

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

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Place: **Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour, Indiana.** Date: **April 27, 1943.** Time: **1815 Z**
 Aircraft: (4) Type and model: **AT-10BH** (5) A. F. No.: **41-26928** (6) Station: **Freeman Army Air Field**
 Organization: (7) **AAFSTC FTS** (8) **AFT** (9) **1079th T.E.P.T. Squadron.**
 (10) **AFT** (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

POST	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
SP	Brawley, John B.	SP	11062803	A/C	6262	A.C.	AAFSTC	None/	No
SP	Lannon, J. J.	SP	13086597	A/C	6262	A.C.	AAFSTC	None/	No

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PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) **Brawley, John B.** (21) **11062803** (22) **A/C** (23) **62** (24) **A.C.**
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) **AAFSTC FTS** (26) **AFT** (27) **1079th T.E.P.T. Sq.** (28) **Freeman A.A. Field**
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) **AAFSTC FTS** (30) **AFT** (31) **1079th T.E.P.T. Sq.** (32) **Freeman A.A. Field**
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) **N/R** (34) (Class) Present rating (35) (Rating) (36) (Date) Instrument rating (37) (Date)

First Pilot Notices
(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type	24.5	(42) Instrument time last 6 months	Not Involved
(39) This model	24.5	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	" "
(40) Last 90 days	59.5	(44) Night time last 6 months	" "
(41) Total	155.1	(45) Night time last 30 days	" "

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

(16) Aircraft: **Minor**
 (17) Engine(s): **Minor**
 (18) Propeller(s): **M 4 M 4**
 (19) Weather at time of accident: **C A V U 00**
 (20) Was the pilot flying an instrument at the time of accident? **No.**

(51) Cleared from: **Freeman Field** to: **LaFayette-Terre Haute-Freeman.** (52) Kind of clearance: **Contact**
 (53) Pilot's mission: **Student Navigation Training**

Take-Off - Wheels retracted on Take-Off.

(54) Cause of accident: **Pilot error - Carelessness.**

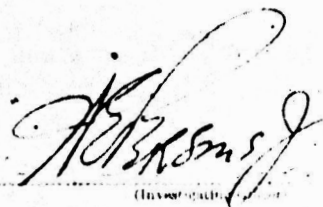
DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

Brief narrative of accident: include statement of responsibility and recommendations for action to prevent a recurrence.

When taking off on a student navigation flight, A/C John B. Brawley carelessly placed the landing gear switch in the "up" position causing the gear to retract before flying speed had been attained, and the aircraft to fall on it's belly.

Landing gear switches are being moved to a more suitable position in the cockpit of all AT-10 Aircraft assigned to this station and all personnel are being reimpressed with the necessity for a careful and accurate cockpit check before take-off.

Signature



W. E. PERSONS, JR.,

Major, Air Corps,

Aircraft Accident Officer.

Date

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