

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial: R3431

Title: Avro Anson Mk. I serial:R3431 Accident Card

Author: Royal Air Force (RAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1942-December-17. Anson I s/n R3431. This accident involved 5 people. Bastick NA, Bellotte A, Bowler KJ, Conlon SJ, Maun RA This accident had 5 fatalities. Sergeant Alphonse Michael Bellotti RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:R/132610 Anson R3431, Sergeant Sidney James Conlon RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:R/115318 Anson R3431, Sergeant Norman Arthur Albert Bastick RAFVR Killed in Flying Accident service no:1389174 Anson R3431, Sergeant Kenneth John Bowler RAFVR Killed in Flying Accident service no:1315079 Anson R3431, Sergeant Robert Alfred Maun RAFVR Killed in Flying Accident service no:1336919 Anson R3431

Keywords: RAFAnson I,R3431,32 OTU,32 Operational Training Unit,Salt Spring Island British Columbia,1942-December-17,Bastick,Bellotte,Bowler,Conlon,MaunRCAF L20

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Link: <https://caspir.warplane.com/aircraft/serial-search/aircraft-no/200000123#R3431>

TYPE OF A/C: PILOT OTHERS AIRFRAME FAILURE ENGINE FAILURE

CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS

UNIT: 32 O.T.U. COM: W.A.C. PLACE: B.C. DATE: 17-12-41 TIME: 0945
 Patricia Bay, B.C. W.A.C. N.E. of Salt Spring Island H.Q. FILE: 1300-B-1120

A/C TYPE: Anson I No. R3431 CRASH CAT. A SE ME DAY NIGHT

NAME	RANK	No.	DUTY	INJURIES		SERIOUS	
				FATAL	INJURY	FATAL	INJURY
Bastick, N.A.	SGT	1389174	P.	Missing	Killed		
Bowler, K.J.	SGT	1315079	Nav.	Missing	Killed		
Maun, R.A.	SGT	R336919	Nav.	Missing			
Conlon, S.J.	SGT	R115316	WAG.	Missing			
Bellotte, A.	SGT	132610	WAG.	Missing.			

CARD SERIAL NO.

TYPE A/F & ENGINE	No.	EXTENT OF DAMAGE	REPORT FORM	SERIAL No.	DATE	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS						
						INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL		LAST 6 MOS.
Anson I	R3431	Total						DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	
Cheetah	139773/139770	Total										

SIGNAL No. & DATE: A 830 24-12 UNIT No. & DATE: COM. No. & DATE: REPORT: FILE: DATE:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT

MISCELLANEOUS CAUSE: HAND Q. INSTS. WEATHER. DRKNS. ALG SURF. OTHER UNSTD PRIMARY TAKING LANDING FLIGHT STRATRY FATAL INJ. 980. 25

32 31 30 29 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
 JU. TECH. DISOB. NEG'NCE INEXP'NCE MISCEL. INSTRUCT. FLT. CONTR. OTHERS PRIMARY FL. CONTRS. MOV. SURFS. STAB. SURFS. W. STRUTS LAND. GEAR FLOATS FUSE. OR HULL TAIL SKID OR W. ENGINE MOUNT. MISCEL. UNSTD PRIMARY FUEL SYS. COOL SYS. IGNIT. SYS. LUP'N SYS. ENG. STR. AIRSCREW A. ENG. CONTRS. MISCEL. UNSTD PRIMARY
 TYPE OF A/C
 TYPE OF ENGINE
 CATEGORY

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
 STAGE OF FLIGHT: FATAL INJ. 980. 25

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Search for Missing Anson N9560.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Aircraft took off at 0930 hours on 17th December on a search for missing Anson N9560. A/C was witnessed by fishermen to crash into sea at 0945 hours.

DATE: 18-12-42. *INK*

COURT OF INQUIRY

COMPOSITION:

S/L Christmas, B.E. (C925) HQ RCAF Patricia Bay.
F/L MacKay, M.A. (C2737) HQ RCAF Patricia Bay.
F/L Gilmour, R.A. (C1578) 149 Sqdn. Pat. Bay.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

NIL.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Obscure.

23 Not Known

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Staff pilot on reconnaissance and search flight encountered bad weather, flew contact, probably misjudged his height over the calm water surface and crashed into the sea.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Changeable weather, lack of navigational aids and poor meteorological forecasts.~~

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