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Serial: V9171

Title: Lockheed Hudson Mk. III serial:V9171 Accident Card

Author: Royal Air Force (RAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1943-March-18. Hudson III s/n V9171. This accident involved 4 people. Ryan NN, Moran J, Banks HG, Gaha FC This accident had 2 fatalities. Pilot Officer Francis Clive Gaha RAAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:420181 Hudson V9171, Pilot Officer Harry Geoffrey Banks RAFVR Killed in Flying Accident service no:133634 Hudson V9171

Keywords: RAFHudson III,V9171,36 OTU,36 Operational Training Unit,Morristown South Of Berwick Nova Scotia,1943-March-18,Banks,Gaha,Moran,RyanRCAF L20

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CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS

PILOT | OTHERS | AIRFRAME FAILURE | ENGINE FAILURE

JUDG'T, TECH., DISOB., NEG'NCE, INEXP'NCE, MISCEL., INSTRUCT., FLT. CONTR., OTHERS, PRIMARY, FL. CONTS., MOV. SURFS., STAB. SURFS., W. STRUTS, LAND GEAR, FLOATS, FUSE. OR HULL, TAIL SKID OR W., ENGINE MOUNT., MISCEL., UND'TD, PRIMARY, FUEL SYS., COOL. SYS., IGNIT. SYS., LUB'N SYS., ENG. STR., AIRSCREW A., ENG. CONTS., MISCEL., UND'TD, PRIMARY, HAND'G., INSTS., WEATHER, DRKNS., ALG SURF., OTHER, UND'TD, PRIMARY, TAXYING, LANDING, TAKE-OFF, FLIGHT, STAT'RY

MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES | STAGE OF FLIGHT

TYPE OF A/C | TYPE OF ENGINE | CATEGORY

UNIT 36 O.T.U. Greenwood, N.S.	COM. EAC	PLACE Morristown (6 miles S. of Berwick, N.S.			DATE 18-3-43	H.Q. FILE 1700-F9171	TIME 1015
A/C TYPE Hudson III		No. V 9171	CRASH CAT. A	SE	ME x	DAY x	NIGHT

NAME	RANK	No.	DUTY	INJURIES
Banks, H.G.	GB P/O		P.	Killed.
Gaha, F.C.	AUs. P/O	420181	Obs.	KiLLed.
Moran, J.	AUS. Sgt.	425188	WAG.	Dangerously
Ryan, N.N.	AUS. Sgt.	425364	WAG.	Seriously

SERIOUS: FATAL 2 | INJURY 2

CARD SERIAL No. A

TYPE A/F & ENGINE	No.	EXTENT OF DAMAGE	REPORT FORM	SERIAL No.	DATE	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS: INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE DUAL	ON TYPE SOLO	TOTAL DUAL	TOTAL SOLO	LAST 6 MOS
Hudson V	9171	Totally										
Wright Cyclone A1	62907/33394	A258222/59384	Serious									

SIGNAL No. & DATE	UNIT No. & DATE	COM. No. & DATE	REPORT	FILE	DATE
A-378 18-3-43					

NATURE OF ACCIDENT

FATAL | INJ. | 3RD. | INJURY

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:
Low level bombing exercise on Berwick Range at 50 feet.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:
A/C crashed into trees on the hill 6 miles South of the bombing range.
A/C caught fire and was totally destroyed.

PRIMARY CAUSE:
~~32. Pilot error.~~
19. Out of control
19

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:
~~22. Stalling.~~
~~13. Engine failure.~~
29. Fire - In crash
29

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

COURT OF INQUIRY

DATE: 21-3-43.

COMPOSITION:
S/L Nicholas, P.A.(RAF39257) No. 34 O.T.U.
F/L Small, I.B. (RAF40858) No. 36 O.T.U.
F/L Glover, B.G. (RAF83712) No. 36 O.T.U.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
NiL.

ACTION TAKEN:
(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER NiL.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.
A/C on low level bombing exercise, failed to climb sufficiently on one engine to clear the top of a hill and crashed. Pilot observed smoke coming from port engine and throttled back that engine and stalled the A/C while attempting to climb over the hill at low speed on one engine.

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