

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT **35 S.F.T.S.** COM. **4** PLACE **R.2 Brada** DATE **8-7-43** TIME **1215**  
**North Battleford**

H.Q. FILE

A/C TYPE **Oxford II** NO. **AS552** CRASH CAT. **A** S.E. **X** M.E. **X** DAY **X** NIGHT

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL
<b>Rawlings, F.J.B.</b>	<b>Sgt.</b>	<b>1389385</b>	<b>FI</b>	<b>Killed</b>	NO. <b>A785</b> DATE <b>8-7</b>
<b>Mellor, N.I.</b>	<b>Sgt.</b>	<b>1431933</b>	<b>FI</b>	<b>Killed</b>	

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NO.	CHECKED
<b>3</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	TOTAL
<b>Cheetah X</b>	<b>P226142/AS42969 Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>134</b>
	<b>S178943/AS41024 Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>162</b>
							<b>352</b>

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING  
 TAXIING  
 LANDING  
 TAKE-OFF  
 FLIGHT  
 STATRY  
 FATAL  
 INJURY  
 3RD  
 INJURY  
 5  
 12

TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF UNIT

CATEGORY

RAF M 2

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Instrument Flying

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C was making circuit at R.2 Brada. Port engine was seen by pilot of another A/C to be burning hard and flames extending along side of fuselage and port wing. A/C lost height rapidly, crashed into a field and petrol tanks exploded.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Fire caused by a gasoline leak in the fuel system of the st bd. engine becoming ignited by a backfire.

*100/AOC/EF/PA/MI/AE/GA*

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 100

OBSERVATIONS No Oxford A/C at No. 35 S.F.T.S. including AS552, had the No. 4 T.C. modified exhaust tail pipe embodied.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Accident due to fire in the air followed by loss of control on the part of the pilot.

The fire in the air was caused by a gasoline leak in the fuel system of the stbd. engine becoming ignited by a backfire.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~27. Fire in the air~~

*17. Forced Landing*

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~18. Loss of control~~

*28. Fire - In air. 28*

ACTION TAKEN: