

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial: ET854

Title: Kittyhawk serial:ET854 - Crash Card

Author: Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1942-May-26. Kittyhawk s/n ET854. This accident involved 1 person. Watkins AA

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TYPE OF A/C		CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS		TYPE OF ENGINE		CATEGORY		STAGE OF FLIGHT			
UNIT	132 (F) SQDN. Rockcliffe	COM.	3	PLACE	8 miles south of Plantagenet, Ont.	DATE	25-5-42	TIME	1140		
A/C TYPE	Kittyhawk	No.	ET854	CRASH CAT.	A	SE	X	ME	X		
NAME		RANK	No.	DUTY	INJURIES		SERIOUS				
Watkins A.A.		SGT.	R107984	P.P.	Uninjured.		FATAL INJURY				
							CARD SERIAL No.				
TYPE A/F & ENGINE		No.	EXTENT OF DAMAGE	REPORT FORM	SERIAL No.	DATE	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS				
Kittyhawk ET854		ET854	Total				INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE	TOTAL	LAST 6 MOS.
Allison 42-31184		N11							DUAL SOLO	DUAL SOLO	
SIGNAL No. & DATE		UNIT No. & DATE		COM. No. & DATE		REPORT		FILE		DATE	
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NATURE OF ACCIDENT											

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Authorized low flying.

Investigating Officer's Report

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 27-5-42

COMPOSITION:

Pilot hit tree while low flying and completed dead engine forced landing with wheels down, A/C went through two fences and turned over.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Disciplinary action to be taken against the pilot, in that he flew at an altitude of less than two hundred feet in disobedience of Station Flying Orders and in contravention of Exercise 25 of the Syllabus of Training for Fighter O.T.U.'s, which provides for a minimum altitude of five hundred feet.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Forced landing due to engine failure caused by the aircraft passing through trees in light rain conditions.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

Nil

Conclusions of A.I.B.

The stoppage of this engine was brought about by the leaves and branches going through the air intake, through the carburettor, through the supercharger, wherein they were pulverized and spread evenly over the flame traps, forming a mat and completely cutting off the mixture of air and gasoline to the cylinders."

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Aircraft went through two fences and turned over.~~

ENGINE TROUBLE - ACCIDENT

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