

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

|                      |                   |           |                                    |       |           |         |                |            |     |      |   |      |  |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|----------------|------------|-----|------|---|------|--|
| UNIT                 | 2 FIS<br>Pearce   | COM.<br>4 | PLACE<br>No.1 Forced Landing Field |       | DATE      | 19-5-44 | TIME           | 1030       |     |      |   |      |  |
|                      | A/C TYPE          |           |                                    |       | CORNELL I | No.     | FH746          | CRASH CAT. | "D" | S.E. | x | M.E. |  |
| PERSONNEL            |                   | RANK      | NUMBER                             | DUTY  | INJURIES  |         | SIGNAL         |            |     |      |   |      |  |
| Merkley, L.B.        |                   | P/O       | J42905                             | P     | Nil       |         | No.            | DATE       |     |      |   |      |  |
| Cann, G.B.           |                   | P/O       | R183442<br>(PG)                    | PP    | NIL       |         | A106           | 20-5       |     |      |   |      |  |
|                      |                   |           |                                    |       |           |         | D 14 (REVISED) |            |     |      |   |      |  |
|                      |                   |           |                                    |       |           |         | No.            | CHECKED    |     |      |   |      |  |
|                      |                   |           |                                    |       |           |         | 2              |            |     |      |   |      |  |
|                      |                   |           |                                    |       |           |         | #17            |            |     |      |   |      |  |
| ENGINE               | ENGINE NUMBER (S) |           | HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS              |       |           |         |                |            |     |      |   |      |  |
| Ranger<br>(6-440C-5) | 27055/2972        |           | INST.                              | NIGHT | ON TYPE   |         | TOTAL          |            |     |      |   |      |  |
|                      |                   |           |                                    |       | SOLO      | DUAL    | SOLO           | DUAL       |     |      |   |      |  |
|                      |                   |           | 43:55                              | 25:30 | 54:40     | 52:00   | 125:25         | 161:05     |     |      |   |      |  |
|                      |                   |           | 39:00                              | 26:30 | 32:45     | 41:30   | 106:40         | 157:45     |     |      |   |      |  |

COMMAND  
MONTH  
STAGE OF FLIGHT

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FORCED LANDING  
TAXYING  
LANDING  
TAKE-OFF  
FLIGHT  
STAT RV  
FATAL  
INJURY  
3RD  
5  
RAF  
M 2

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Routine training flight

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Pilot demonstrating precautionary approach from rear cockpit of aircraft in slight drizzle came too low and struck ditch of road bounding field. A/c lost wheel and carried out crash landing on aerodrome.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Fork broken from main strut at weld by impact on road

LU/PBU/11001

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

- A. Pilot overzealous carrying out precautionary, came below minimum height allowed and struck roadway.
- B. Slight mist on windscreen which might distort vision. Above average material, probably a bit overconfident.
- C. Considered severe disciplinary action the only means of preventing this type of accident.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~32. Pilot Error~~

22 - Collisions - Astro

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

ACTION TAKEN:

Logging and endorsement of log book