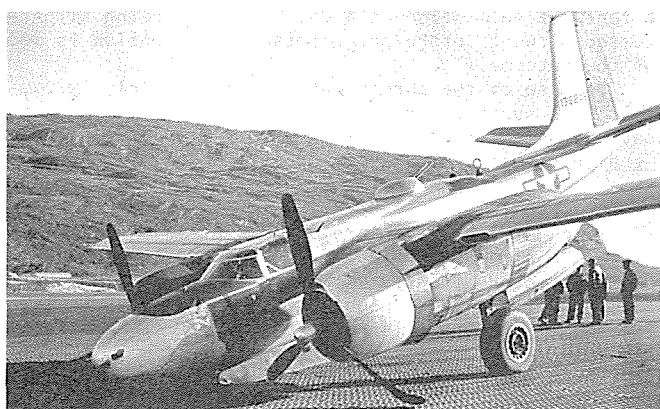




Cessna UC-78, 42-582--, became lost on 7 June 1944 and made a forced landing in a hay field with this result.



De Havilland Mosquito B.25, KB 489, shown after crash landing on 21 November 1944. Aircraft was written off.



Nose wheel failures plagued early Douglas A-26B's such as 41-39246 here, nose down on 18 September 1944.



Tragic end of Boeing B-17G, 42-97208, which skidded on icy runway and crashed into hangar on 11 March 1944.



A snow-packed field proved to be too short for forced landing of Noorduyn C-64A, 43-5130. Date unknown.



One of the rare OD-painted Boeing B-29 Superfortresses flying to India suffered landing accident, 10 April 1944.

Presque Isle, WW II

A somewhat different view of World War II aircraft is afforded by the photos above, showing a number of planes which came to grief while flying into or from Presque Isle Army Air Field, Maine in 1944. Presque Isle was a major staging base through which aircraft passed on their way across the North Atlantic to England and other points to the south and to the east.

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through the efforts of E. T. "Smally" Smallwood and the kind assistance of Mrs. Marian B. Nelson from whose collection they come. All photos were gathered by her late husband, Capt. Fred William Nelson, when he was based at Presque Isle. Learning to fly during the 1930s, Capt. Nelson joined the AAF in World War II, and in 1945 he was Operations Officer at Blue West 2, Greenland, one of the AAF's intermediate-stop Atlantic crossing bases.