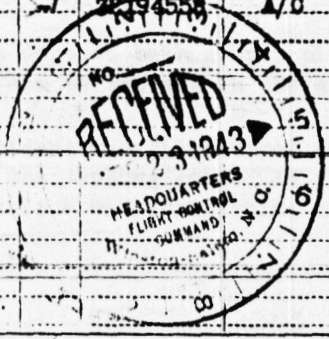


WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

44-9-18-18

(1) Place Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour, Ind. (2) Date 18 September 1943 (3) Time 0630Z
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 HI (5) A. F. No. 41-26990 (6) Station Freeman Field
 Organization: (7) AAFFTC (8) PILOT (9) 466th TFFTS
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

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	Jurica, J. E.	4	6998008	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFFTC	None	No
SO	Jorgensen, M. (NMI)	SP	72194558	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFFTC	None	No



PILOT CHECKS WHEN ACCIDENT

(20) Jurica John Ja (21) 6998008 (22) A/C (23) 62 (24) A.C.
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)

Assigned (25) AAFFTC PILOT (26) PILOT (27) 466th TFFTS (28) Freeman Field
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)

Attached for flying (29) AAFFTC PILOT (30) PILOT (31) 466th TFFTS (32) Freeman Field
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)

Original rating (33) S (34) 5-17-43 Present rating (35) S (36) 5-17-43 Instrument rating (37) 5173
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
 (at the time of this accident)

(38) This type..... 44:05 (42) Instrument time last 6 months Not involved
 (39) This model..... 44:05 (43) Instrument time last 30 days Not involved
 (40) Last 90 days..... 68:25 (44) Night time last 6 months See note
 (41) Total..... 126:05 (45) Night time last 30 days 12:45

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

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

(50) Weather at the time of accident High scattered clouds Visibility 8 miles, Wind NNW at 3 mph.
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(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No

(52) Cleared from Freeman (53) To Bolling Green (54) Kind of clearance Contact
5173 Evansville 5173

(55) Pilot's mission Night navigation

(56) Nature of accident Wheels up after landing

(57) Cause of accident Pilot error or temporary mechanical failure

(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 Jurica, J. E., student pilot and A/C Jorgensen, M. (NMI), Student co-pilot were returning to Freeman Field from a night navigation mission in AT-10 BI No. 41-26990 on the 18th of September 1943.

The pilot states he entered traffic and made his normal downwind check for landing, checked the landing gear and called the tower for permission to land. The ship made a normal landing and after losing most of its speed the wheels suddenly retracted.

Major damage was done to both props, pitot mast assembly, and lower engine cowls. The landing gear switch was in the down position.

Cause of the accident was pilot error or temporary mechanical failure in the safety switch on the landing gear. In investigating the ship after the accident the safety switch was functioning normally.

6 Incl.

Incl # 1 - Pilot Statement.

Incl # 2 - Co-pilot Statement.

Incl # 3 - Damaged parts list.

Incl # 4 - Form #1.

Incl # 5 - Form #1A.

Signature

Robert J. DuChaine
(Investigating Officer)

ROBERT J. DU CHAINE

Captain, Air Corps.

Date 21 September 1943

Aircraft Accident Off.