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B-26 41-31661 accidenté à Cherbourg-Maupertus (50) le 05/09/1944

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Immediately after take off with bomb load for combat mission, pilot called tower reporting that the right engine was "cutting out". Tower cleared field for emergency landing and waited for ship to come in. Pilot was last contacted over the channel where he reported over R/T that he was jettisoning bombs and getting altitude. Plane then crashed atop small hill between the channel and field. Apparently right engine quit entirely, since witnesses report right engine was feathered and wreckage revealed the same.

This board recommends that all pilots continue to practice single engine and that all pilots and crews are familiar with emergency procedures for jettisoning bombs when on single engine. This board believes that in this case, the pilot started toward the field before gaining sufficient altitude while still over water.



Documents extraits de l'accident report n°528