

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial:	AK869
Title:	Curtiss Kittyhawk Mk. I serial:AK869 Accident Card
Author:	Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)
Subject:	This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1942-June-23. Kittyhawk s/n AK869. This accident involved 1 person. Orthman LT
Keywords:	RCAFKittyhawk ,AK869,111 Sqn,111 Squadron,Elmendorf,1942-June-23,OrthmanRCAF L20
Created:	1942-06-23
Link:	https://caspir.warplane.com/aircraft/serial-search/aircraft-no/200000961#AK869

CATEGORY		TYPE OF ENGINE		TYPE OF AC		CAUSES		STAGE OF FLIGHT	
PILOT		OTHERS		AIRFRAME FAILURE		ENGINE FAILURE			
CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS									
UNIT		COM.		PLACE		DATE			
111 (F) Sqdn.				Field		23-6-42		1337	
Anchorage, Alaska.		W.A.C.		two miles W. Elmendorf		H.Q. FILE		1300-AK869	
A/C TYPE		No.		CRASH CAT.		SE		ME	
Kittyhawk		AK869		A		X		X	
NAME		RANK		No		DUTY		INJURIES	
Orthman, L.T.		WO2		B54047		P		Slightly injured	
								SERIOUS	
								FATAL	
								INJURY	
								1	
								CARD SERIAL NO.	
TYPE A/F & ENGINE		No.		EXTENT OF DAMAGE		REPORT FORM		SERIAL No.	
Kittyhawk AK869		Total							
Allison A206195/3979		Total							
SIGNAL No. & DATE		UNIT No. & DATE		COM. No. & DATE		REPORT		FILE	
A28 24-6									
NATURE OF ACCIDENT									

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Fighter practice.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 3-8-42.

Pilot bailed out on reaching dangerous altitude after aircraft could not be extracted from the last of three successive inadvertent spins.

COMPOSITION:

F/C Russell H.H.C. (J5294) No. 8 (BR) Sqdn. Fort Richardson.

A/C crashed violently and burned.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That attack practice be not allowed below 7500'.
That this pilot be not used as a pilot on operational fighter types.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Error of judgment on the part of the pilot in stalling the a/c by overcontrolling during the last turn.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

Nil.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree with the findings and the remarks of the A.O.C.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Abandoned a/c crashed and burned.~~

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