

## CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

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**Serial:** FJ261

**Title:** Cessna Crane Mk. IA serial:FJ261 Accident Card

**Author:** Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)

**Subject:** This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1942-September-15. Cessna Crane s/n FJ261. This accident involved 2 people. Stevenson GM, Thompson CH This accident had 2 fatalities. Leading Aircraftman Gordon Melville Steventon RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:R/134543 Crane FJ261, Pilot Officer Clifford Harris Thompson RNZAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:415725 Crane FJ261

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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Routine flying.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 16-9-49.

COMPOSITION:

1100/24

Prior to crash a/c was flying so low that it had to rise before going over a ten foot hay stack. After passing hay stack pilot flew towards a straw stack about 100 yds. as aircraft approached with engines running not fully at rose but failed to clear stack. It dived and crashed on hay stack over a 100 yds. from stack. PRIMARY CAUSE - Pilot crashed along some 40 yards further.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Entire elimination and prohibition of "low flying" training until the pupil pilot has progressed beyond an S.F.T.S., i.e., either to an advanced school for instructors or to an C.T.U.

Primary Cause:

~~Deliberate unauthorized low flying on the part of an instructor.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

*Collisions - 22* *Instructions*

Nil.

Conclusions of A.T.I.

Instructor with pupil, authorized to carry out "precautionary landings" and "low flying" instruction flew so low that aircraft hit a straw stack and crashed. It is considered that the instructor contravened A.T.I. - 1.2/49 in that he deliberately flew below a safe height and continued to do so for some time.

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SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Aircraft crashed into straw stack~~  
~~turned over and struck ground.~~

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