

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT <b>8 O.T.U. Greenwood, N.S.</b>	COM. <b>E.A.C.</b>	PLACE <b>Approx. 12 m. S.E. of Annapolis, N.S.</b>	DATE <b>16-9-44</b>	TIME <b>1330 Z</b>
A/C TYPE <b>MOSQUITO BX</b>		NO. <b>KB289</b>	H.Q. FILE <b>1300-KB289</b>	
		CRASH CAT. <b>"A"</b>	S.E.	M.E. <b>x</b>
			DAY <b>x</b>	NIGHT

COMMAND

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
<b>De Steenhault de Waer</b>	<b>W/O</b>	<b>RAF172212</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Killed</b>	NO. <b>A.48</b>	DATE <b>16-9</b>
<b>rbeek, A.M.L.A.J.</b>					D 14 (REVISED)	
<b>Groensteen, C.V.H.J.</b>	<b>W/S</b>	<b>RAF1299856</b>	<b>NAV.W</b>	<b>Killed</b>	NO.	CHECKED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					<b>#3</b>	

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO
<b>Packard Merlin Mk. XXXIII</b>							
	<b>P.AF42-247800</b>	<b>A12804</b>					
	<b>S.AF42-245099</b>	<b>A10103</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>196 251</b>

FORCED LANDING

TAXIING

LANDING

TAKE-OFF

FLIGHT

STATRY

FATAL

INJ.

3rd

INJURY

5

RAF

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:  
NAV. EXERCISE NO. 4

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

ILGG/PSFL/W/WVG/CN ✓

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C returning to base, cloud at approx. 300'. Pilot flying below cloud, flew into the ground.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2459

CAUSE: Inexperience of pilot in unfavourable weather conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Nil

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

As stated by the I.O. in his remarks :- "It appears that this pilot, through inexperience, was unable to cope with the conditions in which he found himself.

REMARKS OF A.O.C.: I concur with findings. I do, however, consider that pilots, irrespective of their nationality, should not be sent on the mosquito course without the necessary qualifications as it places an unfair burden on unit. In this case, it would appear that P/O A.M.L.A.J. De Steenhault de Waerbeek had not the qualifications as laid down by

ACTION TAKEN: Air Force Headquarters.

Nil.

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20. Flew into ground.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

29. Fire - in Crash.