

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial: FE444

Title: North American Harvard Mk. IIB serial:FE444 Accident Card

Author: Royal Air Force (RAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1942-October-25. Harvard s/n FE444. This accident involved 2 people. Whittaker H, Williams H This accident had 2 fatalities. Pilot Officer Harry Whittaker RAFVR Killed in Flying Accident service no:136013 Harvard FE444, Flight Lieutenant Harwood Williams RAFVR Killed in Flying Accident service no:66525 Harvard FE444

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Created: 1942-10-25

Link: <https://caspir.warplane.com/aircraft/serial-search/aircraft-no/200000852#FE444>

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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Local flying.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

1400/700/PSJ ✓

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 27-10-42.

COURT OF INQUIRY

COMPOSITION:

F/L Sharpe, E.W.C. (C2797) 2 Training Command

Headquarters, Winnipeg.

Aircraft stalled and failed to recover from spin. Pilot on exhibition flight over aerodrome came in to land but changed his mind, pulled up wheels and flaps and went up again, did a stall turn at 1500 feet, went into a tight spin during which the pilot was unable to recover in time ~~MEMORANDUM~~ and A/C crashed just as it straightened out.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

As there was no good reason for a pilot with this pilot's experience on Harvards to have allowed his A/C to stall, no recommendations are made, though it is suggested that had the pilot been following the normal circuit on his apparent initial approach to land, and had he, when this was apparently frustrated, carried out the normal circuit before returning to land, no accident would probably have resulted.

PRIMARY CAUSE

~~Pilot permitted A/C to stall at low altitude, probably cause he permitted his attention to be distracted by people on the ground.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree with the Findings.

Out of Control

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~A/C stalled at low altitude and spun into ground.~~

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