

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

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(1) Place Walesboro Auxiliary Field (Freeman) (2) Date 16 November 1943 (3) Time 1930Z
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 BH (5) A. F. No. 41-26872 (6) Station Freeman Field
Organization: (7) AAFETC (8) 30th Wing (9) 466th TFFT Squadron
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL AFT AFT 5123

DUITY (10)	NAME (Last name first) (11)	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)
41 46	SP. Dickerhoof, W. L.	P	0-816283	2nd Lt.	M 01	A.C.	AAFETC	None	No
	SC. Fletcher, Richard L.	P	0-816281	2nd Lt.	M 01	A.C.	AAFETC	None	No



a/c #1

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Dickerhoof Wilfred L. (21) 0-816283 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 10 (24) A.C.
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) AAFETC (26) 30th Wing (27) 466th TFFT (28) Freeman Field
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) AAFETC (30) 30th Wing (31) 466th TFFT (32) Freeman Field
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) P (34) 11-3-43 Present rating (35) P (36) 11-3-43 Instrument rating (37) _____
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type..... 49140 (42) Instrument time last 6 months..... Not involved
(39) This model..... 49140 (43) Instrument time last 30 days..... Not involved
(40) Last 90 days..... 74120 (44) Night time last 6 months..... Not involved
(41) Total..... 74120 (45) Night time last 30 days..... Not involved

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft..... <u>3 Minor</u>	
(47) Engine(s)..... <u>4</u> <u>4</u>	<u>See attached list.</u>
(48) Propeller(s)..... <u>M 4</u> <u>M 4</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident E. 4000., Overcast, 7 miles, 36/24, West 16.

(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 While taxiing in after landing, co-pilot pulled wheel switch to "up" position.

(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)

Dickerhoof, W. L., 2nd Lt., Pilot, and Lt. Fletcher, R. L., Co-pilot, were flying local transition in AT-10 BH A.F. No. 41-26872 from Walesboro Auxiliary Field on 16 November 1943. Lt. Dickerhoof and Lt. Fletcher were practicing short field landings and after one of these normal landings the wheels retracted into the nacelles causing major damage to the propellers and lower engine nacelles.

The co-pilot states that in attempting to raise the flaps he confused the landing gear switch with the flap switch and raised the landing gear. The co-pilot attempted to raise the flaps without any signal from the pilot and before the landing roll had been completed.

The cause of the accident was pilot error. There is a ruling in effect at this station that the flaps will not be raised until the airplane has come to a complete stop off the landing runway. This rule will be, in the future, more strictly complied with.

5 Incls:

- 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. Du Chaine*
 (Investigating Officer)
 ROBERT J. DU CHAINE
 Captain, Air Corps
 Aircraft Accident Officer.

Date 19 November 1943