

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 8 OTU		COM. EAC	PLACE		DATE 8-7-44	TIME			
A/C TYPE MOSQUITO XX		No.	KB285		H.Q. FILE 1300-KB285-1				
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL			
Rutledge, A.H.		F/L	J6215	P	Missing.	No.	DATE		
Connor, A.C.		GD	Sgt. 1396480	NAV	Missing.	A367	8-7		
						D 14 (REVISED)			
						No.	CHECKED		
						#2			
ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
Merlin		p. A11478/AF42-246474		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
		S. A10131/AF42-245127				DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO

COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

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

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Night Navigation Exercise.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Obscure.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2409

CAUSE: While the cause must to some extent remain obscure it is felt that fire in the a/c was at least a contributory factor if not primary factor.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Consideration be given to issuing an instruction detailing procedure to be followed in blanking off fuel line after removal of long-range tanks in Mosquito a/c. Mosquito a/c used for training purposes, having dinghies that operate by manual release only, have a notice to this effect posted in the cockpit.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: See Summary No. 2409.

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23. Not known.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

ACTION TAKEN: