

Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	GROTON, Connecticut	:	Incident Number:	NYC84IA091
Date & Time:	February 24, 1984, 17:	45 Local	Registration:	N15ST
Aircraft:	LOCKHEED	382G	Aircraft Damage:	Minor
Defining Event:			Injuries:	7 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 121: Air carrier - S	Scheduled		

Analysis

AFTER LANDING ON RWY 33, AND DURING TAXI TO THE RAMP, THE LT WING TIP OF THE ACFT STRUCK A PARKED DC-3.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this incident to be:

Findings

Occurrence #1: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT Phase of Operation: TAXI - FROM LANDING

Findings

- 1. (F) LIGHT CONDITION DUSK
- 2. (F) OBJECT AIRCRAFT PARKED/STANDING
- 3. (C) CLEARANCE MISJUDGED PILOT IN COMMAND

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline transport	Age:	39,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	Yes
Instructor Rating(s):		Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medical–w/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	November 28, 1983
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	8490 hours (Total, all aircraft), 123 h Command, all aircraft)	nours (Total, this make and model), 15	18 hours (Pilot In

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	LOCKHEED	Registration:	N15ST
Model/Series:	382G 382G	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Transport	Serial Number:	4391
Landing Gear Type:	Retractable - Tricycle	Seats:	3
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	February 11, 1984 Continuous airworthiness	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	155000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	50 Hrs	Engines:	4 Turbo prop
Airframe Total Time:	39909 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	ALLISON
ELT:		Engine Model/Series:	501-D22A
Registered Owner:	TRANS AMERICA AIRLINE, INC.	Rated Power:	4350 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	Flag carrier (121)
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	TIAA

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Dusk
Observation Facility, Elevation:	GON ,10 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:	17:37 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 4000 ft AGL	Visibility	20 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Broken / 10000 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	13 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	340°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	-18°C / -18°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipit	ation	
Departure Point:	NASSAU , OF (NAS)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	IFR
Destination:	GROTON , CT (GON)	Type of Clearance:	VFR
Departure Time:	00:11 Local	Type of Airspace:	

Airport Information

Airport:	TRUMBULL	Runway Surface Type:
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	7 None	Aircraft Damage:	Minor
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	7 None	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Jones, Dennis
Additional Participating Persons:	THOMAS FULLER; NORWOOD , MA JOHN HARDY; NORWOOD , MA
Original Publish Date:	
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=35441

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