

ACCIDENT NO. 43-3-3-50  
**052**

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

(1) Place AAFAPS, SEYMOUR, INDIANA (2) Date MARCH 3, 1943 (3) Time 15:25  
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10BH (5) A. F. No. 41-26879 (6) Station SEYMOUR, INDIANA  
 Organisation: (7) TRAINING COMMAND (8) 28th Wing (9) 1077th SCHOOL SQUADRON  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

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)
S	UPDYKE, P. L.	P	0791987	2nd Lt.	2 C 1	A. C.		N I L /	NO
D	KAELNER, O. E.	S	6664858	A/C	1 E 120	A. C.	AAFAPS	N I L /	NO



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PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) UPDYKE PAUL J. (21) 0-791987 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 2 C 1 (24) A. C.  
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)  
 Assigned (25) TRAINING COMMAND (26) 28th WING (27) 447th B.H. & A.B.S. (28) SEYMOUR, INDIANA  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
 Attached for flying (29) AAFAPS (30) \*\*\*\* (31) FLIGHT 4 (32) SEYMOUR, INDIANA  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
 Original rating (33) PILOT (34) 9/5/42 Present rating (35) PILOT (36) 2/4/42 Instrument rating (37) NONE  
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

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

(38) This type 7:05 (39) This model 7:05 (40) Last 90 days 4:55 (41) Total 564:40  
 (42) Instrument time last 6 months 7:00 (43) Instrument time last 30 days  
 (44) Night time last 6 months 102:30 (45) Night time last 30 days 11:30

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>2 CAR B 3 Air Intake Scoops</u>	<u>2 Carb. Air Intake Scoops, Pilot Head</u>
(47) Engine(s) <u>No Damage 4 4</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>Both Total 5 5</u>	<u>Both Propellers, Both Blades</u>

(50) Weather at the time of accident CAVU wind, 0°-16 M. P. H. 00  
 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No  
 (52) Cleared from \_\_\_\_\_ (53) To \_\_\_\_\_ (54) Kind of clearance C  
 (55) Pilot's mission Student Training

(56) Nature of accident Wheels Up Landing  
 (57) Cause of accident 100% Material Failure

WHEELS UP LANDING ON RUNWAY  
VIEW OF ENTIRE AIRPLANE, IN POSITION  
AT STOP ON RUNWAY



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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

The Instructor and Student were on Local Transition Training Flight. Preparatory to landing, an attempt was made to lower the landing gear, electrically and manually. They were unable to lower the landing gear and were obliged to make a wheels up landing.

It appeared, upon investigation, that the gear clutch locking device failed to function freely, thereby locked the landing gear in a partial down position. After the accident the aircraft was raised and a thorough check-up conducted. It was found necessary to pry the locking mechanism apart before the Landing Gear could be lowered.

The Engineering Officers of all School Squadrons have been appraised of the possible condition that could arise that could cause or contribute to a similar material failure.

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Signature

*Gene W. Moraga*  
(Investigating Officer)

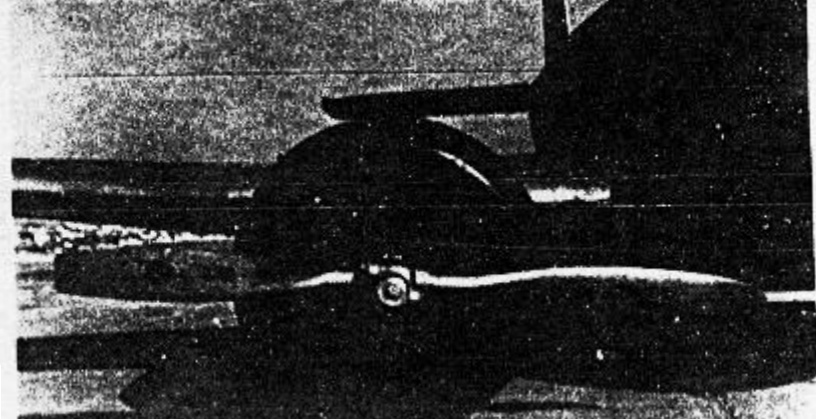
GENE W. MORAGA,

Captain, Air Corps,

Operations Officer.

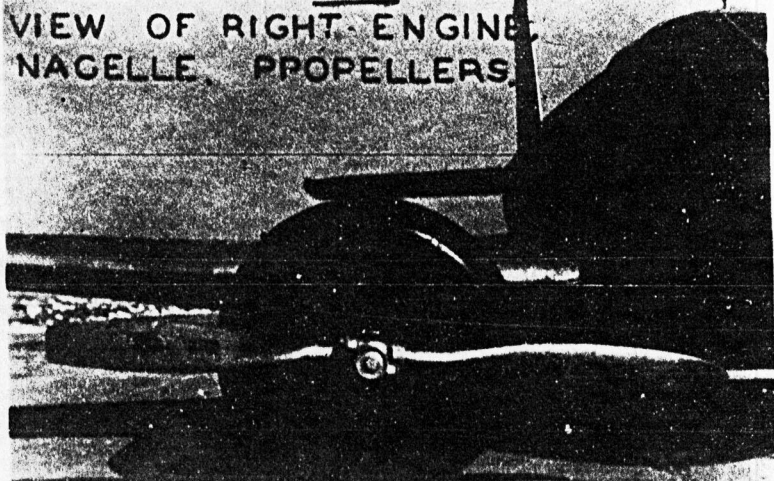
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WHEELS UP LANDING ON RUNWAY  
VIEW OF RIGHT ENGINE  
NAGELLE, PROPELLERS



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WHEELS UP LANDING ON RUNWAY  
VIEW OF LEFT ENGINE,  
NACELLE, PROPELLERS



WHEELS UP LANDING ON RUNWAY  
VIEW OF LEFT ENGINE,  
NACELLE, PROPELLERS  
SEYMOUR, INDIANA  
MARCH 8, 1943