

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

44-22-25  
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AFT 5173

(1) Place Freeman Army Air Field (2) Date 22 July 1943 (3) Time 0900Z  
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 (5) A. F. No. 42-34619 (6) Station Freeman Army Air Field  
Organization: (7) AAFSETC (8) II AFI (9) 1079th TFFTS  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

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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)
SP.	McConnell, J. F.	SP.	0-389480	Captain	41	A. C.	AAFSETC	Major	No.
33 SP.	Bogan, J. V.	SP.	15097501	A/C	62	A. C.	AAFSETC	None	No.



(20) McConnell James F. (21) 0-389480 (22) Captain (23) 41 (24) A. C.  
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)  
Assigned (25) AAFSETC (26) II AFI (27) 1079th TFFTS (28) Freeman Field  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
Attached for flying (29) AAFSETC (30) II AFI (31) 1079th TFFTS (32) Freeman Field  
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
Original rating (33) None (34) None Present rating (35) None (36) None Instrument rating (37) None  
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

First Pilot Hours:  
(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type.....	50.3	(42) Instrument time last 6 months.....	Not Involved
(39) This model.....	50.3	(43) Instrument time last 30 days.....	Not Involved
(40) Last 90 days.....	107.6	(44) Night time last 6 months.....	12.5
(41) Total.....	125.6	(45) Night time last 30 days.....	11.9

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft..... <u>M 4 M 4</u>	See Attached List.
(47) Engine(s)..... <u>Minor Minor</u>	
(48) Propeller(s)..... <u>M 4 M 4</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident C. A. V. U. 00  
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No.  
(52) Cleared from Freeman Field (53) To Local (54) Kind of clearance Contact  
(55) Pilot's mission Training. 75  
(56) Nature of accident Landing-wheels up. NG 06 3rd 34 UN 28  
(57) Cause of accident 25% apparent material, 75% Pilot's technique. CG 59 UN  
25% Aircraft Structure 23 67 84  
75% Technique 02 17 14  
(58) Has Form # 54 been submitted? No.

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

The students were flying night formation. After about an hour of flying they returned to the field and prepared to land. The pilot, on putting the gear switch in the down position, noticed it was not working and that his radio was in-operative. He then flew the plane to 2000 feet and tried to wind the gear down by hand. After several attempts, he gave up and flew by the Tower. The Tower gave him a red light but he came right around and landed anyway. The plane's electrical system was out and, therefore, the Tower could not contact him or vice-versa. He landed on the runway with wheels up and power on and jumped from the plane as soon as it hit.

Cadet Bogan stayed with the plane, retarded the throttles, and shut off the switches and then went back to the pilot who was unconscious on the runway. There was no injury to the cadet and Captain McConnell suffered a brain concussion.

Responsibility rests largely with pilot in that he made insufficient attempt to lower gear manually and also ignored red light from tower. Recommend all students be given actual experience of lowering landing gear in air.

5 Incl:

- Incl-1 Pilot Statement
- Incl-2 Co-Pilot Statement
- Incl-3 Damaged Parts List
- Incl-4 AAF Form #1
- Incl-5 AAF Form #1A

Signature

*William B. Poe*  
(Investigating Officer)

WILLIAM B. POE

Major, Air Corps,

Aircraft Accident Officer.

Date .....