

Unknown

Unknown - 43-1-200503

Plane was last  
seen at 1310 Z January  
20, 1943 by Lt. Smith,  
flight leader, at 51 deg.  
5' W - 4 deg N.

Plane & crew still  
missing.

P.B.-7

Accident No. 43-1-20543

Date

Checked by [Signature]

3-3-43

Analyzed by P. J. B. N.

3/5/43

Copied for Wright  
Field by \_\_\_\_\_

Notes \_\_\_\_\_  
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CV23:2-43

**TECHNICAL REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

- (1) The Accident Classification Committee of \_\_\_\_\_ met on \_\_\_\_\_ and determined the following:
- (2) Place, date, and time of accident: Unknown - 1/20/43 - Unknown
- (3) Aircraft station Morrison Fld Org. 17th B Sq.
- (4) Aircraft model A - 20B A. C. No. 41-3361
- (5) Date accepted from contractor Unknown
- (6) Total hours Unknown Hours since overhaul Unknown
- (7) Engine model Unknown
- (8) Engine A. C. No.'s Unknown  
 L. O. Unknown L. I. Unknown R. Unknown R. O. Unknown
- (9) Extent of damage to engine(s) Unknown  
 L. O. Unknown L. I. Unknown R. Unknown R. O. Unknown
- (10) Total engine hours Unknown  
 L. O. Unknown L. I. Unknown R. Unknown R. O. Unknown
- (11) Engine hours since overhaul Unknown  
 L. O. Unknown L. I. Unknown R. Unknown R. O. Unknown
- (12) Purpose of flight Ferrying Aircraft
- (13) Took off from Atkinson Fld. Time 1030 Z
- (14) Weather at time of accident. (If weather was a causal factor attach copies of weather report and forecast for the flight.)  
Attached
- (15) Pilot (name and rank) H. L. McClelland, 2nd Lt
- (16) Pilot's station Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- (17) Reg. Army Res., ext. duty  Res., inactive   
 Res., 14-day  Grad. cadet  Student   
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- (18) Org.—assigned 17th Bombardment Squadron
- (19) Org.—attached for flying Same
- (20) Regular duties assigned Pilot
- (21) Original pilot rating and date Unknown
- (22) Total pilot hours Unknown Hours on this model Unknown
- (23) Hours per month last 3 months Unknown  
 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (24) Models flown last 3 months  (1) Unknown  
 (2) Unknown  
 (3) Unknown
- (25) Secure from Flight Surgeon, if pilot error is a causal factor: Was there any physical or neuropsychic condition which would in any way account for this accident? Yes or No. Unknown  
 If "Yes", attach complete statement of the condition and its bearing upon the accident.
- (26) Damage to private property; Yes or No. Unknown  
 If "Yes", attach A. C. Form No. 17, "Damage to property certificate."

RESULTS TO PERSONNEL					%	%	%	CAUSES
DUTY	IN COLUMN "DUTY" ENTER SYMBOLS AS FOLLOWS:			A	B	C	D	PER-SONNEL ERROR
	C—Commander	N—Navigator	B—Bombardier	Full	Major injury	Minor injury	No injury	
Pilot	H. L. McClelland, 2nd Lt.	AC		Unknown				PILOT ERROR
Gunner	J. N. Gordon, Pvt	20		Unknown				
Gunner	G. R. McCollum, Sgt	20		Unknown				
								OTHER PER-SONNEL
								POWER PLANT
								MATERIAL
								AIRCRAFT STRUCTURE
								MISCELLANEOUS

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 HQ. AAF., DIRECTOR  
 OF FLYING SAFETY

(Explain any unsuccessful parachute jump by attachment)

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT (Less power plant)	NATURE (Check one only)	
	A—Collision in full flight with other aircraft,	B—Collision in full flight with objects other than aircraft,
Unknown	C—Spins or stalls following engine failure,	D—Spins or stalls without engine failure,
	E (1)—Emergency forced landings,	E (2)—Deferred forced landings,
A—Complete wreck,	F—Landing accidents,	G—Take-off accidents,
B—Major overhaul,	H—Taxiing accidents,	I (1)—Fire in the air,
C—Major replacement,	I (2)—Fire on the ground,	N—Structural failure,
D—Minor damage,	X—Miscellaneous,	Y—Undetermined,
E—No damage,		

