

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198901563**

Grumman American Aviation AA1B

21 December 1989

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This accident was not formally investigated by the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 198901563 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: RAAF Base ,East Sale VIC
Date: 21 December 1989 **Time:** 1545
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1

Aircraft Details: Grumman American
Aviation AA1B
Registration: VH-MDL
Serial Number: AA1B-0635
Operation Type: Aerial Work
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: East Sale
Departure Time: 1530
Destination: East Sale

Approved for Release: 8th March 1990

Circumstances:

The student had completed a one hour dual check flight and was authorised by the instructor for solo practice. The pilot was conducting circuits on runway 22 with a wind from the south west at 10 - 15 knots. On the first approach the student flared late, the aircraft bounced, and a go around was made. The next approach was stabilized but again the pilot flared late and bounced. Despite the application of power for a go around, the aircraft struck the runway heavily, resulting in damage to the nose leg and propeller tips.