

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

44-7-20-40
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(1) Place Attterbury Army Air Field (2) Date 8-20-43 (3) Time 2314Z
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 BH (5) A. F. No. 42-2104 (6) Station Freeman Field
Organization: (7) AAFSETC (8) 28th Wing (9) 467th TFFT Squadron
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)
ETS PERSONNEL AFT AFT 5173

DUITY	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)
30	Knight, John A.	P	0-801996	2nd Lt.	01	A.C.	AAFSETC	None	No
31	SD Smith, D. O.	P	109841	1st Lt.	62	A.C.	AAFSETC	None	No



PILOT CHANGES WITH LOGBOOK
 (20) Knight John A. (21) 0-801996 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 01 (24) A.C.
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) AAFSETC ETS (26) 28th Wing (27) 467th TFFT (28) Freeman Field
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) AAFSETC ETS (30) 28th Wing (31) 467th TFFT (32) Freeman Field
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) P (34) 4-29-43 Present rating (35) P (36) 4-29-43 Instrument rating (37) 7-21-43
 (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
 (at the time of this accident)
 (38) This type..... 190:50 (47) Instrument time last 6 months..... 56:00
 (39) This model..... 190:50 (48) Instrument time last 30 days..... None
 (40) Last 90 days..... 203:35 (49) Night time last 6 months..... 32:20
 (41) Total..... 428:55 (50) Night time last 30 days..... None

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft..... <u>Minor 3</u>	
(47) Engine(s)..... <u>Minor 4</u>	<u>See attached list.</u>
(48) Propeller(s)..... <u>M 4 M 4</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident High overcast, lower broken, ceiling 7000, V 7 mi., light rain.
 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
 (52) Cleared from Freeman (53) To Local (54) Kind of clearance Contact
 (55) Pilot's mission Navigation training flight.
 (56) Nature of accident Landing
 (57) Cause of accident Pilot error - Technique
 (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)

Knight, John A., 2nd Lt., A.C., Pilot Instructor, and A/C Smith, D. O., Co-Pilot, were making instrument take-offs from Atterbury Army Air Field in AT-10 BH, A.F. No. 42-2104 when the accident occurred. Three (3) landings and take-offs had been made and Lt. Knight was making the fourth (4th) landing. From his own statement no downwind check or pre-landing check was made. He made a normal approach and as he was leveling off his propellers hit the runway. He immediately realized what had happened, gave the ship power and made a normal go-around procedure. One bad approach was made and on the second (2nd) approach the wheels were lowered and a normal landing was made.

Upon examining the ship major damage was found to the propellers; minor damage to the aircraft.

The cause of the accident was Pilot error and technique. A very careful pre-landing check is used at this station and the only recommendation possible is that the Pilots use it.

5 Incl.

- #1 - Pilot Statement
- #2 - Co-Pilot Statement
- #3 - Damage parts list
- #4 - AAF Form No. 1
- # 5- AAF Form No. 1A

Signature

Robert J. DuChaine
(Investigator or Other)

ROBERT J. DU CHAINE

Captain, Air Corps.

Aircraft Accident Officer.

Freeman Army Air Field.

Date 24 August 1943