

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 5 O.T.U. Detach^{PM} Abbotsford	PLACE Bombing range, Boundary Bay,	DATE 10-1-45	TIME 19.00
W.		H.Q. FILE 1300-EW210	
A/C TYPE LIBERATOR	NO. EW 210	CRASH CAT. "A"	S.E. M.E. DAY NIGHT X X

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
					NO.	DATE
SOMERVILLE, H.R.,	P/O	J46701	P.	Uninj.	A.20	10-1
BOWHAY, S.L.,	F/L	J4744	P.P.	Missing		
HALCREW, G.C.,	P/O	J45651	A.B.	Uninj.	D14 (REVISED)	
STEELE, R.G.,	P/O	J47363	A.B.	Uninj.	NO. 2	CHECKED
REES, A.W.,	Sgt.	R277750	W.O. AG	Uninj.		
CALLEWAY, T.M.	Sgt.	K268423	W.O. AG	Missing	2	
BARR, H.G.	Sgt.	R291559	A.G.	Missing		

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO
P. & W.	1. 432918						
Buick	2. 432582						
	3. 433703	75	155	16	51	214	1275
	4. 426963	135	170	13	57	110	2047

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COMMAND
 MONTH
 STAGE OF FLIGHT
 FORCED LANDING
 LANDING
 TAKE OFF
 FLIGHT
 FATAL
 INJURY
 UNINJURED

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Night Bombing Ex.,

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

On a run over bombing range a flash was seen in the Bomb Bay. 2nd Pilot reports four engines cut - a/c crashed in sea just off Point Roberts. Survivors bailed out into sea. No Moon.

CLASSIFICATION:

18. Misc Technical.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

28. Fire - in Air

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Obscure

IM/AROP/PCDMC/ES/MC/PC/1

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY NO. 2527

CAUSE: Obscure. Probable inadvertent detonation of a practice bomb caused by its striking a stringer in bomb bay doors, followed by pilot opening the master switch and thereby cutting out all four engines.

RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) Review of training given at the unit in the drill for ditching and abandonment of Liberator aircraft, to determine its adequacy. (2) Inquiry to determine whether adequate facilities are available in the type to warn the Air Gunner in position in the tail, of an emergency.

OPINIONS OF A.I.B.: Agree with findings. See Note 1,2,3,4 See Summary 2527.

ACTION TAKEN:

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