CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS

PILOT: JU. TECH. DISOB. NEG'NCE INEXP'NCE MISCEL. INSTRUCT. FLT. CONTR. OTHERS

OTHERS: PRIMARY

AIRFRAME FAILURE: FL. CONTS. MOV. SURFS. STAB. SURFS. W. STRUTS LAND. GEAR FLOATS FUSE. OR HULL TAIL SKID OR W. ENGINE MOUNT. MISCEL. UND'TD

ENGINE FAILURE: PRIMARY FUEL SYS. COOL. SYS. IGNIT. SYS. LUB'N SYS. ENG. STR. AIRSCREW A. ENG. CONTS. MISCEL. UND'TD

MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES: PRIMARY HAND. O. INSTS. WEATHER DRKNS. AL'G SURF. OTHER UND'TD

STAGE OF FLIGHT: PRIMARY TAXYING LANDING TAKE-OFF FLIGHT STAT'RY

INJURY: FATAL INJ. 3RD. S

UNIT: No.1 O.T.U., Bagotville, Que.	COM.: EAC	PLACE: Between Campbellton and Matapedia, N.B.		5-12-42	TIME
				H.Q. FILE: 1300-FE499	
A/C TYPE: Harvard IIB		No.: FE499	CRASH CAT.: C	SE: x	ME: DAY: x NIGHT

NAME	RANK	No.	DUTY	INJURIES	SERIOUS FATAL	SERIOUS INJURY
Whelan, J. RAF	WO1	565046	P	Nil		
Olson, D.C.	SGT	R64040	Pass.	Nil		

CARD SERIAL No. 757

TYPE A/F & ENGINE	No.	EXTENT OF DAMAGE	REPORT FORM	SERIAL No.	DATE	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS: INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE DUAL	ON TYPE SOLO	TOTAL DUAL	TOTAL SOLO	LAST 6 MOS.
Harvard II	FE499	Slight										
~~Wasp AC42797/15933~~		~~Nil.~~										

SIGNAL No. & DATE		UNIT No. & DATE		COM. No. & DATE		REPORT	FILE	DATE
A-51	7-12-42							

NATURE OF ACCIDENT

TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF ENGINE

CATEGORY

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Ferrying of personnel.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Forced down on frozen snow seven miles from Matapedia and thirteen miles from Campbellton, N.B.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

BAD WEATHER AND LACK OF FUEL

SECONDARY CAUSES

~~(1) ERROR IN INTERPRETATION OF WEATHER SEQUENCES AND FORECAST AT TIME OF TAKE OFF. (2) ERROR IN NOT RETURNING TO NEAREST AERODROME (3) DAMAGE PROBABLY WOULD~~ HAVE BEEN ~~LESS HAD U/C NOT BEEN LOWERED.~~

17. FORCED LANDING

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

25. PETROL SHORTAGE

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT: I / WVL

DATE: 30-1-43 INVESTIGATING OFFICER COMPOSITION: F.L. B.S. IMRIE, No. 1 O.T.U., BAGOTVILLE.

RECOMMENDATIONS

INAUGURATION OF A MONTHLY ACCIDENT OR CASUALTY REPORT SENT OUT TO ALL UNITS SHOWING THE NUMBER OF AVOIDABLE ACCIDENTS AND DEATHS.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

(1) ON CROSS COUNTRY FERRY FLIGHT FORCE LANDED DUE BAD WEATHER AND LACK OF FUEL (2) POOR AIRMANSHIP - FAILED TO CORRECTLY INTERPRET WX FORECASTS & ALSO IN NOT TURNING BACK WHEN BAD WX WAS ENCOUNTERED. (3) PROCEEDINGS OF QUESTIONABLE VALUE BECAUSE: "IT HAS BEEN MOST DIFFICULT TO ASSESS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT DUE TO TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN TIME OF ACCIDENT AND ACTUAL INVESTIGATION. PILOT OF A/C HAS SINCE BEEN REPATRIATED TO ENGLAND. A PRINCIPAL WITNESS, THE METEOROLOGIST AT S.F.T.S., WHO WAS ON DUTY AT DATE OF ACCIDENT ALSO BEEN POSTED. THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER, WHO HAD BEEN APP'TED HAS ALSO BEEN REPATRIATED TO ENGLAND. THE DELAY THUS CAUSED HAS HAMPERED THE INVESTIGATION CONSIDERABLY."

RECORDED BY DATE

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