

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial: X6686

Title: Airspeed Oxford Mk. I serial:X6686 Accident Card

Author: Royal Air Force (RAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1942-December-28. Oxford I s/n X6686. This accident involved 2 people. Firmage LG, Herries R This accident had 2 fatalities. Flying Officer Robert Herries RAFVR Killed in Flying Accident service no:131249 Oxford X6686, Sergeant Leslie George Firmage RAFVR Killed in Flying Accident service no:1388936 Oxford X6686

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Created: 1942-12-28

Link: <https://caspir.warplane.com/aircraft/serial-search/aircraft-no/200001215#X6686>

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Flying training.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

COURT OF INQUIRY

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 30 Dec./42 at No. 35 S.F.T.S., N.Battleford.

Aircraft made approach down wind.
Took overshoot action flew level at
10 feet and landed in soft snow out-
side boundary and overturned.

COMPOSITION: S/L. W.J. Ditto, President (By order of:
F/L. R.L.J. Fitch, Member (A.O.C.,
F/O. J.W.D. MacCormac, Member (No. 4 T.C.
W/C. H.G. Spearpoint, Member

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil

LO/ASO/PSW/ [redacted] ✓

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Probably misjudged height over snow,
& possibly being distracted in con-
versing with other instructor, allow-
ed airspeed to drop too much due to
going down wind. Pilot error in
flying downwind.~~

32. Pilot Error.

1. OVERSHOT

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SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~17. Disobedience of standing orders.
37. Overturned
Difficult snow and sun conditions.~~

41. DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDERS.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. - Capable, experienced instruct-
or giving dual instruction allowed A/C to descend too
low, flying downwind, inadvertently touched down on
snow and turned over. See A.F.T.I.T.2/49, para. 4.
Extenuating circumstances - Fresh snow, fair day.
Lack of attention to altitude probably due to instruc-
tion being given to new instructor

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