

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

GROUP II

(1) Place 12 Miles South of Beaman Field, Ky. (2) Date June 4, 1943 (3) Time 3000GAT
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model UC-78 (5) A. F. No. 42-71738 (6) Station Freeman Field, Indiana
 Organization: (7) SEAFIC (8) _____ (9) _____ (10) 147th Base Sq. AAF Base Sq.
 (Common Land Air Force) (Group)

PERSONNEL

POST	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	REPORTS TO PERSONNEL	TYPE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P	MORTON, JAMES W.	P	0-79867	2nd Lt	01	AG	ASC	None	None
X	MORRIS, JAMES O.	-	0-31668	Major	01	AG	AATOTC	None	None
X	TURNER, JAMES P.		35661901	PVT.				NONE	NONE

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PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) MORTON JAMES W (21) 0-79867 (22) 2nd Lt (23) 01 (24) AG
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personal class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) ASC (26) 1-1-42 (27) 366th Sq. Depot (28) Freeman Field, Ind
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Assignment) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) ASC (30) 1-1-42 (31) 366th Sq. Depot (32) Freeman Field, Ind
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Assignment) (Station)
 Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 2-16-43 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 2-16-43 Instrument rating (37) None
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 7.0 (42) Instrument time last 6 months _____
 (39) This model 7.0 (43) Instrument time last 30 days _____
 (40) Last 90 days 7.4 (44) Night time last 6 months _____
 (41) Total 288.1 (45) Night time last 30 days _____

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(40) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>3</u>	<u>See list of damaged parts attached.</u>
(47) Engine(s) <u>1</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>1</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident LV C E1207T 166/80/73/10/003/T OVID LTNG ALL QUAD/
041930CWT 40901 9005 89

(51) Was the pilot flying by instruments at the time of accident? No
 (52) Cleared from Beaman Field, Ky (53) To Freeman Field, Ky (54) Kind of clearance Contact
 (55) Pilot's mission Administrative cross country flight.

Delayed forced landing due to weather conditions. Pilot landed aircraft
 (56) 12 miles south of Beaman Field slightly down grade. The field was covered with green hay which was
 wet making it exceedingly slippery. The aircraft broke a fence post which damaged right
 landing gear and right wing.
 The brakes were not effective due to the condition of the field, the pilot
 (57) did not realize the tail wheel lock and could not make a turn in order to miss the fence.
 The aircraft rolled approximately 900 feet before striking fence, then rolled approxi-
 mately 90 feet farther.

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

On June 4, 1943, 2nd Lt. JAMES W. MORTON, O-798667, with Major JOHN G. MORRIS, as passenger, was piloting a UC-78 Aircraft No. 42-71758 from Nashville, Tennessee to Bowman Field, Louisville, Kentucky.

73 Octane was not obtainable at Nashville so a flight was planned to Bowman in order to take on gas. A Severe thunderstorm was encountered approximately 12 miles south of Bowman Field. Due to the fact that it was getting dark and the heavy rain decreased the visibility, a landing was made.

The pilot selected a good field at approximately 2000 OWT down grade slightly, landed into the wind and rolled approximately 900 feet, struck a fence and stopped approximately 75 feet beyond the fence. The right landing gear collapsed and damage was done to the right wing.

It was found that:

1. The pilot was acting in line of duty.
2. The accident was not caused by gross negligence on the part of the pilot.
3. The tail wheel was found locked, other controls were in proper position except the generator switches were both on.
4. There were 15 gallons of gasoline in the tanks.
5. The aircraft was on its proper course.

It is the opinion of the Aircraft accident Officer that:

1. The pilot used good judgment in attempting to land and in selecting the field.
2. The pilots technique was unsatisfactory due to the fact that the fence might have been avoided had the pilot unlocked the tail wheel and made a turn before striking the fence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That more careful flight planning be made when going on cross country flights.

Damage to private property: Estimated damage \$60.00

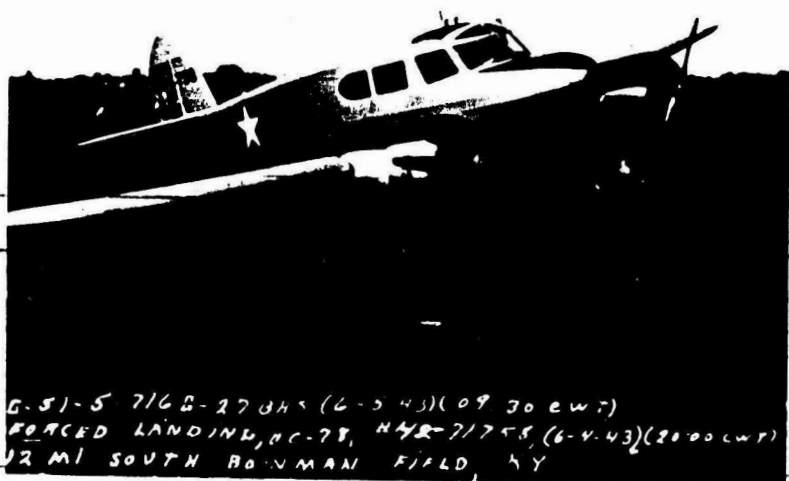
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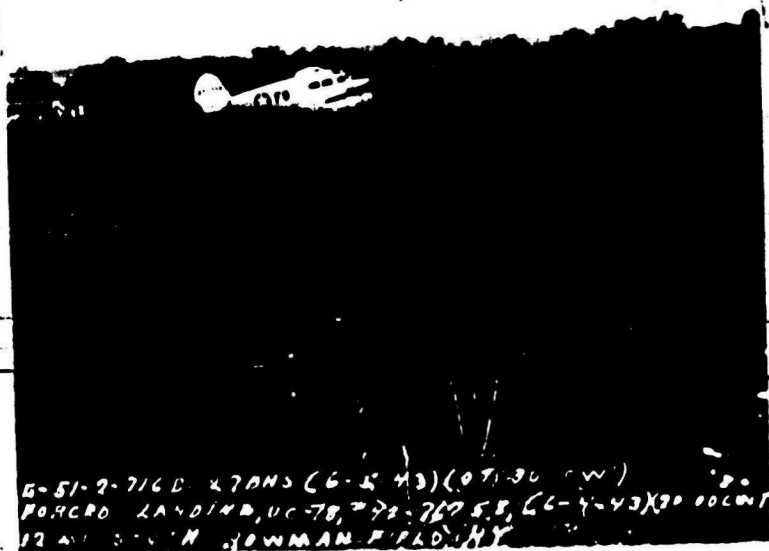
- Incl 1 - Statements.
- Incl 2 - AAF Form No. 1.
- Incl 3 - AAF Form No. 1A.
- Incl 4 - List of Damaged Parts.
- Incl 5 - Photographs.

Signature

Thomas B. Brown
THOMAS B. BROWN, Major, AC,
Aircraft Accident Officer.

Date June 11, 1943





6-51-2-716D-270NS (6-5-43) (07:30 CW)
FORCED LANDING, VC-78, # 42-76758, (6-4-43) (20 00 CWT)
12 MI. SOUTH BOWMAN FIELD, NY



6-51-3-716B-270NS (6-5-43) (07:30 CWT)
FORCED LANDING, VC-78, # 42-71758, (6-4-43) (20 00 CWT)
12 MI. SOUTH BOWMAN FIELD, NY



LANDING

VC-7C

42-71258

10:00 AM