

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

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| UNIT 1 O.T.U. Bassotville | COM. E | PLACE 2 1/2 m l s SW of Laterreere | DATE 1-4-44 | TIME 1300 GMT |
| A/C TYPE HURRICANE XIIIA HURRICANE 5647 | | NO. BW879 D 5647 | CRASH CAT. "A" "A" | H.Q. FILE 1300-BW879 |
| | | S.E. | M.E. X | DAY X |
| | | | | NIGHT |

| PERSONNEL | RANK | NUMBER | DUTY | INJURIES | SIGNAL | |
|--------------------|------|------------|------|----------|----------------|---------|
| WOOD, W.R. | P/O | RAF (P.G.) | P | Killed. | NO. | DATE |
| ENDERSBY, P. J. GB | S.T | 1803563 | P | Killed | A.329 | 1-4 |
| | | | | | D 14 (REVISED) | |
| | | | | | NO. | CHECKED |
| | | | | | 1 | ✓ |
| | | | | | #2 | |

| ENGINE | ENGINE NUMBER (S) | HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS | | | | | |
|--------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|---------|------|-------|------|
| | | INST. | NIGHT | ON TYPE | | TOTAL | |
| Merlin | A265461/A492 total A265302/A253 " | | | SOLO | DUAL | SOLO | DUAL |
| | | 37 | 19 | 15 | - | 118 | 131 |
| | | 41 | 30 | 19 | - | 118 | 148 |

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

- FORCED LANDING
- TAXIING
- LANDING
- TAKE OFF
- FLIGHT
- START UP
- FATAL
- INJ.
- INJURY 3rd

TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF UNIT

CATEGORY

152 61 60 59 58 57 56 55 54 53 52 51 50 49 48 47 46 45 44 43 42 41 40 39 38 37 36 35 34 33 32 31 30 29 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Formation flying.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

ICA/ACL/1000
ICA/XR

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

NIL

A/C took off for formation flying. While forming up in vicinity of aerodrome, Hurricane EW079 collided with Hurricane 5647, causing both a/c to crash, pilots both being killed.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2311

CIRCUMSTANCES: Five a/c forming in air into "VIC" formation when #3 and #5 collided 10 minutes after becoming airborne and in first circuit.

CAUSE: (a) Mid-air collision
(b) Pilots error on part of P/O Wood in #5 in colliding with Sgt Endersby's a/c #3.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Severe disciplinary action for the breaking of Pilot's Orders No. 64 para.2".

REMARKS OF O.C. Concur in findings.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. Agree with findings.

NOTE: While agreeing with findings, it should be pointed out that the evidence is not clear that P/O Wood and Sgt Endersby were told what positions they were to fly in the formation. There is evidence that the pilots were briefed but no proper or other evidence that they were briefed at the same time and together or just what that briefing was.

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL

CLASSIFICATION:

~~26. Collision in the air.~~

21. Collisions w/o (21)

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS: