

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

44-1-23-30

51-071

(1) Place Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana (2) Date 23 January 1944 (3) Time 1920 Z
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 BE 091 (5) A. F. No. 41-27074 (6) Station Freeman Field
 Organization: (7) AAFEFC (8) 30th Wing (9) 466th TFFT Squadron
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DOY	NAME (Last name first)	GRADE	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR BRANCH OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
32 SP	Saxe, J. E.	SP	15172410	A/C	62	A.O.	AAFEFC	None	No
33 SC	Schick, J. C.	SP	15172741	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFEFC	None	No



PILOT CARRIER WITH OCCURRENCE

(20) Saxe Jerome E. (21) 15172410 (22) A/C (23) 62 (24) A.C.
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) AAFEFC (26) 30th Wing (27) 466th TFFT Squadron (28) Freeman Field
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) AAFEFC (30) 30th Wing (31) 466th TFFT Squadron (32) Freeman Field
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) S (34) 5-1-44 Present rating (35) S (36) 5-1-44 Instrument rating (37) 5-1-44
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

First Pilot Hours:

(at the time of this accident)
 (16) This type 23:45 (42) Instrument time last 6 months Not Involved
 (17) This model 23:45 (43) Instrument time last 30 days Not Involved
 (18) Last 90 days 45:55 (44) Night time last 6 months Not Involved
 (19) Total 104:00 (45) Night time last 30 days Not Involved

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE NF

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>Minor</u>	
(47) Engine(s) <u>04</u>	See attached list.
(48) Propeller(s) <u>04</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident High thin scattered clouds. Visibility 5 miles. light smoke. Wind 38 South at 4 mph.

(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 Wheels-up on take-off.

(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)

A/C Saye, J. E., Student Pilot and A/C Schick, J. C., Student Co-pilot, were starting on a local transition flight from Freeman Field on 23 January 1944.

The pilot and co-pilot both state that a cockpit check was made, on the ramp, and again on the runway.

As the ship started picking up speed the wheels folded. The pilot states that he immediately reached for the landing gear switch to try to lower the wheels and that the switch was in the up position when the landing gear folded.

It is the opinion of the Aircraft Accident Committee that neither the pilot, nor the co-pilot made a thorough check and it is recommended that all students be cautioned as to the necessity of a thorough check at all times.

5 Incls:

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

Signature

Robert J. DuChaine
(Investigating Officer)

ROBERT J. DU CHAINE

Captain, Air Corps

Aircraft Accident Officer

Date 24 January 1944.