

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Dual instruction.

A/C was discovered on the side of a creek bank in the low flying area.

A/C struck the bank at a fairly steep angle and both occupants were killed on impact. A/C had just previously "shot up" a farm house where pupil's wife was residing.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

32. Pilot error

Findings of Investigation
Obscure, but probably a stall from
which the instructor failed to recover before striking the ground,
while flying over a broken land
surface at low altitude.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

22. Stalling

18. Loss of control

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

or commanding officer's report:

Accident Report No. 77

DATE:

COMPOSITION: ILDC/AUC/PNK

F.L. Dawson I. of A. No. 2 T.C.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That low flying area be changed to a location presenting more uniformly suitable forced landing surface in case of need. (See summary for complete details)

ACTION TAKEN:

(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER

CONCLUSION

The cause of this accident is obscure but probably due to:- (a) Student's loss of control at a low altitude, due to instability as a result of his being subjected to extensive aerobatics. (b) Recklessness and lack of caution on the part of the instructor intensified by his previous "Shooting up" of the Blackmore farm buildings.

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