

No. 112(AO) Sqn.,
 UNIT: Rockcliffe, Ont. PLACE: 252 279
 E. and W. side of road DATE: 18-11-39 TIME: 1128 ✓
 to aerodrome. CRASH:
 A/C Tiger Moth
 TYPE: Tiger Moth NUMBER: 252 & 279 CATEGORY: "A" H.Q. FILE NO: 1021-4-370

O C C U P A N T S

FLYING TIME

NAME	RANK	NO.	CLASS	EXTENT OF INJURIES	INST	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL		
							DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	
Morrison, J.D.	F/O	C825	P(252)	Slight					57:50	183:35	
Johnstone, G.P.	F/O	C824	P(279)	Fatal			23:40	104:40	38:35	165:40	
							ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION				
							SERIOUS				
							FATAL		INJURY		
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THIRD PARTIES: None PARACHUTE DESCENT: F/O Morrison -- Slightly injured

AIRFRAME	DATE PURCHD	HOURS SINCE	LAST C/PTE O'HAUL		EXTENT OF DAMAGE	REPORTS		
			DATE	HRS. SINCE		FORM	SERIAL NO.	DATE
Tiger(252)					Total	D.6		27-11-39
Tiger(279)					Total	D.6		27-11-39
ENGINE								
Gypsy Major					Total	D.6		27-11-39
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REFERENCE TO REPORTS

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS:

SIGNAL NO: DATE: 18-11-39

UNIT OR COMMAND: 69 DATE: 18-11-39

RCAF Station, Rockcliffe, Ont.

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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Formation flying practice (line astern - individual loops)

NATURE OF ACCIDENT & STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Collision in mid-air whilst practising individual loops in line astern. Moth 252 struck Moth 279 at top of attempted loop.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

DATE: 18-11-39
COMPOSITION: Pres.--S/L Wray, L.E.
Members--

F/O D.W. Sanders
F/O K.E. Krug

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That only the formation aerobatic manoeuvres directly involved in air fighting be included in the training of Army Co-operation pilots.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Late start and excessive speed, in an effort to regain place in formation, on the part of Moth 252, causing it to intercept the arc of the loop being attempted by Moth 279.

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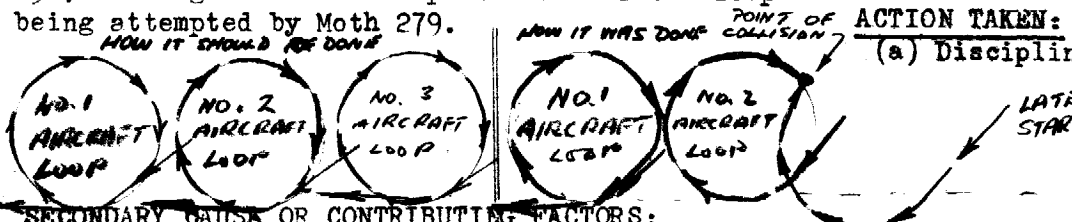
ACTION TAKEN:

(a) Disciplinary (b) Technical (c) other

(a) Formation aerobatics as a phase of army co-operation training in Service Squadrons is forbidden. (1021-4-370 dated 27-12-39)

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Unsuitability of manoeuvre involved.



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