

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

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23-5-17-24

(1) Place Freeman Army Air Field (2) Date May 17, 1943 (3) Time 0635 Z  
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-108H (5) A. F. No. 41-26871 (6) Station Freeman Army Air Field  
Organization: (7) AAFSTC (8) 36th TFFT (9) Hq. A Sq. Sqdn. HDS  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUTY	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)
32 33	<u>Burke, John G.</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>O-398299</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>A.G.</u>	<u>AAFSTC</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>No</u>
	<u>Edwards, O. E.</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>O-1287487</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>A.G.</u>	<u>AAFSTC</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>No</u>

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MR. AAF, DIRECTOR  
OF FLYING SAFETY

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Burke John G. (21) O-398299 (22) 1st Lt. (23) 41 (24) A.G.  
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)  
Assigned (25) AAFSTC (26) 36th TFFT (27) Hq. A Sq. Sqdn. (28) Freeman AA Fld.  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
Attached for flying (29) AAFSTC (30) 36th TFFT (31) Hq. A Sq. Sqdn. (32) Freeman AA Fld.  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
Original rating (33) H/R (34)  Present rating (35)  (36)  Instrument rating (37)   
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

PILOT'S PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 20.5 (42) Instrument time last 6 months Not involved  
(39) This model 20.5 (43) Instrument time last 30 days Not involved  
(40) Last 90 days 92.5 (44) Night time last 6 months Not involved  
(41) Total 152.5 (45) Night time last 30 days Not involved

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

(46) Aircraft Minor (47) Engine(s) 04 (48) Propeller(s) M 5  
04 sudden stoppage Not repairable  
(49) Weather at the time of accident 4500 foot ceiling, Visibility 7 miles.  
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No  
(52) Cleared from Freeman AAF (53) To Local (54) Kind of clearance Contact  
(55) Pilot's reason Local student training.

(56) Nature of accident Landing.

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(57) Cause of accident Pilot error - Technique.

100% Pilot Error (Technique)

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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

1st Lt. John G. Burke with 2nd Lt. O. H. Edwards, as Co-Pilot, took off on a local student training flight. When landing, Pilot states that the left brake seemed to grab. He corrected this by applying right brake with the result that the aircraft turned over on its back. Examination of the brake mechanism and landing gear after the accident gives no indication of any failure of material. The wheels turned and brakes operated normally.

It is believed that this Pilot was unconsciously applying excessive pressure to the left brake and failed to relax this pressure when applying right brake.

All students will be impressed with the necessity for minimum use of brakes and maximum use of throttle for directional control when landing this type aircraft.

Signature .....

(Investigating Officer)

..... I. H. PERSONS, JR., .....

..... Major, Air Corps, .....

..... Aircraft Accident Officer, .....

Date .....