

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

Plane
44-11-13-33
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(1) Place St. Ann Auxiliary Field of Freeman Fld Date 13 November 1943 (2) Time 1350Z
 AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 BH (5) A. F. No. 42-2260 (6) Station Freeman Field
 Organization: (7) AAFETC (8) 30th Wing (9) 1079th TFFT Squadron
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

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DATE	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)
	Flinn, II, W.	P	0-791684	1st Lt.	01	A.C.	AAFETC	None	No
	Alles, Donald H.	<i>SA</i>	32912414	A/C	62	A.C.	AAFETC	None	No



PILOT CHECKED OVER ACCIDENT

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(39) This model	818:10	(43) Instrument time last 30 days	Not involved
(40) Last 90 days	232:00	(44) Night time last 6 months	Not involved
(41) Total	1200:30	(45) Night time last 30 days	Not involved

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(49) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>W 5</u>	<u>See attached list.</u>
(47) Engine(s) <u>W 5 W 5</u>	
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Brief narrative of accident. Include statement of responsibility and recommendations for action to prevent repetition)

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Cause of the accident was pilot error in that the accident could have been avoided if the occupants of both airplanes had been clearing themselves sufficiently. It is believed that both airplanes made the turn on to the approach at the same time, one slightly below the other, making it impossible for the pilots of either aircraft to see the other.

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- Incl#5 - Form 1A
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Robert J. Du Chaine
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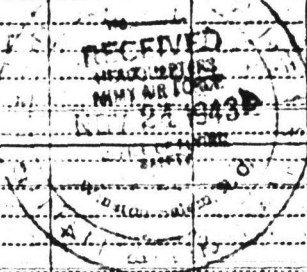
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Organisation: (7) AAFPTC (8) 30th Wing (9) 1079th TFFT Squadron

E-T PERSONNEL A-T A-T 5173

NO.	NAME (Last name first) (11)	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)
<u>38</u>	<u>Matten, III, W. (NMI)</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>0-792617</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>A.C.</u>	<u>AAFPTC</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>39</u>	<u>Barnette, Alan T.</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>1317400</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>A.C.</u>	<u>AAFPTC</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>No</u>



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

38) This type.....	600:10	42) Instrument time last 6 months.....	Not involved
39) This model.....	600:10	43) Instrument time last 30 days.....	Not involved
40) Last 90 days.....	182:45	44) Night time last 6 months.....	Not involved
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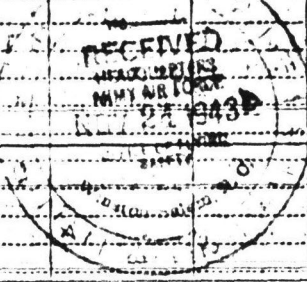
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Lt. Mattes states that while on the base leg he noticed one other ship on his outside and almost parallel with him. Lt. Mattes states that as he was on the inside of the pattern he turned on to the approach, giving no further thought to the other plane that had been flying parallel with him.

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