15 50 74  
 12 82 00 X

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(28) PILOT'S STATEMENT (state how the accident occurred, giving all details as to conditions, causes, and influencing factors):

PLANE AND PILOT MISSING

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot

(29) STATEMENT OF ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (give complete causal statement, amplifying the pilot's statement where necessary to explain the causes):

Plane and crew missing. Departed Atkinson for Belem.  
Plane last seen by Lt. Mudd (Flight Leader)  
51 deg 5' W - 4 deg N at 1310 Z 1/20/43  
Ship at this time had 5 hours fuel and was headed at 160 deg.  
Was advised by flight leader to maintain this heading.

(30) RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommended that aircraft and crew be classified as missing

Each member of the Committee has read and understands A. C. Circular No. 15-14, A. R. 95-120, and N. A. C. A. Report No. 576.

The above statement and recommendations, and the classification and analysis shown on the reverse hereof, are the consensus of opinion of this Committee.

Signed John W. Bonnell 1st Lt. AC  
(Name) (Rank) (Designation)  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Rank) (Designation)  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Rank) (Designation)

(31) REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (accomplish only if this report is initiated at other than the home station):

Recommended that aircraft and crew be classified as missing.

Station B. G. Base, B. G. Date February 5, 1943 Signature William M. Diamond  
WILLIAM M. DIAMOND, Major, AC

(32) REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

ENCLOSURES (line out those not applicable):

- Airplane (Airship) Flight Report.
- Unsatisfactory Report.
- Photographs.
- Certificates of principal witnesses.
- List of damaged parts.
- Newspaper clippings.
- Damage to property certificate, A. C. Form 17.

Station B. G. Base, B. G. Date February 5, 1943

Signature William M. Diamond  
WILLIAM M. DIAMOND, Major, AC

Form No. 81  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
AIR CORPS  
(Revised May 9, 1941)

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### STORES CHARGE

VOUCHER No. \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY CLASS 06.9

STATION Atkinson Field B.S.

WORK ORDER No. \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION 17 Bomb Sqdn

DATE 1-19-43

ACCOUNT SYMBOL CL-01A

QUANTITY	UNIT	STOCK NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
625	gal			Fuel Aircraft Engine grade 100 Spec AN-VV-781		
				A-20B		
				AC 41-3361		
				Battal Range Louisiana		

ISSUED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
COST DATA ABSTRACTED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
ENTERED ON STOCK CARDS BY \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY THAT I AM DULY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN FOR AND RECEIVE THE ABOVE EXPENDABLE ARTICLES, THAT THEY ARE FOR USE EXCLUSIVELY AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND REGULATIONS AND FOR THE PROJECT INDICATED BY THE ACCOUNT SYMBOL SHOWN HEREON.

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STORES CHARGE

VOUCHER No. \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY CLASS 06A

STATION Atkinson Field B.G. WORK ORDER No. \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION 16<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sqdn DATE 1-19-43 ACCOUNT SYMBOL CL-01A

QUANTITY	UNIT	STOCK NO.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
36	gts	oil		oil lubricating aircraft Engine grade 5120 Spec 2-91A		
				A-20		
				AC. 41-3361		
				Harling Field La		

ISSUED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
COST DATA ABSTRACTED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
ENTERED ON STOCK CARDS BY \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL

RECEIVED BY \_\_\_\_\_

TO AMAPA - GAYENNE VIA PAA 0630 GMT JANUARY 21, 1943

REQ. INFO A-20 McCLELLAND 3361 DEP ATK 1036 JAN 20  
OVERDUE BELEM

SAFWG - NATAL 0330 GMT JANUARY 21, 1943

A-20 McCLELLAND 3361 REPORTED BY BELEM AS OVERDUE  
OUT OF FLIGHT OF B-25 LEADING 6 A-20's. INFORMATION  
REQUESTED OF INTERMEDIATE FIELDS, SEARCH INSTITUTED  
PD OTHER PLANES IN FLIGHT ARR BELEM 1600 GMT JAN 20.

TO BELEM 0335 GMT JANUARY 21, 1943

ADVISE TIME AND POSITION FLIGHT LEADER MISSED A-20  
McCLELLAND 3361 FROM FLIGHT PD ADVISE NORTHBOUND  
PLANES BE ON LOOKOUT, FORWARDING FURTHER INFO TO SAFWG AND ATK.

TO ATC ATKINSON FROM ATC BELEM 0059 GMT JANUARY 21, 1943

USA A-20 McCLELLAND 3361 DEP ATK 1038 ETA BELEM 1555  
JAN 20 PLANE HAS NOT ARRIVED BELEM AND UNREPORTED STOP  
CHECKING ALL STATIONS IMMEDIATE AREA WILL ADVISE FROM  
ARNOLD FURTHER NEWS

TO ATC ATKINSON FROM ATC ZANDERY 1228 GMT JANUARY 21, 1943

NO / INFO / A-20 3361

TO ATC ATKINSON FROM SAFWG 1849 GMT JANUARY 21, 1943

ABLE 20 SERIAL 3361 PILOT McCLELLAND REPORTED OVERDUE  
AT BELEM OUT OF FLIGHT OF 6 LEAD BY A B-26 STOP ADVISE  
ALL FLIGHTS AND THIS HEADQUARTERS ANY INFORMATION  
SIGNED WALSH

TO ATC ATKINSON FROM ATC AMAPA 1050 GMT JANUARY 21, 1943

RETEL GR A20 LANDED HERE JAN 20 STOP ONE PLANE PASSED  
OVER FIELD AT 1410 OCT VERY LOW STOP BELIEVE IT TO BE  
A20 STOP COULD NOT SEE NUMBERS ON PLANE DOMINGUES

TO ATC ATKINSON FROM ATC AMAPA 1450 GMT JANUARY 21, 1943

RETEL THERE HAS BEEN NO A20 LANDED HERE ONE SHIP  
BELIVED TO BE AN A20 PASSED OVER FIELD VERY LOW AT  
1410 OCT JAN 20 AND HEADED EAST DOMINGUES

TO ATC ATKINSON FROM ATC BELEM 1523 GMT JANUARY 21, 1943

LAST SAW A20 McCLELLAND AT 1310 GMT at 51 DEGREES 05  
MINUTES WEST AND 4 DEGREES NORTH WITH 5 HOURS FUEL  
HEADING 160 DEGREES RE ATKINSON ATC 735 SIGNED ARNOLD  
INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN HEADING AND ALTITUDE BY LEAD  
PLANE

TO AMAPA - VIA PAA 1300 GMT JANUARY 21, 1943

ADVISE FULL PARTICULARS OF A-20 THAT LANDED JAN 20  
NEED SERIAL NUMBER PILOTS NAME AND DAMAGE TO SHIP IF  
ANY

ROUTE FORECAST - ATKINSON TO NATAL 0600 to 1800 GMT JANUARY 20, 1943

High scattered to broken, lower broken to overcast, light to moderate rain Atkinson to Macapa. Surface winds NE to SE 8 to 15 MPH, winds aloft 60 to 140 degrees 15 to 30 MPH.

ROUTE FORECAST - ATKINSON TO NATAL 1000 to 2200 GMT JANUARY 20, 1943

High scattered, lower broken to overcast stratus to alto-stratus to Cayenne. Cayenne to Natal, high scattered with lower broken with intermittent rains Atkinson to Cayenne ceiling 800 to 2000 ft., visibility 1 to 3 miles in rain and over 8 miles otherwise. Surface winds easterly 6 to 15 MPH, winds aloft 60 to 180 degrees 18 to 30 MPH. Tops of cumulus occasionally over 12000 ft.

SEQUENCE REPORTS:

ZANDERY 1035 GMT

High broken .9 cumulus. Visibility 6 miles with light fog. Temperature 72, Wind NW 3 MPH

ZANDERY 1200 GMT

Ceiling 5000, .7 stratus cumulus. Visibility 7 miles, Wind E. 2 MPH

MACAPA 1000 GMT

Ceiling 2000 with broken stratus clouds. Wind NE 7 MPH

BELEM 1435 GMT

Ceiling 2000 high overcast lower broken. Temperature 83, Visibility unlimited. Wind NE 16 MPH

BELEM 1635 GMT

Ceiling 2000 high overcast, lower broken, temperature 86, Wind E 9 MPH



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# AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE

(Pilot will complete necessary data on solid lines only)

OPERATIONS OFFICE Atkinson Field DATE Jan. 10 1943

ADDRESS Georgetown, B. G.

