

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial:	AL144
Title:	Curtiss Kittyhawk Mk. I serial:AL144 Accident Card
Author:	Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)
Subject:	This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1942-May-28. Kittyhawk s/n AL144. This accident involved 1 person. English DF
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TYPE OF ACCIDENT		CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS										ENGINE FAILURE										MISCELLANEOUS																																																																																									
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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Taking off in formation.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Investigating Officer's Report.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 31-5-42

COMPOSITION: 000/XCL

On taking off in formation pilot noticed he was headed for fence and ditch on boundary of field. He was able to pull a/c over top of fence but in doing so stalled. A/C bounced a few times and became airborne but did not clear a 50' obstruction light pole. A/C hit pole about 8' off ground and crashed into field.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Most careful instruction to all pilots before they are permitted to practice take-offs and landing in formation.

~~Error in judgment on the part of F.O. W.G. Hodges, section leader, in selection of line of take off.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

COLLISIONS

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Conclusions of A.I.B.

Improper formation take-off arrangements for which F.O. Hodges must assume the blame.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Aircraft struck obstruction light pole and crashed into field beyond.~~

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