

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 1 ATT Detach	COM. E	PLACE N.E. Corner of Lake Gaspereau near Kentville	DATE 16-11-44	TIME 12.15
A/C TYPE HURRICANE XII		NO. 5437	H.Q. FILE 1700-5715	
HURRICANE XII		CRASH CAT. "A" NS	S.E. X	M.E. X
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
O'HANLON, P. F.,	RAF	P/O 165612	P	Fatal	NO.	DATE
BELHOUSE, R.,	AUS	Sgt. 436712	PP	Fatal	T240	16-11
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					NO.	CHECKED
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ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO
Packard Merlin 29	A265349/A-325 Unknown			80	125	185	

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Dartmouth to Greenwood, N.S.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Aircraft crashed in Lake Gaspereau.

CLASSIFICATION:

19. Out of Control

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

MULT.

~~ILCA/PSF/LF/W/XCI~~

Nil

ILCA/PSF/LF/W/XA/XCI

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2496.

CAUSE: Evidence warrants conclusion that cause of both accidents was the fact that Driva Sqdn., suddenly encountered conditions of zero visibility whilst flying over low hilly country. Considerable panic and confusion, resulting in 2 of a/c crashing in the ensuing melee.

RECOMMENDATIONS: In view of fact that No. 1 ATT Det. is closed down, the I.O. has no recommendations further than stating, in operation of such scope it would appear advisable to have at least two instructors present in the air at the same time.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Agree with findings and recommendations.

For Note 1 see Summary 2496.

Note 2: The I.O. was also of opinion that the whole

ACTION TAKEN: exercise from time a/c left Greenwood until most of them returned, was loosely and inefficiently carried out.

Nil