

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 5 O.T.U. Detach	COM. W.	PLACE Approx 15 mls. N.W. of	DATE 9-1-45	TIME
Abbotsford, B.C.		Port Hardy, B.C.,	H.O. 1350--AZ173-1	
A/C TYPE LIBERATOR	NO. KH 173	CRASH CAT. "A"	S.E.	M.E. X
			DAY	NIGHT

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
SPENCE, K.E.,	RAF	F/L	44784	P.P.	Killed	
MITCHELL, G.I.,	RAF	P/O	153712	2 P.	Killed	No. A.19 DATE 9-1
BASTABLE, T.H.,	RAF	P/O	166362	Nav.	Killed	
BURR, R.H.	RAF	P/O	166407	A.B.	Killed	
GUMBERTSEN, J.B.	GB	Sgt.	1369063	W.O.	Killed	
CHECKLEY, F.,	GB	Sgt.	1671860	W.O.	Killed	
TRIGKEY, J.F.,	RAF	P/O	179019	A.G.	Killed	
SHELLING, G.A.,	GB	Sgt.	1868102	A.G.	Killed	
SIMPSON, A.,	GB	Sgt.	3012303	A.G.	Killed	

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO
P. & W.	447175						
Buick	447019	Totally					
	44722	60	108	17	22	136	509
	447324	-	55	2	-	163	268

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COMMAND
 MONTH
 STAGE OR FLIGHT
 FORCED LANDING
 HARMING
 LANDING
 TAKE OFF
 FLIGHT
 ENTRY
 FATAL
 INJ.
 FATAL

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Cross Country Nav. Ex.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

W/C took off at 1806 GMT on routine day cross country exercise. Last heard from 1930 GMT just north of Comex.

CLASSIFICATION:

19. Out of Control.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Obscure

ILCG/PCN/WVG

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2520

CAUSE: Obscure. Possibly loss of control caused by icing.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Nil

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

C.I. ACCIDENTS: I agree. Witnesses only saw or heard the aircraft for a very short time. It is probable that the Captain was attempting to let down through the overcast and too late opened up his engines fully but struck the water before gaining proper speed and control. The singed parts were probably floating in burning gas on the surface.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil

STAND, P., GB.
MORGANS, W. H. N.
GB

Sgt.
Sgt.

1591287
1836991

A.G.
A.G.

Killed.
Killed.