

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES

ACCIDENT NO.

42

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place **Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour, Ind.** (2) Date **March 23rd, 1943** (3) Time **09:30**  
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model **AT-10BH** (5) A. F. No. **41-26852** (6) Station **Freeman Army Air Field**  
 Organization: (7) **Flying Training** (8) **Advanced Trng.** (9) **1079th T.F.T.**  
 (Command and Air Force) (Group)

NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL NO.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
P Flinn, William (NMI) II	P	0-791684	2nd Lt.	2C-101	A.C.	Fly. Trng.	None	None
SD Beatty, C. R.	A/C	15113003	A/C	1E-162	A.C.	Fly. Trng.	None	None

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PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

20 **Flinn William** (NMI) II (21) **0:791684** (22) **2nd Lt.** (23) **2C-1** (24) **A.C.**  
 Assigned (25) **Flying Training** (26) **Adv. Trng.** (27) **47th B.H. & A.B.** (28) **Freeman Army Air Fld.**  
 Attached to (29) **F.T.S.** (30) **H-1 T** (31) **H-1** (32) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original rating (33) \_\_\_\_\_ Present rating (35) \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument rating (37) \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT'S PILOT HOURS

(38) This type **284:20** (42) Instrument time last 6 months **8:25**  
 (39) This model **284:20** (43) Instrument time last 30 days **None**  
 (40) Last 90 days **200:55** (44) Night time last 6 months **62:40**  
 (41) Total **659:10** (45) Night time last 30 days **None**

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <b>M 3</b>	<b>See attached list</b>
(47) Engine(s) <b>None 3</b>	
(48) Propeller(s) <b>M 4</b>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident **90 Ceiling unlimited--Visibility 3 miles in Haze and Light Smoke.**

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident **No**  
 (52) Cleared from **Freeman Army Air** (53) To **Local** (54) Kind of clearance **Contact**

(55) Pilot's mission **Local Student Training**

(56) Nature of accident **Landing**

(57) Cause of accident **Aircraft structure--landing gear failure. Pilot error--Technique**

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

2nd Lieutenant William Flinn II and A/C C. R. Beatty took off on a local student training flight and on coming in for a landing A/C Beatty allowed the aircraft to strike a mound of dirt at the end of the runway damaging the landing gear. Lieutenant Flinn immediately took over control, retracted gear and flew around the traffic pattern. Lieutenant Flinn then lowered his gear and was informed by the Control Tower that only one wheel was down. Lieutenant Flinn retracted his gear and came in for a wheels up landing.

Error in technique caused failure of aircraft structure.

Field is under construction and areas in vicinity of runways are being given immediate priority.

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