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Serial: 4323

Title: de Havilland Moth, Tiger I serial:4323 Accident Card

Author: Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1943-February-25. Tiger Moth s/n 4323. This accident involved 1 person. Graham RN This accident had 1 fatality. Leading Aircraftman Roy Neil Graham RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:R/175140 Moth, Tiger 4323

Keywords: RCAFTiger Moth ,4323,2 EFTS,2 Elementary Flying Training School,Aerodrome,1943-February-25,GrahamRCAF L20

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CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS

PILOT | OTHERS | AIRFRAME FAILURE | ENGINE FAILURE

PILOT: P, JU., TECH., DISOB., NEG'NCE, INEXP'NCE, MISCEL.
OTHERS: INSTRUCT., FLT. CONTR., OTHERS
AIRFRAME FAILURE: PRIMARY, 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'G., INSTS., WEATHER, DRKNS., ALG. SURF., OTHER, UND'TD

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

INJURY: FATAL, INJ. 3RD, S, N

TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF ENGINE

CATEGORY: A, B, C, D

UNIT	COM.	FILE	DATE	TIME
2 E.F.T.S. Fort William	2	5 mi. N of aerodrome.	25-2-43	1000

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A/C TYPE	No.	CRASH CAT.	SE	ME	DAY	NIGHT
T/Moth	4323	A	X		X	

NAME	RANK	No	DUTY	INJURIES	SERIOUS: FATAL	SERIOUS: INJURY
Graham, R.N.	LAC	R175140	Pp	Killed.	1	

CARD SERIAL No. X

TYPE A/F & ENGINE	No.	EXTENT OF DAMAGE	REPORT FORM	SERIAL No.	DATE
T/Moth	4323	Total			
Major 7323/27145		Total			

HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS

INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE: DUAL	ON TYPE: SOLO	TOTAL: DUAL	TOTAL: SOLO	LAST 6 MOS.

SIGNAL No. & DATE	UNIT No. & DATE	COM. No. & DATE	REPORT	FILE	DATE
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NATURE OF ACCIDENT

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:
Solo circuits and steep turns.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:
A/c fell into spin or spiral dive while practising steep turns and complete recovery was not effected before hitting ground.

PRIMARY CAUSE:
~~18. Loss of control.~~

~~Obscure, but probably due to inexperienced pilot's inability to recover from a dive after recovery at low altitude from a spin or a spiral dive.~~

19 Out of Control

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:
~~This pupil's flying was reported as erratic, quickly forgetting instructions given.~~

R.C.A.F. FORM L20 REQ. 1247 10M—15-11-41

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

DATE: 26 Feb./43 INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT
COMPOSITION: F.L. E.W.C.Sharpe (C2797)
10C/100C/1SF/10A

RECOMMENDATIONS:
In view of fact that cause of accident obscure, it seems impossible to make any recommendations that can definitely be applied to this accident, but it is possible that accident might have been avoided had the instructor given more serious consideration of this pupil's somewhat erratic progress in flying.

ACTION TAKEN:
(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER
Nil

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.
Cause of accident due to an inexperienced pilot failing to make recovery from a spin or spiral dive.
(See Summary of Accident Investigation #800)

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