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ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT No.34 O.T.U. Pennfield Ridge		COM. EAC	PLACE			DATE 3-6-43	TIME 1500	
A/C TYPE Ventura II		No. AE942	CRASH CAT. A			H.Q. FILE 1300-AE942-1	S.E.	M.E. X
						DAY X	NIGHT	
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL	
Langdale, B.N.		NZ	P/O 424554	P	Missing		No.	DATE
Carter, F.R.		NZ	SGT 416456	NAV	■		A673	4-6
Brier, R.F.		NZ	SGT 424967	WAG	■		D 14 (REVISED)	
Stiles, F.J.			SGT R164116	AG	■		No.	CHECKED
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COMMAND

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STAGE OF FLIGHT

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ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
P. & W. Double Wasp A263557/2155 A263750/2531		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
		31	25	23	10	155	120

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

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TYPE OF A/C
TYPE OF UNIT
CATEGORY

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Formation day training flight.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

See findings -

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 997

Ventura AB942 took off 1640 hrs. G.T. with Ventura AB658 to carry out local formation flying. Ventura 658 landed at 1800 hrs after breaking formation at a point between 30 and 40 miles S.E. of aerodrome. The a/c was last seen flying due south and failed to return.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.F.S. : Missing aircraft. Investigating Officer might have checked to possibility of P/C Langdale having reversed his compass course; also the possibility of infringements at fault.

**No further contact with base after notification
airborne and changing to formation R/T frequency
R/T was functioning when A/C broke formation.
No evidence of results of Unit's attempt to contact
A/C by W/T.**

ACTION TAKEN:

**Considered failure of signals was probably due to
lack of skill of W.A.G. and pilot and navigator
became lost and apparently ended up in sea.**

CLASSIFICATION:

~~60. Missing.~~

NOT KNOWN.

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~20. Faulty Navigation~~

~~59. Obscure.~~