

PILOT		OTHERS		AIRFRAME FAILURE				ENGINE FAILURE			
CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS											
UNIT 7 A.O.S.		COM.		PLACE 6 miles South of				DATE 1-3-43		TIME 0002	
Portage la Prairie 2		Birtle, Man.		H.Q. FILE 1700-6503							
A/C TYPE		No.		CRASH CAT.		SE		ME		DAY NIGHT	
Anson 1		6503		A				X		X	
NAME		RANK		No		DUTY		INJURIES		SERIOUS	
Androsen, N.W.		Civ.		P.		Killed.		FATAL		INJURY	
Opie, D.J. NZ		F/S		414911		WAG		Killed.		+	
Spence, A.B. NZ		Lac.		425001		1Nav.		Killed.			
Marshall, A.D. NZ		Lac.		422303		2Nav.		Killed.			
TYPE A/F & ENGINE		No.		EXTENT OF DAMAGE		REPORT FORM		SERIAL No.		DATE	
Anson 6503 Totally											
Cheetah P.AS31619/10869 Totally											
S. AS13312/112773 Totally											
SIGNAL No. & DATE		UNIT No. & DATE		COM. No. & DATE		REPORT		FILE		DATE	
A-28 1-3-43											
NATURE OF ACCIDENT											

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Astral navigation practice.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

#848

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

A/C crashed while on night navigation exercise.

DATE: 2 March/43

INVESTIGATING OFFICER

S/L. E.W.C. Sharpe (C2797)

COMPOSITION:

#2 T.C. HQ.

1NH ✓

RECOMMENDATIONS:

SINCE CAUSE IS OBSCURE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION IS OFFERED ONLY AS A POSSIBLE PREVENTIVE OF THE ACCIDENT. ENCOURAGING PILOTS TO REPORT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST DISABILITY, LEAVING TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT IT IS ENOUGH TO WARRANT GROUNDING UNTIL RECOVERY.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

59. Obscure.

It may have been due to sudden physical disability resulting from the trouble in or near pilot's ear.

23. Not known 3

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. (848)

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT IS OBSCURE, BUT THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PILOT MAY HAVE BECOME TEMPORARILY INCAPACITATED DUE TO THE EAR TROUBLE FROM WHICH HE WAS EVIDENTLY SUFFERING.

IN VIEW OF THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE VISITING FLIGHT ON THIS PILOT ON THE 20TH FEBRUARY, 1943, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THIS PILOT SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN DETAILED TO CARRY OUT THIS NAVIGATION FLIGHT.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

18. Loss of control

RECORDED BY

DATE

CHECKED BY

DATE