

## CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

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**Serial:** 7753

**Title:** Cessna Crane Mk. I serial:7753 Accident Card

**Author:** Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)

**Subject:** This accident involved 2 aircraft on 1943-February-13. They are: Cessna Crane I s/n 8126, Cessna Crane I s/n 7753. This accident involved 4 people. Carlson EW, Chapman DHJ, MacDonald AA, Walkinshaw GM This accident had 4 fatalities. Pilot Officer Earl William Carlson RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:J/20575 Crane 7753, Leading Aircraftman Archibald Andrew McDonald RNZAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:422416 Crane 7753, Flying Officer Donald Hugh John Chapman RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:J/9361 Crane 8126, Leading Aircraftman Gordon Mills Walkinshaw RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:R/162747 Crane 8126

**Keywords:** RCAF Cessna Crane I, 7753, 3 SFTS, 3 Service Flying Training School, Aerodrome, 1943-February-13, Carlson, Chapman, MacDonald, Walkinshaw RCAF L20

**Created:** 1943-02-13

**Link:** <https://caspir.warplane.com/aircraft/serial-search/aircraft-no/200000445#7753>

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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Training Flight.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 13 FEB. 43 - F/L. D.C. FYFE (RAF 86363)  
COURT OF INQUIRY

A/C 7753 while taking off collided with a/c 8126 which was going around again. They became entangled and fell to the ground together catching on fire on the way down.

COMPOSITION: ~~MAJ. J.E.A.~~ NETHERTON, L.H. (J3490)  
F/O. A.E. MACKAY (JL0L23)

*OCA/REL  
OCA/YA*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Accident could have been avoided if the pilot of a/c forced to go around had turned to one side of runway thus putting himself in a position to see all other a/c taking off.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

26. Collision in the air.

MID-AIR COLLISION AT LOW ALTITUDE OVER RUNWAY. PILOT OF 7753 FAILED TO ENSURE THAT NO A/C WAS LANDING AS HE TOOK OFF. RISING SUN MAY HAVE BEEN

*21 Collisions - A/c*

~~FAILURE OF BOTH PILOTS TO MAINTAIN A SHARP & ADEQUATE LOOK-OUT. THE VISION OF THE PILOT OF THE LOWER A/C (7753) WAS SERIOUSLY HAMPERED BY LACK OF WINDOWS ABOVE HIS HEAD, PREVENTING PROPER LOOK-OUT.~~

THE CAUSE OF THE PILOT NOT SEEING 8126. NOTE: THEM. O. ALSO MADE 3 RECOMMENDATIONS (1) PERSONNEL WEAR IDENTITY DISCS (2) SMOKE MASKS BE PROVIDED FOR RESCUE SQUADS (3) SOME MEMBER OF CRASH CREW BE DELEGATED TO TAKE CARE OF FLARES IN A/C BEFORE ATTEMPS ARE MADE TO CLEAN UP WRECKAGE.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

*28 Fire - in air* 28

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