

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

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(1) Place Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana (2) Date 6 January 1944 (3) Time 2059Z
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 BH (5) A. F. No. 41-27073 (6) Station Freeman Field
Organization: (7) AAFETTC (8) 30th Wing (9) 466th TEFTS
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

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 Ellis, E. (NMI)	SP	14069153	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFETTC	None	No
	SC Facer, D. M.	SP	16160425	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFETTC	None	No



PILOT CHECKED AT TIME ACCIDENT

(20) Ellis Edward (NMI) (21) 14069153 (22) A/C (23) 62 (24) A.C.
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) AAFETTC (26) 30th Wing (27) 466th TEFTS (28) Freeman Field
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) AAFETTC (30) 30th Wing (31) 466th TEFTS (32) Freeman Field
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) SP (34) 6/1/42 Present rating (35) SP (36) 6/1/42 Instrument rating (37) -
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)
(38) This type 35125 (42) Instrument time last 6 months Not involved
(39) This model 35125 (43) Instrument time last 30 days Not involved
(40) Last 90 days 5815 (44) Night time last 6 months Not involved
(41) Total 107145 (45) Night time last 30 days Not involved

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(40) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>13</u>	See attached list.
(47) Engine(s) <u>1 x 1</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>1 x 4</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Clear, visibility 7 miles, Ceiling unlimited, Wind SW 12 mph.
(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
(52) Cleared from Freeman Field (53) To DSR-Indals-Cinn-DSR (54) Kind of clearance Contact
(55) Pilot's mission Navigation
(56) Nature of accident Wheels-up landing
(57) Cause of accident Pilot error in not knowing proper emergency procedure.
(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 Ellis, E. (NMI), Student Pilot, and A/C Facer, D. M., Student Co-pilot, were flying student navigation from Freeman Field on 6 January 1944 in AT-10 BH A.F. No. 41-27073.

The pilot states that while returning from cross-country, the electrical system became inoperative, and, upon arriving at Freeman Field, it was necessary to go through the emergency landing gear procedure to get the gear down. The pilot was confused on the proper procedure and, after trying for about an hour, was unable to get the gear down, so a belly landing was made, causing major damage to the propellers and lower engine nacelles.

On investigation, nothing could be found wrong with the landing gear assembly and the cause of the accident was complete pilot error, in not fully understanding emergency landing gear procedure.

All student pilots and rated pilots of this station have been given instruction, on the ground and in the air, in properly executing the emergency landing gear procedure.

5 Incls:

- #1 - Pilot Statement.
- #2 - Co-pilot Statement.
- #3 - Damage Parts List.
- #4 - Form 1.
- #5 - Form 1A.

Signature

Robert J. DeCham
Investigating Officer

ROBERT J. DECHAM

Captain, Air Corps

Aircraft Accident Officer

Date 10 January 1944