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PILOT		AIRFRAME FAILURE										ENGINE FAILURE																			
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A/C TYPE Anson I		No. W.1754										CRASH CAT. Missing																			
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DUTY		Simmonds, H.R. RAF Sgt 1391480 P Missing										CARD SERIAL NO.																			
INJURIES		Wright, P.S. RAF PO 1577606 1st Nav. Missing										OTHER																			
SERIOUS		May, J.R. RAF FO 48875 2nd Nav. Missing										UND TO																			
FATAL INJURY		Webb, F.A. RAF LAC 1262019 WC Missing										PRIMARY																			
CARD SERIAL NO.		TYPE A/F & ENGINE										LANDING																			
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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Search for ^uHanson missing from Debort

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT: 937

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 8th April, 1944

A/c taking part in search in poor weather conditions. At 1203 GMT a signal was broadcast to all a/c on search ordering return to base if weather unfit. Anson W1754 failed to return. Dineby found fully inflated but no trace of crew.

COMPOSITION:

INA ✓

RECOMMENDATIONS: Nil. Accident through misadventure.

CAUSE: Bad weather and poor visibility.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

OBSERVATIONS OF A.O.C. "I concur. Probably the crew in their eagerness to locate missing a/c over-estimated their capabilities to fly in bad weather conditions."

~~60. Missing.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree. See summary 7937.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____

CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____

73 Not known
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