

TYPE OF ACCIDENT		TYPE OF ENGINE		CATEGORY	
PILOT OTHERS AIRFRAME FAILURE ENGINE FAILURE		TYPE A/F & ENGINE No.		EXTENT OF DAMAGE REPORT FORM SERIAL No.	
CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS UNIT 31 B.&G.S. Picton, Ontario #1		COM. PLACE 10 miles S. of Picton		DATE 14-8-42 TIME 1140 H.Q. FILE 1100-54-27	
A/C TYPE Battle No. 5427 CRASH CAT. A		SE ME DAY NIGHT		SERIOUS FATAL INJURY	
NAME RANK NO. DUTY		INJURIES SERIOUS FATAL INJURY		CARD SERIAL NO.	
Kempton-Werohie, E. SGT 41385 P Killed.		Pigerham, H.C. LAC 1320030 DE #10 Killed.		Jones, D.N. LAC 655518 DE #11 Killed.	
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Battle 5427 Total		Merlin III 14681/144278 Total		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS INST. NIGHT ON TYPE TOTAL LAST 6 MOS.	
Signal No. & DATE A 53 14-8-42		Unit No. & DATE		COM. No. & DATE	
Report		File		Date	
NATURE OF ACCIDENT					

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Air to splash firing detail.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

When at 2000 feet a/c appeared to go into a spin from which it did not recover. The a/c crashed into Lake Ontario.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~That the pilot carried out unauthorized flying which was of a dangerous nature in view of his inexperience, got into difficulties at a low altitude stalled on a steep left hand turn, flicked on to his back, and spun off the inverted position with insufficient height to enable a recovery to be made.~~

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Aircraft crashed into lake.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

INVESTIGATING OFFICERS REPORT.

DATE: August 15th, 1942.

COMPOSITION:

S/L J.C. Hamilton (39230)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Pilots obey flying orders and carry out what they are authorized to do only - a point that is continually being drilled in to all pilots.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

Nil.

Conclusions of A.I.B.

Agree with the Findings.

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