

*From the Past...*

No mistakes made?

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To: Aviation Safety Board.

Subj: Pilot's Statement of Accident to TBFI Aircraft, Bureau  
Number 24026.

1. The engine quit while on the cross leg of an approach to a field carrier landing. I could not get the wheels up before the plane hit the land. It bounced once or twice and nosed over. The crew of the fire truck extinguished a small blaze on the engine.
2. No mistakes made.
3. While in slow flight at approximately 100' the engine quit out without any warning whatever. I nosed over to try to maintain flying speed and the plane went down so fast I couldn't get the wheels up, causing the plane to nose over in the soft sand.
4. Since I do not know the cause I cannot suggest a remedy.

*Raw out of gas*

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