

UNIT 34 O.T.U.		COM.		PLACE		DATE 26-2-43		TIME 1140					
Pennfield Ridge		EAC		Unknown.		H.Q. FILE 1300-AE911							
A/C TYPE Ventura II		No. AE911		CRASH CAT. A		SE	ME X	DAY X	NIGHT				
NAME			RANK	No.	DUTY	INJURIES			SERIOUS				
Harris, N.C.			P/O	GB1319378	P	Missing.			FATAL	INJURY			
Williams, E.			Sgt.	AUS416901	N	Missing.			4				
Bates, D.E.			Sgt.	NZ413220	WAG	Missing.			CARD SERIAL NO. 4				
Otto, T.M.,			Sgt.	RL01141	AG	Missing							
TYPE A/F & ENGINE		No.	EXTENT OF DAMAGE	REPORT FORM	SERIAL No.	DATE	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS						
Ventura II AE911		AE911	Total				INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL		LAST 6 MOS.
S-2030/A-263481			Total						DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	
P-2020/1-263471			Total										
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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:
Cross country flight.

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

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

A/C was in formation. Leader reports that A/C swung towards him with apparent engine trouble and leader's observer saw A/C in dive but lost sight of him. Leader searched area for some time but could find no trace of A/C.

DATE: 1st/March/43

ENR/POM

COMPOSITION:

INVESTIGATING OFFICER

S/L. S.L. Sigurdson, #36 O.T.U.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~60. Missing.~~

(~~Cause, obscure.~~)

23

23 Not Known

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~16. Unauthorized low flying~~

43 Unauthorized Low Flying

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. (866)

A/c missing on local formation flight. Cause - obscure but probably due to a/c going out of control following engine failure due to shortage of gas, necessitating change over of petrol tanks, at such a low height to prevent pilot regaining control. Pilots deliberately carried out unauthorized low flying during their formation exercise and both disobeyed unit's flying orders in going beyond limit of 30 miles from aerodrome with submission of flight plans for such flight & also flying below 1000'. Letter written to EAC, 5 May, recommending that disciplinary action be taken against P/O. Crosbie. (For complete details, see Summary)

ACTION TAKEN:

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

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____

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