

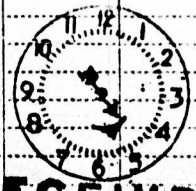
WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

(1) Place Freeman Army Air Field (2) Date 5-1-43 (3) Time 0215 Z
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 BH (5) A. F. No. 41-28943 (6) Station Freeman Army Air Field
Organization: (7) AAFSTC (8) AFT (9) 1080th TFFT Squadron
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUTY	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL No.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	BRANCH	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND	RESULT TO PERSONNEL	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
20 S	Smith, Floyd S.	P.	0-412779	2nd Lt.	(01)	AC	AAFSTC	None	No
21 SD	Whl, Walter (NMI), Jr.	SP.	19079172	A/C	(62)	AC	AAFSTC	None	No

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PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Smith Floyd S. (21) 0-412779 (22) 2nd Lt. (23) 01 (24) AC
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) AAFSTC (26) AFT (27) 1080th TFFT Squadron (28) Freeman AAF
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) AAFSTC (30) AFT (31) 1080th TFFT Squadron (32) Freeman AAF
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) Pilot (34) 12-13-42 Present rating (35) Pilot (36) 12-13-42 Instrument rating (37) Not involved
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:
(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 166.3 (42) Instrument time last 6 months Not involved
(39) This model 166.3 (43) Instrument time last 30 days Not involved
(40) Last 90 days 125.4 (44) Night time last 6 months 20.9
(41) Total 429.0 (45) Night time last 30 days 6.8

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>None</u>	
(47) Engine(s) <u>None</u>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>M 4</u>	<u>Both prop. assy. Major damage.</u>

(50) Weather at the time of accident ceiling 9000, broken, visibility unlimited.

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No

(52) Cleared from Freeman AAF (53) To Local (54) Kind of clearance Contact

(55) Pilot's mission Local student night training.

(56) Nature of accident Landing. NG SN UV
06 34 29

(57) Cause of accident Pilot error, carelessness. CG CC UC
100% Carelessness 05 24 17

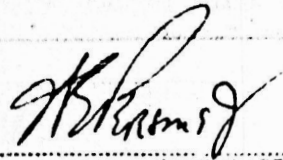
DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

2nd Lt. Floyd S. Smith, Air Corps, while giving night transition to A/C Walter Uhl, Jr., made a very poor night landing and on the next trip so concentrated on the perfection of his landing that he carelessly forgot to put his wheels down. As soon as the propellers touched the ground Lt. Smith applied throttle, proceeded around the traffic pattern and came in for a normal landing.

Lt. Smith is charged with the accident and he and all other instructors on the field are being checked by the Training Advisory Board. Pilots will be impressed with the necessity for making visual checks of landing gear at night as well as in the day time.

Signature



(Investigating Officer)

W. E. PERSONS, JR.

Major, Air Corps

Aircraft Accident Officer

Date