

PILOT		OTHERS		AIRFRAME FAILURE				ENGINE FAILURE					
CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS													
UNIT 5 B & G School		COM. 2		PLACE 6 miles S.E. Humbolt, Sask.				DATE 29-3-43		TIME 1025			
Dafoe, Sask.				Sask.				H.Q. FILE 1700-9935					
A/C TYPE Bolingbroke IVT		No. 9935		CRASH CAT. A		SE ME		DAY NIGHT					
NAME		RANK	No.	DUTY	INJURIES				SERIOUS				
Walsh, E.		GB	Sgt.	1431602	P.	Killed.				FATAL	INJURY		
McKenzie, C.M.		Lac.	R158311	PP	Killed.				3				
MacFarlane, R.R.		Lac.	R172030	PP	Killed.								
Montador, R.I.		Lac.	R172236	PP	Uninjured.				CARD SERIAL No.				
Fahl, A.		Mr.	Farmer		Severely burned				4				
TYPE A/F & ENGINE		No.	EXTENT OF DAMAGE	REPORT FORM	SERIAL No.	DATE	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS						
Bolingbroke 9935		Totally					INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL		LAST 6 MOS.
Mercury XV 11955		/S57057	Totally						DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	
11945		/S56825	Totally										
SIGNAL No. & DATE		UNIT No. & DATE		COM. No. & DATE		REPORT		FILE		DATE			
A-31		29-3-43											
NATURE OF ACCIDENT													

MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES

STAGE OF FLIGHT

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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Camera gun exercise.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Port engine apparently caught fire in the air. One airman abandoned by parachute and A/C glided steeply into ground and exploded. On crashing, A/C struck hay rack, killing both horses and severely burning driver.

DATE: 30-3-43.

COMPOSITION:

S/L Sharpe, E.W.C. (C2797) No. 2 T.C. Winnipeg, Man.

*IMP/EF/NK/NA/I/AE/GA ✓*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

See accident summary No. 898.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~27. Fire in the air.~~

~~Cause of fire obscure.~~

*23. Not known*

*23*

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

THIS ACCIDENT WAS INSPECTED BY AN INSPECTOR OF THIS BRANCH AND IS COVERED IN REPORT No. 72, CONCLUSIONS OF WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:- "THIS ACCIDENT WAS DUE TO FIRE IN THE AIR. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE PORT WHEEL WELL AND WAS, IN ALL PROBABILITY, DUE TO A GASOLINE LEAK FROM A SPLIT FUEL TANK. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT SPLITTING OF THE TANK COULD HAVE RESULTED DUE TO A STRAIN BEING TRANSMITTED BY THE BAFFLES TO THE TANK SHELL AS A RESULT OF GASOLINE SURGING CAUSED BY THE LAZY EIGHT MOVEMENTS OF THE AIRCRAFT.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

*28. Fire in air. 28*

NOTE: IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT MODIFICATION OF BOLINGBROKE FUEL TANKS IS ALREADY IN HAND.

RECORDED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_