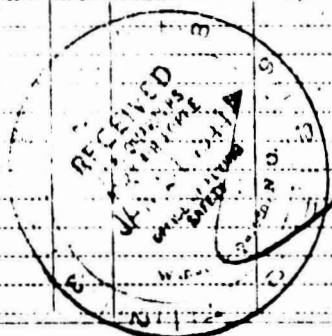


WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

51-011
(1) Place Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana (2) Date 14 January 1944 (3) Time 1326Z
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 GL (5) A. F. No. 42-34604 (6) Station Freeman Field
 Organization: (7) AAFETTC (8) 30th Wing (9) 467th TWT Squadron
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL 5173

DATE	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	Blanchard, Willard S. Jr.	SP	13121266	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFETTC	None	No
33 SC	Durlak, Willard	SP	16080624	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFETTC	None	No



PROCESSED WITH ACCIDENT
 (20) Blanchard Willard S. Jr. (21) 13121266 (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) 467th TWT Squadron (28) Freeman Field
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) AAFETTC (30) 30th Wing (31) 467th TWT Sqn. (32) Freeman Field
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) S (34) 5 Present rating (35) S (36) 5 Instrument rating (37) 5
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
 (at the time of this accident)
 (38) This type..... 19:15 (42) Instrument time last 6 months..... Not Involved
 (39) This model..... 19:15 (43) Instrument time last 30 days..... Not Involved
 (40) Last 90 days..... 59:15 (44) Night time last 6 months..... Not Involved
 (41) Total..... 103:00 (45) Night time last 30 days..... Not Involved

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE (40) Aircraft..... H-3
 (41) Engine(s)..... H-4
 (42) Propeller(s)..... H-5
 (43) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS..... See attached list.
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 Dpl PAK
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(44) Weather at the time of accident. Visibility 3 miles, haze and light smoke, ceiling unlimited, Wind S. 4 mph. 38

(45) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident. No.
 (46) Cleared from Freeman Field (47) To Indianapolis-Terre Haute-Freeman (48) Kind of clearance Contact
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(49) Pilot's mission Navigation Training. 62
 (50) Nature of accident Thrust-up landing on take-off. 07-5-

(51) Cause of accident Pilot Error. 07-11-51-14 20

(52) 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 Blanchard, W. S., Jr., Student Pilot and A/C Durlak, W. A., Student Co-pilot, were taking off on a navigation training flight from Freeman Field on 14 January 1944 in AT-10GL, AF Number 42-34604.

The morning the accident occurred all airplanes at this station were covered with a very heavy frost. The crew members and the pilot and co-pilot of the airplane are responsible for removing this frost before flying. The co-pilot states that he arrived at the airplane first and cleaned off all the ice from the leading edge of the wing. He had been told by his Instructor that all frost was to be removed from all parts of the wing before taking off.

The pilot states that when he arrived at the airplane the frost had been cleaned off from the leading edge of the wing and that he believed that that was all that was necessary, contrary to instructions from his Instructor and Flight Commander. About 30 minutes elapsed from the time the frost was cleaned off the leading edge of the wing and actual take-off. This time was spent in warming up the engines. On the take-off the pilot states that a speed of 60 mph was attained. The ship became slightly airborne, the wheels were retracted and then the airplane settled back to the ground causing major damage to the propellers and lower engine nacelles.

5 Incls.

- #1 - Pilot Statement.
- #2 - Co-pilot Statement.
- #3 - Damage Report.
- #4 - AAF Form #1.
- #5 - AAF Form #1A.

Signature

Robert J. DuChaine
(Investigating Officer)

ROBERT J. DU CHAINE,

Captain, Air Corps,

Aircraft Accident Officer.

Date 17 January 1944