

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial: 2616

Title: North American Harvard Mk.II serial:2616 Accident Card

Author: Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1942-February-14. Harvard s/n 2616. This accident involved 2 people. Howarth FS, Martin JT This accident had 2 fatalities. Pilot Officer James Temple Blackwood Martin RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:J/9859 Harvard 2616, Leading Aircraftman Frank Simpson Howarth RAAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:412332 Harvard 2616

Keywords: RCAFHarvard ,2616,1 SFTS,1 Service Flying Training School,Lake Simcoe Ontario,1942-February-14,Howarth,MartinRCAF L20

Created: 1942-02-14

Link: <https://caspir.warplane.com/aircraft/serial-search/aircraft-no/200000852#2616>

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UNIT 1 S.F.T.S. Camp Borden		COM. # 1		PLACE Lake Simcoe, Ont.										DATE 14-2-42		TIME 1445																
A/C TYPE Harvard		No. 2616		CRASH CAT. A		SE X		ME		DAY X		NIGHT		H.Q. FILE 1700-2616																		
NAME				RANK		No.		DUTY		INJURIES				SERIOUS																		
Martin, J. T.				P/O		19859		P		Killed				FATAL		INJURY																
Howarth, F. S.				LAC		412332		Pass.		Killed				2																		
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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Formation flying.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

INK

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

While following in formation encountered heavy snow storm & aircraft went out of control & dived into lake.

DATE: 16.2.42

Court of Inquiry

COMPOSITION:

Sqdn.Ldr.	R.W. Goodwin	C 1277
Flt. Lt.	C.K. Card	C 1345
F/O	A.A. Buchanan	C 2624

RECOMMENDATIONS:

"The Court recommends that the dangers encountered when flying over large areas of unbroken snow under conditions of poor visibility be brought to the attention of all flying personnel."

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~(1) Pilot misjudged altitude above snow covered ice during conditions of poor visibility.~~

(2) Pilot did not resort to instruments in time to avert ~~crash.~~

19. Out of control

ACTION TAKEN:

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

Conclusions of A.I.B. Nil

The actual cause of the accident remains obscure but it is possible that the sharp climbing turn which the a/c made in breaking away from the formation may have rendered the blind flying instruments temporarily unserviceable, by toppling the gyroscopes. The pilot would then have to depend on visual judgment to regain control under difficult weather conditions. On evidence before court it appears both occupants perished.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Aircraft went out of control and dived into lake.~~

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