

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

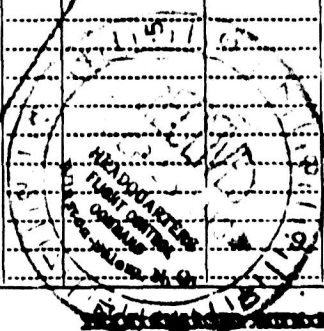
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(1) Place Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour, Ind. (2) Date 10 September 1943 (3) Time 0716Z
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 WB (5) A. F. No. 41-26991 (6) Station Freeman Field
 Organisation: (7) AAFETC (8) 28th Wing (9) 466th TFFTS
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DOY	NAME (Last name first)	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)
SR	Thorough, J. S.	SP	12097991	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFETC	None	No.
SG	Pappas, C. (NMI)	SP	32647257	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFETC	None	No.



(20) Thorough (Last name) Jerome (First name) S. (Middle initial) (21) 12097991 (Serial number) (22) A/C (Rank) (23) 62 (Personnel class) (24) A.C. (Branch)
 Assigned (25) AAFETC (Command and Air Force) (26) 28th Wing (Group) (27) 466th TFFTS (Squadron) (28) Freeman Field (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) AAFETC (Command and Air Force) (30) 28th Wing (Group) (31) 466th TFFTS (Squadron) (32) Freeman Field (Station)
 Original rating (33) S (Rating) (34) - (Date) Present rating (35) S (Rating) (36) - (Date) Instrument rating (37) - (Date)

First Pilot Hours:
 (at the time of this accident)
 (38) This type 19100 (42) Instrument time last 6 months Not involved
 (39) This model 19100 (43) Instrument time last 30 days Not involved
 (40) Last 90 days 79100 (44) Night time last 6 months See note below
 (41) Total 19100 (45) Night time last 30 days 1+00

NOTE: Records prior this station not accomplished
 AIRCRAFT DAMAGE to show first pilot night time.

DAMAGE			(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft	<u>Minor</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>See attached list.</u>
(47) Engine(s)	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	
(48) Propeller(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident High broken, Visibility 4 miles, light ground fog, no wind.
 (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
5173 5173
 (55) Pilot's mission Local transition 76
 (56) Nature of accident Wheels-up landing
 (57) Cause of accident Pilot error
 (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)

A/C Thorough, J. S., Student Pilot and A/C Pappas, C. (NMI), Student Co-pilot, were flying local night transition in AT-10 HH A.F. No. 41-26991 from Freeman Field. The two (2) Cadets were making their third (3rd) landing when they were instructed by the Control Tower not to land, but to continue circling in the pattern. When these instructions were given the ship was on its downwind leg with the wheels lowered. On the base leg the pilot retracted his wheels thinking that it would be necessary to go around again. As they turned onto the approach leg the pilot noticed that the ship ahead of him was landing, and, as he was in the position to make a normal approach, he decided to land. Both the pilot and the co-pilot forgot that the wheels were retracted and landed on the runway with wheels up.

Damage was done to both propellers and pitot tube and minor damage to the lower engine nacelles.

Cause of the accident was pilot error. A visual wheel check will be made by all pilots, this station, on the approach, before landing.

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.....

Robert J. DuChaine
(Investigating Officer)

ROBERT J. DU CHAINE.....

Captain, Air Corps.....

Aircraft Acc. Officer.....

13 September 1943.