A-20 B (Airplane model) 41-3261 (Serial number) MORRISON (Home station)

- NAME AND RANK OF CREW AND OTHER OCCUPANTS
- Ms Clelland, H.L. 2nd Lt. Pilot
  - Gordon, J.M. Pvt.
  - Ms Collum, G.R. Sgt.
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

To Belem via DRCT at 9000 To \_\_\_\_\_ via \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ via \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ via \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

6:30 (Proposed take-off time) 4 + 45 (Estimated time en route) 9 (Hours of fuel aboard) 4495 6210 (Transmitting frequencies)

Receiver only  No radio   
REMARKS: I certify that I understand all traffic regulations and restrictions for the above field

Thorough consideration has been given by the pilot to the NECESSARY MAPS, EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, NOTICES TO AIRMEN, and WEATHER CONDITIONS affecting the proposed flight. The pilot is familiar with local flight rules and regulations and those of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

WEATHER:  C  N  FORECAST FOR ROUTE (E. T. E. plus two hours): \_\_\_\_\_

Folder given  
Altimeter settings 29.82

WINDS ALOFT: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (Best altitude + 2,000 feet); \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (Best altitude); \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (Best altitude - 2,000 feet)

N. L. Lloyd (Signature of weatherman) (Signed) H. L. M. Clelland (Signature of pilot)  
 Command pilot  Senior pilot  Pilot

Flight plan submitted to: \_\_\_\_\_ (Control station) \_\_\_\_\_ (Time) Clearance authority (not required for command and senior pilots)

Approval received: \_\_\_\_\_ (Time) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

Take-off reported by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Crewman) To \_\_\_\_\_ (Operations) CAPT. REYNOLDS: per Cpl. E. Hamilton Clearance officer—Operations officer, (not required for command and senior pilots)

Take-off \_\_\_\_\_ (Time) Message sent by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Time)

## DEPARTURE RECORD

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Pilot) \_\_\_\_\_ (Airplane model and service number)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Time and date of departure) \_\_\_\_\_ (Line crewman's signature)

This Departure Record will be given to the pilot who in turn will give it to the line crewman. The line crewman will complete and deliver to operations officer.

HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH ATLANTIC FERRYING WING  
A.P.O. 643, MIAMI, FLA.

/sww

000.93 (Aircraft) 2-4-43

February 10, 1943.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Form 14.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.

1. Attached is Form 14 and allied papers pertaining to loss of A-20B airplane number 41-3361, Lt. H. L. McClelland, pilot.

For the Commanding General:

5 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Aircraft Clearance.
- Incl 2 - Stores Charge (gas).
- Incl 3 - Stores Charge (oil).
- Incl 4 - Radio messages.
- Incl 5 - Route Forecast.

*L. P. Grady*  
**L. P. GRADY**  
*Capt* ~~1st Lt~~ **ACD**  
Assistant Adjutant General

FEB 19 1943

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER

# INCOMING MESSAGE

February 11, 1943

From: Natal

To: ATC Washington

Number ATC 1804

Search abandoned report: January 20, 1943, time and place unknown (signed Walsh) Pilot 2nd Lieutenant H. L. McClelland Air Reserve 17th Bombardment Squadron Baton Rouge Louisiana plane and crew missing cause unknown crew Sergeant George Roger McCollum and Private J. N. Gordon both gunners full name serial number component and organization unknown mission ferrying aircraft. Aircraft 41-3361, A-20 B departed Atkinson Field British Guiana for Belem Brazil 1036 GCT January 20, 1943, last seen 1310 GCT by Flight Leader. Search abandoned February 5, 1943, recommend Pilot and crew be considered as missing. Request the Adjutant General be notified.

Action: SOS

Information: CG AAF

*Information Copy*

CM-IN-5915 (12 Feb 43) 0449 Z mys

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