

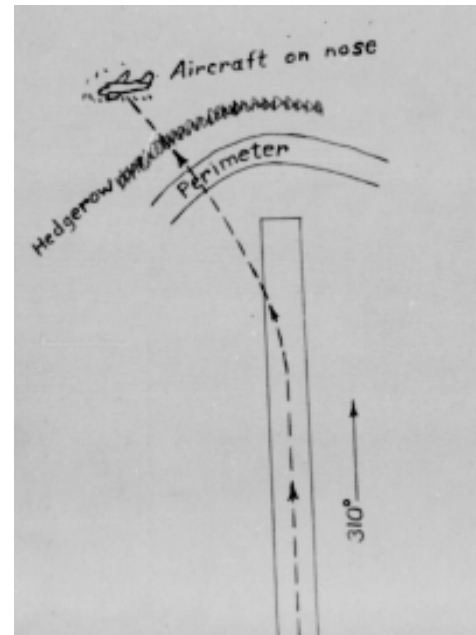
C-47 41-18513 accidenté le 04/09/1942 à A-25C Bolleville (50)

**S T A T E M E N T**

On 4 September 1944, as Pilot of C-47 Aircraft AAF No. 41-18513, I was involved in a take-off accident in which no personnel were injured. While on the take-off run, which was normal until I reached flying speed, I realized after trimming with no effect that the elevator control was still in a locked position. I immediately cut both throttles and braked slightly as the tail was in an up position due to an airspeed of approximately one-hundred (100) m.p.h. As I reached the end of the runway strip I considered the speed too great to ground loop the aircraft in the space left before an approaching hedgerow. I did not have the landing gear pulled up as the speed was approximately seventy (70) m.p.h. and would have lowered the cockpit to the height of the hedgerow. I told the rest of the crew to brace themselves and the aircraft jumped about forty (40) feet and came to a stop before coming to some trees. I checked switches all off and gasoline off and followed the crew out of the aircraft.

I assume blame for not thoroughly checking that the elevators were unlocked as only one (1) lock had been removed. My total flying time is 786:40 including time on P-47, P-51, P-38, A-20, and Beau-fighter aircraft and this was my first accident.

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