

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

ACCIDENT No. 19

43-5-1-21

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(1) Place Waldron, Indiana (2) Date May 1, 1943 (3) Time 2230 Z
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 BH (5) A. F. No. 41-27171 (6) Station Freeman Army Air Field
 Organization: (7) AAFSTC FTS (8) AFT (9) 1080th T.E.T.S. Squadron

PERSONNEL

AFT

NO.	NAME (Last name first)	RATING (12)	SERIAL NO. (13)	RANK (14)	PERSONNEL CLASS (15)	BRANCH (16)	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND (17)	RESULT TO PERSONNEL (18)	USE OF PARACHUTE (19)
32 33 33	Schwarz, William (NMI)	SP	16036899	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFSTC	None	No
	Sharpless, Thomas F.	SP	14045504	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFSTC	None	No

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NO. AAF DIRECTOR
OPERATIONS SAFETY

PILOT CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF SAFETY
 (20) Schwarz William (NMI) (21) 16036899 (22) A/C (23) 62 (24) A.C.
 Assigned (25) AAFSTC (26) FTS (27) 1080th TETS (A/C Det) Freeman Army Air Field. 5173
 Attached for flying (28) AAFSTC (29) AFT (30) 1080th TETS (A/C Det) Freeman A.A. Field.
 Original rating (33) N/R (34) - Present rating (35) - (36) - Instrument rating (37) -

First Pilot Hours (at the time of this accident)
 (38) This type 35:15 (42) Instrument time last 6 months Not involved
 (39) This model 35:15 (43) Instrument time last 30 days " "
 (40) Last 90 days 113:55 (44) Night-time last 6 months " "
 (41) Total 173:50 (45) Night time last 30 days " "

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

(46) Aircraft M 3 See attached list
 (47) Engine(s) 4 1 None
 (48) Propeller(s) 4 1 Cable Assy, Prop governor LH

(50) Weather at time of accident CAVU 00

(51) Was the pilot flying instrument at the time of accident No
 (52) Cleared from Freeman A.A. Field 37 To Cleveland-VanWert-Freeman (54) Kind of clearance Contact 0

(53) Pilot's mission Student navigation training. 6V

(56) Cause of accident Collision with object other than aircraft-i.e. Power Line.
 NG SN 4. V
 OV OS 64

(57) Cause of accident Pilot error - Negligence.
 100% Negligence CG 52 48
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DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

While on a student navigation training flight A/C Wm. Schwarz and A/C Thomas F. Sharpless flew at an altitude well below the assigned five hundred (500) feet in direct disobedience of all current flying regulations. While flying at this low altitude the aircraft struck a power line damaging it to the extent of \$37.00 and also damaging the aircraft sufficiently to make a forced landing necessary. As a result of the forced landing the aircraft was damaged further.

A/C Schwarz is charged with the accident and disciplinary action taken against him is considered a preventative measure for further violations of regulations.

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Signature

(Investigating Officer)

W. E. PERSONS, JR.

Major, Air Corps

Aircraft Accident Officer.

Date