

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 TEF 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

(20) Flinn, II William (NMI) (21) 0-791684 (22) 1st Lt. (23) 01 (24) A.C.
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
 Assigned (25) AAFETC (26) 30th Wing (27) 1079th TEF (28) Freeman Field
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Attached for flying (29) AAFETC (30) 30th Wing (31) 1079th TEF (32) Freeman Field
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
 Original rating (33) P (34) 8-5-42 Present rating (35) P (36) 8-5-42 Instrument rating (37) 5-3-43
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

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

(38) This type.....	818:10	(42) Instrument time last 6 months.....	Not involved
(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>	
(48) Propeller(s) <u>W 5 W 5</u>	

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(50) Weather at the time of accident High scattered clouds. Visibility 8 miles. Wind W 12 mph.

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

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

(55) Pilot's mission Local transition.

(56) Nature of accident Collision with other aircraft on final approach.

(57) Cause of accident Pilot error.

(58) Has Form #54 been submitted? No.

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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.

All pilots have been cautioned that they will constantly be on the lookout for other airplanes in the air and to never allow their attention to be centered in the cockpit, due to instructions being given or received.

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- Incl#3 - Damaged parts list
- Incl#4 - Form 1
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