

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Pre-arranged dog fight.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil *ICO/XM*

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

While carrying out authorized dog fight with an American "Boston" a/c, the Hurricane and Boston were approaching head on. As the distance lessened, the Boston pulled up slight to enable it to pass at a safe distance above the Hurricane. At 100 yds., Boston made a rapid and very decisive movement downwards, as if, in the estimation of F/O Taylor, he was trying to fix his sights. At this instant wings collided. Hurricane went out of control and pilot abandoned a/c by parachute and landed safely.

CLASSIFICATION:

Boston exploded on impact killing all four occupants.
~~26. Collision in the air.~~

Collision a/c 21

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2144

CIRCUMSTANCES Head on attack between Hurricane (RCAF) and A-20 (USAAF)
CAUSE Mid air collision due to error of judgment on part of both pilots and insufficient planning.

RECOMMENDATIONS. 1. Personal contact immediately previous to exercises and all manoeuvres discussed.

2. R/T communication between a/c involved and alternative visual signals arranged for in event of radio failure.

3. Close supervision by U.C. of any Inter-Service exercises and a common procedure agreed upon.

CONCLUSION OF A.I.B. Agree with findings

ACTION TAKEN: and recommendations.

Nil