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Serial: FH883

Title: Fairchild Cornell Mk. I serial:FH883 Accident Card

Author: Royal Air Force (RAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1943-May-16. Cornell I s/n FH883. This accident involved 2 people. Smith DH, Berry DE

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PILOT | OTHERS | AIRFRAME FAILURE | ENGINE FAILURE

CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS

UNIT: No.33 E.F.T.S. Caron, Sask.	COM.: # 4	PLACE: 2 mi. north east of Grayburne.	DATE: 16-5-43	TIME: 0700	H.Q. FILE: 1300-FH883	
A/C TYPE: Cornell 1	No.: FH883	CRASH CAT.: B	SE: x	ME:	DAY: x	NIGHT:

NAME	RANK	No.	DUTY	INJURIES	SERIOUS: FATAL	SERIOUS: INJURY
Berry, D.E.	SGT	1316238	FI	Slight		1
Smith, D.H.	LAC	1607188	PP	Nil		

CARD SERIAL No.: ✓

TYPE A/F & ENGINE	No.	EXTENT OF DAMAGE	REPORT FORM	SERIAL No.	DATE
Cornell	FH883	Seriously			
Ranger 27979/6038		Seriously			

HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS

INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE: DUAL	ON TYPE: SOLO	TOTAL: DUAL	TOTAL: SOLO	LAST 6 MOS.
43	68	132	426			

SIGNAL No. & DATE	UNIT No. & DATE	COM. No. & DATE	REPORT	FILE	DATE
A165 16-5-43					

NATURE OF ACCIDENT

TYPE OF A/C | TYPE OF ENGINE | CATEGORY | MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES | STAGE OF FLIGHT | HAND Q. | INSTS. | WEATHER | DRKNS. | AL'G SURF. | OTHER | UND'TD | PRIMARY | TAXYING | LANDING | TAKE-OFF | FLIGHT | STAT'RY | FATAL | INJ. | 3RD. | INJURY

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:
Demonstration of precautionary landings.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:
A/C stalled and struck ground during precautionary landing demonstration.

Findings
Instructor lost control of a/c when flaps blew partly up during precautionary landing practice; a/c struck ground & was severely damaged.

PRIMARY CAUSE:
17. ~~Disobedience of standing orders.~~

Findings
Error of judgment. In selecting flaps down instead of opening throttle fully, immediately.

HEAVY

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:
~~40. Heavy landing - flying into ground.~~
~~22. Stalling.~~
DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDERS

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT: #959

DATE: D-14 #9

COMPOSITION: CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. (959)
Agree with findings. See summary for details & remarks.

ILOC/Avc/Pom/PCP Fw

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Stricter attention to Instructors Orders and to principals of flying.
Units advised that improper adjustment of cable interconnecting flap release buttons on flap levers can cause improper seating of flap locking ratchet. Proper engagement of ratchet will prevent flaps "blowing up".

ACTION TAKEN:
(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER
Log book endorsed.
Instructor charged with disobedience of Instructors Orders and case refered to A.O.C. with recommendation to reduce to the Ranks on the grounds of inefficiency in both trade and disciplinary.

RECORDED BY DATE

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