CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS

UNIT	COM.	PLACE	DATE	TIME
# 14 E.F.T.S. Portage la Prairie	2	Portage la Prairie	25-3-41	

H.Q. FILE

A/C TYPE	No.	CRASH CAT.	SE	ME	DAY	NIGHT
Tiger Moth	4164		x			

NAME	RANK	No.	DUTY	INJURIES	SERIOUS: FATAL	SERIOUS: INJURY
Duff, F.F.	LAC	R78389	P.	Slightly injured (hunger)		

CARD SERIAL No.

NAFF

TYPE A/F & ENGINE	No.	EXTENT OF DAMAGE	REPORT FORM	SERIAL No.	DATE	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS: INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE: DUAL	ON TYPE: SOLO	TOTAL: DUAL	TOTAL: SOLO	LAST 6 MOS.
T. Moth	4164											
G. Major												

SIGNAL No. & DATE		UNIT No. & DATE		COM. No & DATE	REPORT	FILE	DATE
447	25-3-41	A93	25-3-41				

NATURE OF ACCIDENT

TYPE OF A/C · TYPE OF ENGINE · CATEGORY · PILOT · OTHERS · AIRFRAME FAILURE · ENGINE FAILURE · CAUSES · MISCELLANEOUS · FLIGHT · STAGE OF FLIGHT · INJURY

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED: [illegible]

Cross country navigational flight.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Pupil ran out of fuel and landed aircraft in Buffalo Bay - Lake of the Woods, A trapper located the aircraft late the same day but pupil had wandered and was not located until 36 hours later, partly due to bad flying weather on the 26th.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Poor map-reading and navigation. Winnipeg was covered by smoke haze.

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

Commanding Officer's Report

DATE: 29-3-41

COMPOSITION: D.J. Thomson, Flight Lieutenant

[redacted]

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cabin was hearby, and pupils should be impressed with the importance of standing by the aircraft and not wandering through the bush. This pupil will receive more dual navigation, particularly map-reading.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Ran out of fuel over sparsely settled area and landed on lake. Pupil wandered and made it difficult for searchers.

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