

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

43-5-14-33

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(1) Place: Freeman Army Air Field (2) Date: May 22-43 (3) Time: 1116
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model: AF-108 (5) A. F. No: 41-27078 (6) Station: Freeman Army Air Field
 Organization: (7) AAFSETO FTS (8) AFT (9) 1079th TFFT (10) FTS
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)

PERSONNEL

NO.	NAME (Last name first)	RATING	SERIAL No.	RANK	PERSONNEL CLASS	STATUS	Air Force or Command	RESULTS OF PARACHUTE	USE OF PARACHUTE
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
33SP	Stevens, L. G.	SP	12034863	A/O	62	A/O	AAFSETO	None	No
35SP	Vonburgh, A. E.	SP	12034864	A/O	62	A/O	AAFSETO	None	No

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 W. A. A. F. DIRECTOR
 OF FLYING SAFETY

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Stevens Lawrence G. (21) 12034863 (22) A/O (23) 62 (24) A.O.
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle Initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) AAFSETO FTS (26) AFT (27) 1079th TFFT (28) Freeman AAF
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) AAFSETO (30) AFT (31) 1079th TFFT (32) Freeman AAF
 (Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) None (34) None Present rating (35) None (36) None Instrument rating (37) None
 (Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date)

Engine Hours:

(at the time of this accident)
 (38) This type: 55:45 (42) Instrument time last 6 months: Not involved
 (39) This model: 55:45 (43) Instrument time last 30 days: Not involved
 (40) Last 90 days: 98:27 (44) Night time last 6 months: Not involved
 (41) Total: 191:00 (45) Night time last 30 days: Not involved

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft: <u>M 3</u>	See attached list.
(47) Engine(s): <u>Minor</u>	
(48) Propeller(s): <u>Minor</u>	

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(50) Weather at the time of accident: Overcast at 6500 feet. 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: Team instrument flight (under hood)
 (56) Nature of accident: Collision in air with object other than aircraft i.e. power line.
 (57) Cause of accident: Pilot error - negligence.

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 CL 04 SC 32 VC 18

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

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

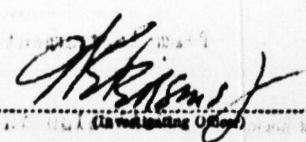
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A/C Lawrence G. Stevens with A/C Albert E. Vosburgh, as Co-Pilot, took off on a local student training flight and in violation of all existing instructions and orders, operated their aircraft at an altitude below one thousand (1000) feet when such operation was not required for the completion of their assigned mission. While flying at this low altitude the aircraft struck a power line breaking through two (2) 1800 foot strands wrapping about 40 feet of wire around the left propeller hub causing engine failure and necessitating a forced landing.

The disciplinary action taken is considered the best means to prevent repetition.

Approved: _____
Lieutenant Colonel
Lieutenant Colonel
Lieutenant Colonel

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Signature _____
W. E. PERSONS, JR.
Major, Air Corps
Aircraft Accident Officer