

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial: 3611

Title: Fleet Fort serial:3611 Accident Card

Author: Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1943-March-23. Fleet Fort I s/n 3611. This accident involved 2 people. Cummins JTD, Vance EC This accident had 2 fatalities. Aircraftman 2nd Class John Thomas Desmond Cummins RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:R/206494 Fort 3611, Sergeant Earle Clinton Vance RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:R/142757 Fort 3611

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Link: <https://caspir.warplane.com/aircraft/serial-search/aircraft-no/200000741#3611>

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Practice flight.

First solo on type.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

A/C was observed in high speed dive until very low, made a complete roll first to one side and then the other, descending behind a bush where it crashed.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

59. ~~Obscure~~ 23. ~~Pat Lawa~~
Possibly - Aerobatics at low altitude by inexperienced pilot.

Misjudgment of height when flying low over bright snow and facing into sun.

Passenger may have interfered with controls.

~~Loss of control following~~

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

16. ~~Unauthorized low flying or aerobatics.~~
25. ~~Inexperience on type.~~

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Accident Report No. 66.

DATE: 24-3-43.

COMPOSITION:

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT

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F/L L. Dawson - Inspector of Accidents.
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

STRICTER SUPERVISION OF FLYING OF STAFF PILOTS PARTICULARLY IN EARLY STAGES OF THEIR USE OF A NEW TYPE OF AIRCRAFT AND DURING THEIR FIRST FEW WEEKS AFTER ARRIVAL AT A NEW UNIT. 2. TOTAL PROHIBITION OF CARRYING OF PASSENGERS UNTIL STAFF PILOTS ARE QUALIFIED TO FLY SCHEDULED EXERCISES OR CARRY OUT THE REGULAR ROUTINE FLYING REQUIRED OF THEM BY THE UNIT CONCERNED. 3. INCLUSION IN STATION STANDING ORDERS OF AN APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPH MAKING IT RESPONSIBILITY OF GROUND CREW TO INSURE THAT C.A.P. 800, SEC. 5, PARA. 13 (A), AS IT APPLIES TO STOWAGE OF CONTROL COLUMN, IS COMPLIED WITH.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS - Due to unauthorized low flying by pilot who was piqued at being turned down as instructor. Should not have been allowed to carry passenger on first solo on type due to being turned down as instructor for disciplinary reasons and immaturity. ~~high speed dive.~~

SEE SUMMARY NO 890 FOR COMMENTS RE PROPER AUTHORIZATION FOR CARRYING OF PASSENGER IN THIS CASE.

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