

## CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

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**Serial:** AJ683

**Title:** North American Harvard Mk. II serial:AJ683 Accident Card

**Author:** Royal Air Force (RAF)

**Subject:** This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1942-November-28. Harvard II s/n AJ683. This accident involved 1 person. Edwards RC This accident had 1 fatality. Lieutenant Robert Cecil Edwards RNVR FAA Killed in Flying Accident service no: Harvard AJ683

**Keywords:** RAFHarvard II,AJ683,31 SFTS,31 Service Flying Training School,Amherst Is,1942-November-28,EdwardsRCAF L20

**Created:** 1942-11-28

**Link:** <https://caspir.warplane.com/aircraft/serial-search/aircraft-no/200000852#AJ683>

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TYPE OF A/C	PILOT		OTHERS		AIRFRAME FAILURE										ENGINE FAILURE									
TYPE OF ENGINE	CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS										MISCELLANEOUS													
UNIT	31 S.F.T.S.		COM.	PLACE										DATE	28-11-42		TIME	1425						
A/C TYPE	Harvard II		No.	AV 683										SE	ME		DAY	NIGHT						
NAME	Edwards, R.C.		RANK	Lieut, RNVR		DUTY		Missing.				SERIOUS		FATAL		INJURY								
CARD SERIAL No.											1													
TYPE A/F & ENGINE	No.		EXTENT OF DAMAGE		REPORT FORM	SERIAL No.	DATE		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS															
Harvard	683		totally						INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL		LAST 6 MOS.									
Wasp	213442/10082		Total						DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO												
SIGNAL No. & DATE	UNIT No. & DATE		COM. No. & DATE		REPORT		FILE		DATE															
C240	28-11																							
NATURE OF ACCIDENT																								

UND'TD  
 PRIMARY  
 HANDQ.  
 INSTS.  
 WEATHER  
 DRKNS.  
 ALG SURF.  
 OTHER  
 UND'TD  
 PRIMARY  
 TAXING  
 LANDING  
 TAKE-OFF  
 FLIGHT  
 STATRY  
 FATAL  
 INJ.  
 3RD.

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Air firing exercise.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 30 Nov./42 INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT  
COMPOSITION: S/L. M.G. Staddon (C2328)  
R.C.A.F. Station, Mountain View.

Pupil pilot made a normal moderate dive on the drogue. On coming out of dive some parts were observed to become detached from aircraft which assumed a steep dive and sank into lake. Pilot descended by parachute and body not yet recovered.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

SEE SUMMARY OF ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION No. 674 RE  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT AND  
COMMENTS ON SAME.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Obscure~~

19. OUT OF  
CONTROL

(19)

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

(1) PP SOLO ABANDONED A/C WHEN PIECES (PRESUMEABLY SIDE PANELS OF FUSELAGE) CAME AWAY FROM A/C. CAUSE OF PIECES COMING AWAY OBSCURE.  
(2) PILOT LANDED IN WATERS OF LAKE ONTARIO, RELEASED HIS PARACHUTE AND WAS DROWNED BEFORE HELP ARRIVED ON THE SCENE (3) NOTE: AT THIS UNIT LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE CONSIDERED INADEQUATE, ALSO AIR TO GROUND COMMUNICATIONS ARE POOR.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

39. STRUCTURAL FAILURE

(39)

REMARKS OF CHIEF INSPECTOR OF ACCIDENTS

AGREE WITH A.O.C.'S REMARKS (SEE SUMMARY OF ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION No. 674). KEPT IN TOUCH WITH STATION, BUT COULD NOT USEFULLY CARRY OUT TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION AS NO PART OF A/C WAS RECOVERED.