

WAR DEPARTMENT  
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

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44-10-2-18

(1) Place Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour, Ind. (2) Date 3 October 1943 (3) Time 2333Z  
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 GL (5) A. F. No. 42-34811 (6) Station Freeman Army Air Field  
 Organization: (7) AAFFTC (8) 30th Wing (9) 1079th TFFT Squadron  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

EFT PERSONNEL ART 5173

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)
32 SP	Bolstetter, G. J.	SP	12065777	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFFTC	None	No
33 SP	Boutin, G. G. Jr.	SP	16135369	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFFTC	None	No



NOT CHANGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Bolstetter George J. (21) 12065777 (22) A/C (23) 62 (24) A.C.  
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)  
 Assigned (25) AAFFTC (26) 30th Wing (27) 1079th TFFT Sqn. (28) Freeman Field  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
 Attached for flying (29) AAFFTC (30) 30th Wing (31) 1079th TFFT Sqn. (32) Freeman Field  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)  
 Original rating (33) 5 (34) - Present rating (35) 5 (36) - Instrument rating (37) -  
 (Rating) (Date) (Rank) (Date)

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

(38) This type..... 36:10 (40) Instrument time last 6 months..... Not involved  
 (39) This model..... 36:10 (41) Instrument time last 30 days..... Not involved  
 (40) Last 90 days..... 89:10 (42) Night time last 6 months..... Not involved  
 (41) Total..... 120:05 (43) Night time last 30 days..... Not involved

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(44) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft..... <u>Minor</u>	
(47) Engine(s)..... <u>4.0.1</u>	<u>See attached list.</u>
(48) Propeller(s)..... <u>4.5.1</u>	

(49) Weather at the time of accident High scattered clouds, visibility unrestricted. Wind NNE 12 mph.  
 (50) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No  
 (51) Cleared from Freeman Field (52) To Local (53) Kind of clearance Contact  
 (54) Pilot's mission Local transition  
 (55) Nature of accident Wheels retracted on landing roll.  
 (56) Cause of accident Pilot error.  
 (57) Was Form 254 been submitted? No

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

A/C Bolstetter, G. J., Student Pilot and A/C Boutin, G. G., Jr., Student Co-Pilot, were flying local transition from Freeman Field, in AT-10 GL A.F. No. 42-34611. The Pilot states that he made a normal landing and when he got the ship under control, on the ground, the wheels folded up into the nacelles letting the ship down on its belly.

There was no damage to both propellers, lower engine nacelles and pitot mast assembly.

The pilot further states that while he was cutting the switches to get out of the airplane he noticed the landing gear switch was in the up position. The co-pilot states that he pulled the flaps up during the landing roll without a signal from the pilot. Both the pilot and co-pilot deny any knowledge of how the landing gear switch got in the up position.

Responsibility for the accident rests with the pilot. All pilots at this station have been cautioned that the airplane will be brought to a complete stop after the landing roll before the flaps are raised and cowl flaps opened.

5 Incl.

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

Signature

*Robert J. DuChaine*

ROBERT J. DU CHAINE

Captain, Air Corps

Aircraft Accident Officer

6 October 1943

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