

TYPE OF A/C		PILOT		OTHERS		AIRFRAME FAILURE				ENGINE FAILURE				MISCELLANEOUS					
UNIT II BR Sqn. Dartmouth		COM. E		PLACE 6 mi. E no. 4 runway/				DATE 24-2-43		TIME 2320GMT		H.Q. FILE 1300-BW453-1							
A/C TYPE Hudson III		No. BW453		CRASH CAT. A		SE ME		DAY NIGHT		X		X		MISCELLANEOUS					
NAME		RANK		No.		DUTY		INJURIES				SERIOUS		MISCELLANEOUS					
Johnson, H.C.		F/S		R98944		P		Killed.				FATAL INJURY		MISCELLANEOUS					
Rowe, M.M.		F/S		R99614		N		Killed.				4		MISCELLANEOUS					
Rhea, D.R.		F/S		R91216		W/T		Killed.						MISCELLANEOUS					
MacMillan, E.		Sgt.		R125154		WAG		Killed.				CARD SERIAL NO. ✓		MISCELLANEOUS					
TYPE A/F & ENGINE		No.		EXTENT OF DAMAGE		REPORT FORM		SERIAL No.		DATE		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS				MISCELLANEOUS			
Hudson III BW453		Stbd 39045/A210761		Total								INST. NIGHT		ON TYPE		TOTAL		LAST 6 MOS.	
Port 39025/A210741		Totally										DUAL SOLO		DUAL SOLO					
SIGNAL No. & DATE		UNIT No. & DATE		COM. No. & DATE		REPORT		FILE		DATE		MISCELLANEOUS							
A135 25-2-43												MISCELLANEOUS							
A136 25-2-43												MISCELLANEOUS							
NATURE OF ACCIDENT												MISCELLANEOUS							
												MISCELLANEOUS							

CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS
 STAGE OF FLIGHT

- 19
 - 18
 - 17
 - 16
 - 15
 - 14
 - 13
 - 12
 - 11
 - 10
 - 9
 - 8
 - 7
 - 6
 - 5
 - 4
 - 3
 - 2
 - 1
- UN'D TD
 PRIMARY
 HAND O.
 INSTS.
 WEATHER
 DRKNS.
 AL'G SURF.
 OTHER
 UN'D TD
 PRIMARY
 TAXING
 LANDING
 TAKE-OFF
 FLIGHT
 STAIRY
 FATAL
 INJ.
 3RD
 INJURY

- JU.
- TECH.
- OISOB.
- 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.
- UN'D TD
- PRIMARY
- FUEL SYS.
- COOL SYS.
- IGNIT. SYS.
- LUB'N SYS.
- EN'G STR.
- ARSCREW A.
- ENG CONTRS.
- MISCEL.
- UN'D TD
- PRIMARY
- HAND O.
- INSTS.
- WEATHER
- DRKNS.
- AL'G SURF.
- OTHER
- UN'D TD
- PRIMARY
- TAXING
- LANDING
- TAKE-OFF
- FLIGHT
- STAIRY
- FATAL
- INJ.
- 3RD
- INJURY
- 25
- 26
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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Anti-sub sweep.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

A/c crashed on trying to make a landing in poor weather and exploded on impact.

DATE: 1 March/43

COMPOSITION:

Acc

COURT OF INQUIRY

G/C. W.I. Clements (C138), AFHQ.
S.L. M.G. Doyle (C195), Shelbourne.
S.L. W.J. Michalski (C1584), Sydney.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1200/PNH/WV/CN
Closer supervision & instructions regarding relaying operational traffic at EAC HQ. Complete review of wireless installations in Hudson a/c. Standard bad weather approach & let-down procedure for each aerodrome in EAC be drawn up. To bring qualified Met. personnel to Dartmouth Station.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. (835)

A/c crashed, exploded & burned near its base on return from an authorized a/s patrol. Pilot was probably trying to get down below the low clouds to make a landing on the aerodrome. See Summary for contributory causes.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~47. WEATHER.~~ *19. Out of Control*
~~Cause Obscure. Probably cause is error in judgment on part of pilot in that he descended too low & crashed into ground in an endeavour to get under clouds & approach aerodrome beneath ceiling.~~

~~(See summary for full details)~~

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

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RECORDED BY

DATE

CHECKED BY

DATE