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ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 36 O.T.U. Greenwood		COM. E	PLACE 12 miles SSE of Bridgetown			DATE 20-4-44	TIME 0030		
A/C TYPE MOSQUITO 20		NO. KB126	CRASH CAT "A"		H.Q. FILE 1300-KB126-1				
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL		
MCCANN, H.E.		F/O	149386	P	Killed		NO. DATE		
BROWN, J.C.		P/O	163982	NAV	Killed.		A659 20-4		
							D 14 (REVISED)		
							NO. CHECKED		
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ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
Merlin XXXI		A326780/A7981 total		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
		A326822/A8048 "				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
				54	53	38	5	575	87

COMMAND  
MONTH  
STAGE OF FLIGHT

7 ( )  
4 ( )  
2 ( )  
1 ( )  
7 ( )  
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1 ( )  
FORCED LANDING ( )  
TAXYING ( )  
LANDING ( )  
TAKE-OFF ( )  
FLIGHT ( )  
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FATAL ( )  
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ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Sector Recco "B" and searchlight practice.

NIL

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

The pilot who followed F/O McCann in another a/c saw happen as follows:-

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2336

After about five minutes flying I noticed that a/c KB126 was using landing light and I did same thing to ascertain weather conditions. It was snowing and raining fairly heavily and I called him up on R/T to ask his opinion of weather. I received no answer. Saw his landing light go on and off. Twenty seconds after saw an explosion on the ground indicating that F/O McCann had crashed.

CIRCUMSTANCES: After being airborne for 15 minutes on a properly authorized 600 mile size leg cross country exercise, crashed in a snow storm and burned.

CAUSE: The cause must remain obscure. It is considered however, that the pilot switched on landing light, looked away from his instruments momentarily became blinded by the reflection of the snow in the landing light, lost control and dive into the ground.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Nil

CONCLUSIONS OF AIB: An obscure accident.

NOTE: The I.O. found failure by the unit to comply with C.A.P.100, Sec.3, para.27, in connection with the failure to have the compass

ACTION TAKEN: swung as required by this sections.

NIL

CLASSIFICATION:

21. Inability to maintain equilibrium.

*19. Out of Control*  
SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS: