
Flugs	197:20		

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

SERVICE	FUEL (GALLONS)		OIL (QUARTS)								RADIATOR CHECKED
	SERVICED	IN TANKS	NO. 1		NO. 2		NO. 3		NO. 4		
			SERVICED	IN TANKS	SERVICED	IN TANKS	SERVICED	IN TANKS	SERVICED	IN TANKS	
1ST	-	87R	-	25R							R
2ND	24M	87M	-	25M							M
3RD	5L	87	-	25							L
4TH	50	87	5	25							L
5TH	42	87	-	25							L

**INSPECTION OF AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT**

EQUIPMENT	SYMBOL	INSPECTED BY	STATION
BOMBARDMENT			
GUNNERY	N	Mobley	
CHEMICAL			
COMMUNICATIONS	H	Hartz	Oakland Airport
PHOTOGRAPHIC			
NAVIGATION			
Oxygen	3000lb.	Reeves	

**STATUS TODAY**

1.	2.
2	
3.	4.

EXPLANATION: Both florescent lites out.  
Battery solenoid bracket cracked.

**EXCEPTIONAL RELEASE**

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

J.A.H. [Signature]  
RELEASED FOR FLIGHT

K.K. Kimbro      J.L. Reed  
R.J. Hahn      R.J. Hahn

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

- #1 K.K. Kimbro 2nd Lt., O.K.
- #2 Hahn R.J. 2nd Lt. O.K.
- #3 Flap will not come down above 100 M.P.H. J.L. Reed 2nd Lt.
- #4 Hahn R.J. 2nd Lt. O.K.

**AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE TIME RECORD**  
(ENTER IN HOURS AND MINUTES)

ENGINE	NO 1	NO 2	NO 3	NO 4
HOURS TO DATE	119:00			
HOURS TODAY	3:35			
TOTAL	122:35			
OIL CHANGE DUE	122:20			
CURIO CLEANING DUE	122:20			
AIRCRAFT		HOURS TO DATE 119:00		
		HOURS TODAY 3:35		
TOTAL		122:35		

Flaps adjusted by T/Sgt Shaffer

*This is a true copy.*  
All guns semi-loaded with combat amm. (Mobley)

CHARLES W. HOFFMAN,  
Operations Officer,  
legible \* see below.

\* Not legible on original due to condition of form.

**ENGINE DATA**

**AIRCRAFT DATA**

**AIRCRAFT ORG. DATA**

TOTAL FLIGHT TIME	3 : 35	(1) ENGINE SERIAL NO.	4-1770-85	(1) AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.	42-8863	(1) COMMAND	MP	(1) STATION	Oakland	(1) DATE	4-8-43
(2) ENGINE SERIAL NO.		(2) ENGINE SERIAL NO.	42-26832	(2) AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.	P-39B-0-31	(2) COMMAND		(2) STATION		(2) DATE	
(3) ENGINE SERIAL NO.		(3) ENGINE SERIAL NO.		(3) AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.		(3) COMMAND		(3) STATION		(3) DATE	
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329th FIGHTER SQUADRON (SE) AAF  
Oakland Municipal Airport  
Oakland, California

April 8, 1943.

S T A T E M E N T

I certify that I was Flight Leader of a four ship formation flight, taking off from Oakland Airport at 1320, April 8, 1943. Lieut. Jago was my wing man and Lieut. Cook was leader of the second element. Approximately 45 minutes after take-off, we were flying a string formation about 9000 feet, at which altitude there were vertical risers of cumulus clouds. I lead the flight around one of these clouds with Lieut. Jago following behind about two hundred yards. After I had passed the cloud, I looked back and saw Lieut. Jago following me; and coming around the other side of the cloud I saw my element leader, Lieut. Cook. I looked forward again for a few seconds and looked back to see if my flight was following me, and the only ones I saw were my element leader and his wing man following. I circled about the area for 15 minutes, and couldn't find Lieut. Jago, so proceeded to home base. At our altitude, the visibility was unlimited except for a few cumulus risers from a broken cloud layer about 5000 feet, the base of the broken layer was approximately 3500 to 4000 feet.

*Charles W. Hoffman*  
CHARLES W. HOFFMAN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Flight Leader &  
Operations Officer.

329TH FIGHTER SQUADRON (SE) AAF  
Oakland Municipal Airport  
Oakland, California

April 8, 1943.

**S T A T E M E N T**

I certify that on April 8, 1943, at approximately 14:00 PWT, I was flying in a Four (4) ship formation as leader of the second element. While flying in trail, behind Lieut. Jago, at 9000 feet, I saw him go around one side of a cloud as I went over on the other side. When I last saw him he was flying straight and level. As I came around the cloud, I looked for Lieut. Jago but I never saw him anymore. Captain Hoffman and I circled in the area for 15 minutes looking for the ship, but we could not find it anywhere. We then returned to our home base.

*Bryan J. Cook*

BRYAN J. COOK,  
2nd Lt., Air Corps.



329TH FIGHTER SQUADRON (SE) AAF  
Oakland Municipal Airport  
Oakland California.

April 8, 1943.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that on April 8, 1943, at approximately 14:00 P.M. I was flying four (4) ship formation as Lt. Cooks wing man. While flying in trail as fourth man, I saw Lt. Jago around the side of a large cumulus cloud at 9,000 ft. When I last saw him, he was in a gentle turn going around the side of this cloud. As I came around the cloud Lt. Jago was not in position. After circling the area for about ten minutes, looking for him, I returned to my home base, because my gas was running low.

*Edward F. Janesic*  
Edward F. Janesic  
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

329TH FIGHTER SQUADRON (SS) AAF  
Oakland Municipal Airport  
Oakland, California

April 8, 1943.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that I, the undersigned, authorized the flight on April 8, 1943, of 2nd Lt. James A. Jago, O-739297, which was involved in an airplane crash approximately five miles southwest of Dublin, California, at approximately 14:10 P.M.T. The plane was a P-39-N-O-BE, Air Force Serial No. 42-8863. Airplane was completely demolished and crash was fatal to the pilot.

*Charles W. Hoffman*  
CHARLES W. HOFFMAN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.

329th FIGHTER SQUADRON (SE) AAF  
Office of the Engineering Officer  
Oakland Municipal Airport

Oakland, Calif.  
April 9, 1943

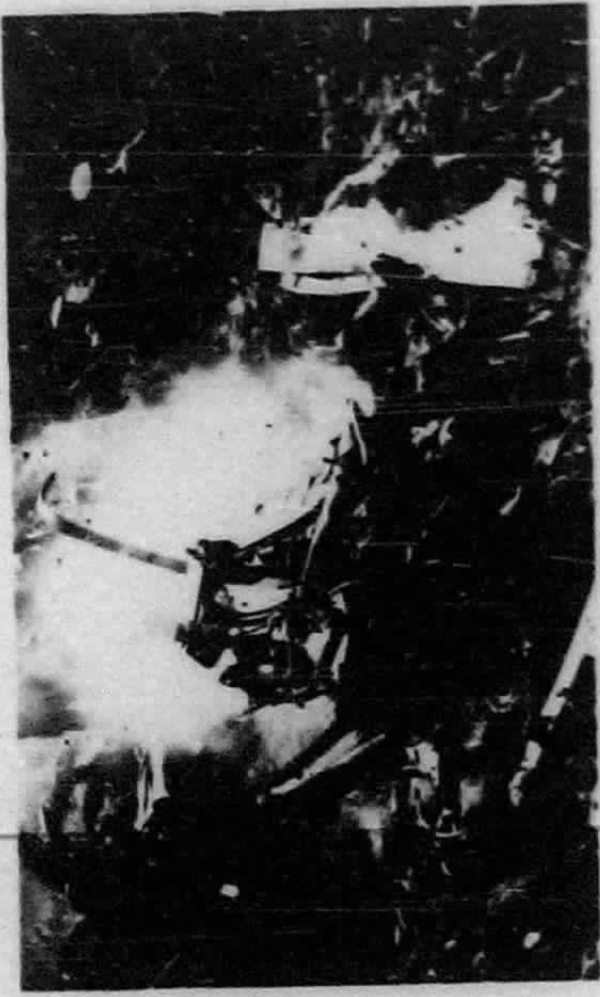
SUBJECT : Damaged parts on P-39N-O-BE Airplane, ACN 42-2863.

TO : Engineering Officer, 328th Fighter Group, Hamilton Field, Cal.

1. This is to certify that the below listed parts were damaged  
on crash of P-39N-O-BE Airplane, ACN 42-2863.

2. One each Airplane, ACN 42-2863, Type, P-39N-O-BE. Total Loss.  
One each Engine, ACN 42-26785, Type, V-1710-85. Total Loss. ✓

*Anujre Sikorski*  
ANUJRE SIKORSKI  
2nd Lt., Air Corps  
Engineering Officer



EM/cj

Hqqs. Flight Control Command

24 Apr 1943

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A. A. BARNA  
2nd Lt., AC

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~~CG AAF WASH DC~~

HAM P154N PERIOD EIGHT APRIL FOURTEEN FIFTY HAYWARD CALIFORNIA CMA  
JAMES A JAGO SECOND LT ORC FOURTH AF FOURTH FC OAKLAND CALIFORNIA CMA  
PLANE CRASHED INTO HILL CAUSE UNDETERMINED CMA PILOT FATAL CMA LOCAL  
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