

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

44-1-23-29

51-071

(1) Place Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana (2) Date 23 January 1944 (3) Time 0552 Z
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 BH 091 (5) A. F. No. 41-26941 (6) Station Freeman Field
 Organisation: (7) AAFETTC (8) 30th Wing (9) 467th TFFT Squadron
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL APT APT 5173

DOY	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	Mozeley, W. E.	SP	14147953	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFETTC	None	No
MSC	Moora, D. W.	SP	15325751	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFETTC	None	No



PHOTO CHARGES WITH RECORD
 (20) Mozeley William E. (21) 14147953 (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 TFFT Squadron (28) Freeman Field
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) AAFETTC (30) 30th Wing (31) 467th TFFT Squadron (32) Freeman Field
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) S (34) - Present rating (35) S (36) - Instrument rating (37) -
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
 (at the time of this accident)
 (38) This type 26:10 (42) Instrument time last 6 months Not Involved
 (39) This model 26:10 (43) Instrument time last 30 days Not Involved
 (40) Last 90 days 45:15 (44) Night time last 6 months 19:35
 (41) Total 101:10 (45) Night time last 30 days 10:25

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE NR

DAMAGE		(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS	
(46) Aircraft	Minor	See attached list.	
(47) Engine(s)	- 4 - 4		
(48) Propeller(s)	W. 2 U. 2		

(50) Weather at the time of accident Clear, visibility 4 miles, light smoke, wind WSW 2 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 night transition
 (56) Nature of accident Wheels-up landing
 (57) Cause of accident Pilot error
 (58) WAR Form F54 been submitted No

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

(Brief narrative of accident - Include statement of responsibility and recommendations for action to prevent repetition)

A/C Mozeley, W. E, Student Pilot and A/C Moore, D. W., Student Co-pilot, were landing on local night transition at Freeman Field on 23 January 1944 in AT-10 BH A.F. No. 41-26941.

The pilot and co-pilot state that a landing check was made on the downwind leg and that the wheels were down, however, after landing, both state that the landing gear switch was in the up position.

It is the opinion of the Aircraft Accident Committee that both pilot and co-pilot became excited on the approach because another ship was just to the rear and above them in such a position that the landing lights were shining in the cockpit and that one of them accidentally put the wheel switch in the up position.

It is recommended that all students be cautioned to make a more thorough landing gear check.

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.