

TYPE OF A/C	CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS				MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES																
	PILOT	OTHERS	AIRFRAME FAILURE	ENGINE FAILURE	HAND O.	INSTS.	WEATHER	DRKNS.	A/G SURF.	OTHER	UND/TD	PRIMARY	TAXYING	LANDING	TAKE-OFF	FLIGHT	STRTY	FATAL	INI.	3RD.	RAF
UNICOM.	Conversion Training Sqn, Picton	1	Aerodrome, Picton	DATE 21-3-41 TIME 14:00 H.O. FILE 1100-17-08																	
A/C TYPE	Battle	No.	1708	CRASH CAT.	C.	SE	ME	DAY	NIGHT												
TYPE OF ENGINE	NAME			RANK	No.	DUTY	INJURIES			SERIOUS		CARD SERIAL No.									
	Lesesne, C.			P/O	C3879	P.				FATAL	INJURY										
CATEGORY	TYPE A/F & ENGINE		No.	EXTENT OF DAMAGE	REPORT FORM	SERIAL No.	DATE	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS													
	Battle		1708	Slight	D14		24-3-41	INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL		LAST 6 MOS.							
	Merlin		425/2149	Nil.																	
SIGNAL No. & DATE		UNIT No. & DATE		COM. No & DATE		REPORT	FILE	DATE													
NATURE OF ACCIDENT																					

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Local Flying consisting of circuits and landings.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Commanding Officers Report.  
24-3-41

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE:

COMPOSITION:

Squadron Leader W.J. McFarlane.

*LUC/PCDUW/UCDL*

Hydraulic system failed and pilot was forced to resort to hand cranking gear to bring wheels down. Pilot landed with port wheel partially retracted which caused aircraft to ground loop to the left, damaging port flap and wing tip.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

An assessment was entered in the Pilot's Log Book in black ink as "Faulty cockpit drill due to inexperience on type."

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Inexperience of pilot on type.  
Examination failed to show any defect in hydraulic system.

ACTION TAKEN:

(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Faulty cockpit drill.

RECORDED BY

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