

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

44-9-29-34

(1) Place 51-071 Wright Army Air Field, Seymour, Ind. (2) Date 29 September 1943 (3) Time 1810Z
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 BH (5) A. F. No. 41-27091 (6) Station Fresman Field
 Organization: (7) AAFFTC (8) 30th Wing (9) 1079th TFFS
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

EFT PERSONNEL AFT AFT 5173

DUTY (10)	NAME (Last name first) (11)	RATING (12)	SERIAL No. (13)	RANK (14)	PERSONNEL CLASS (15)	BRANCH (16)	ARMY FORCE OR COMMAND (17)	RESULT TO PERSONNEL (18)	USE OF PARACHUTE (19)
	S. Alford, Steve A.	<u>P</u>	<u>0-724695</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>A.C.</u>	<u>AAFFTC</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>No</u>
	SD Bolatatter, G. L.	<u>S</u>	<u>12065777</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>A.C.</u>	<u>AAFFTC</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>No</u>



(20) Alford Steve A. (21) 0-724695 (22) 1st Lt. (23) 01 (24) A.C.
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) AAFFTC EFT (26) 30th Wing (27) 1079th TFFS (28) Fresman Field
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) AAFFTC EFT (30) 30th Wing (31) 1079th TFFS (32) Fresman Field
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) P (34) 1-4-43 Present rating (35) P (36) 1-4-43 Instrument rating (37) _____
 (Rating) (Date) (Rank) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
 (at the time of this accident)
 (38) This type..... 491:45 (42) Instrument time last 6 months..... Not involved
 (39) This model..... 491:45 (43) Instrument time last 30 days..... Not involved
 (40) Last 90 days..... 204:35 (44) Night time last 6 months..... Not involved
 (41) Total..... 564:35 (45) Night time last 30 days..... Not involved

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft..... <u>5</u>	<u>See attached list.</u>
(47) Engine(s)..... <u>0 1 0 2</u>	
(48) Propeller(s)..... <u>0 5 0 5</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident High broken, lower scattered 3 thru 7. Visibility 7. Wind ESE 2.
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 (51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
 (52) Cleared from Fresman (53) To Courland, Alabama (54) Kind of clearance Contact 0
5173 4116
 (55) Pilot's mission Navigation training
62
 (56) Nature of accident heels up on take-off.
 (57) Cause of accident Pilot error.
 (58) Has Form 254 been submitted? No.

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

1st Lt. Alford, Steve A., Pilot Instructor and A/C Bolstatter, G. J., Student Co-Pilot in AT-10 BH-A.F. No. 41-27091 were taking off from Freeman Field on a local transition flight. Lt. Alford, the pilot, states that a complete cockpit check was made except for the wheel switch. On the take-off, after the ship was getting light, but not airborne, the wheels folded into the nacelles letting the ship down on its belly.

Lt. Alford states that the wheel switch was in up position when the airplane came to a stop.

There was major damage to the propellers, carburetor air scoop assembly and pitot mast.

The responsibility for the accident rests with the pilot in not making a complete cockpit check. A standardized cockpit check before take-off is enforced at this station.

5 Incl.

- #1- Pilot statement.
- #2- Co-pilot statement.
- #3- Damaged parts list.
- #4- Form 1.
- #5- Form 1A.

Signature

Robert J. DuChaine
(Investigating Officer)

ROBERT J. DU CHAINE

Captain, Air Corps

Aircraft Accident Officer

8 October 1943