

WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES

44-10-15-18

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour, Ind. (2) Date 15 October 1943 (3) Time 1425Z
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 BH (5) A. F. No. 42-2262 (6) Station Freeman Army Air Field
 Organization: (7) AAFETC (8) 30th Wing (9) 467th TETS
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	REPORT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
32 SF	Manual, C. A.	S	39121783	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFETC	None	None
33 SC	Matlack, V. D.	S	12121035	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFETC	None	None



PERSONNEL WITH LOGBOOKS

(20) Manual, Charles (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (21) 39121783 (Serial number) (22) A/C (Rank) (23) 62 (Personnel class) (24) A.C. (Branch)
 Assigned (25) AAFETC (Command and Air Force) (26) 30th Wing (Group) (27) 467th TETS (Squadron) (28) Freeman Field (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) AAFETC (Command and Air Force) (30) 30th Wing (Group) (31) 467th TETS (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 4:15 (42) Instrument time last 6 months Not involved.
 (39) This model 4:15 (43) Instrument time last 30 days Not involved.
 (40) Last 90 days 62:05 (44) Night time last 6 months Not involved.
 (41) Total 77:10 (45) Night time last 30 days Not involved.

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(40) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>M3</u>	<u>See attached list.</u>
(47) Engine(s) <u>- 4 4</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>M5 M5</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Overcast at 10,000 ft., Visibility 3 mi., Wind NNE 8.
 (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
 (55) Pilot's mission Local Transition.
 (56) Nature of accident Plane nosed up after 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)

Manual, C. A., A/C, Student Pilot and Matlack, V. D., A/C, Student Co-pilot, were flying local transition in AT-10 BH A.F. No. 42-2262 from Freeman Field on 15 October 1943.

The same runway was being used for both landing and take-off. One-half of the runway for the take-off and one-half of the runway for landings. The pilot states that the landing was rather long and he was getting very close to ships on the runway in position for take-off. Both the pilot and the co-pilot started using the brakes and nosed the ship up sufficiently to cause major damage to the tips of both propellers. The ship was brought under control with no further damage.

Cause of the accident was pilot error. All pilots have been instructed not to land, and Tower personnel have been instructed not to give ships permission to land, when there is any doubt that there is ample space for landing, without getting too close to the ships in the take-off position. All students have been cautioned to touch no controls in the airplane or lend no assistance unless asked or signaled for by the pilot.

5 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.....

Aircraft Accident Officer.....

Date 18 October 1943.....