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U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES  
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

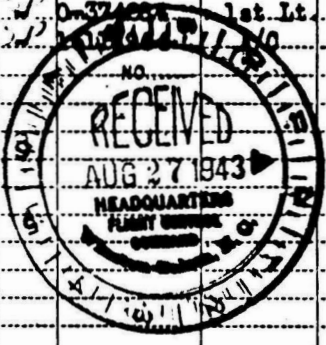
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(1) Place Fresman Field (2) Date 8-27-43 (3) Time 0430Z  
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10, H (5) A. F. No. 41-26989 (6) Station Fresman Field  
 Organization: (7) AAFSETC (8) 28th Wing (9) 1029th TETS Squadron  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

FTS PERSONNEL AFT AFT 5173

DUTY (10)	NAME (Last name first) (11)	RATING (12)	SERIAL NO. (13)	RANK (14)	PERSONNEL CLASS (15)	BRANCH (16)	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND (17)	RESULT TO PERSONNEL (18)	USE OF PARACHUTE (19)
SP	Kaufmann, F. W.		0-37484	1st Lt.	62	A.C.	AAFSETC	None	No
SC	Dean, R. M.					A.C.	AAFSETC	None	No



FROM CHIEF OF BASE ACCIDENT

(20) Kaufmann Frederick W. (21) 0-37484 (22) 1st Lt. (23) 62 (24) A.C.  
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)  
 Assigned (25) AAFSETC (26) 28th Wing (27) 1029th TETS (28) Fresman Field  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
 Attached for flying (29) AAFSETC (30) 28th Wing (31) 1029th TETS (32) Fresman Field  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
 Original rating (33) --- (34) --- Present rating (35) --- (36) --- Instrument rating (37) ---  
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:  
 (at the time of this accident)  
 (38) This type 36:35 (39) Instrument time last 6 months Not involved  
 (39) This model 36:35 (40) Instrument time last 30 days Not involved  
 (40) Last 90 days 70:00 (41) Night time last 6 months 9:05  
 (41) Total 138:10 (42) Night time last 30 days 9:05

NOTE: (No record of night time in Primary or Basic)  
AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE		(43) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft	<u>Minor</u>	<u>See attached list</u>
(47) Engine(s)	<u>Minor</u>	
(48) Propeller(s)	<u>M 4 M 4</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident 8000 - overcast V-5mi. haze and smoke. Wind N. SE 5 mph. 38  
 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No  
 (52) Cleared from Fresman Field (53) To Local (54) Kind of clearance Contact  
 (55) Pilot's mission Local transition  
 (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)

Kaufmann, Frederick W., 1st Lt., Student Officer, Pilot, and A/C Dean, R. M., Student Co-pilot, were flying local night transition in AT-10 BH A.F. No. 41-26989 from the main field.

Two (2) normal landings were successfully made and on the third (3rd) landing the wheels collapsed letting the ship down on it's belly.

Major damage to propellers; minor damage to aircraft and engines. On examining the ship after the accident it was found that the landing gear fuse was burned out. The Pilot stated that they made the normal downwind check which includes a visual landing gear check and the wheels appeared to be normal. It is this writer's opinion that the landing gear fuse blew out while the wheels were extending and the gear was not fully lowered. That the wheels were partially down is proven by the fact that the ship traveled about 300 yards before coming to a stop. The Pilot and the Co-Pilot noticed a heavy vibration immediately after touching the wheels on the runway which would be the landing gear working against the motor as they were retracting.

The cause of the accident was Pilot error with mechanical failure in that the Pilot should have noticed the wheels were not fully extended, if he had made a careful check.

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. Du Chain*  
(Investigating Officer)

ROBERT J. DU CHAIN

Captain, Air Corps

Aircraft Accident Officer

Date 24 August 1943