

UNIT 9 B.G.S. Mont Jeli		COM.	PLACE 2 miles east H.A.		DATE 26.6.43	TIME 1300			
		3			H.Q. FILE 1100-19-99				
A/C TYPE Battle I		No.	1999	CRASH CAT.	B	S.E.	M.E.	DAY	NIGHT
						X		X	
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL		
Bradley, J.D.		SGT	RL43708	P	Nil		No.	DATE	
Emerson		LAC	RL92677	AG	Nil		1.50	27.6	
Edwards		LAC	RL91580	AG	Nil		D 14 (REVISED)		
							No.	CHECKED	
							6	✓	
							#8		
ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
Merlin		136332/8211 Severely				ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				INST.	NIGHT	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
				36	18	110	1	260	140

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

- 7
- 4
- 2
- 1
- 7
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- FORCED LANDING
- TAXIING
- LANDING
- TAKE-OFF
- FLIGHT
- STATRY
- FATAL
- INJ.
- 3rd
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ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF UNIT

CATEGORY

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Scheduled gunnery exercise.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Gas gauge read about 12 gallons on stbd tank so pilot switched to port tank which read 70 gallons. Fuel pressure went down, engine sputtered and stopped. Then tried in vain to use the primer when engine refused to start. At 200 feet, engine had not started so carried out a forced landing with wheels up. Hit a fence seriously damaging aircraft.

CLASSIFICATION:

32. Pilot error.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

34. Wheels up landing.
17. Disobedience of standing orders.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

No technical failure.

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FR/ADP/IC/DEV/ES/RS/PM/I/UNB

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

Pilot failed to use his port tank in flight first and then his starboard tank after. (Reference Pilots' Notes - Battle Aeroplane, Merlin Engine) This is absolutely necessary as priming system is fed from the starboard tank only.

ACTION TAKEN:

Log Book endorsed "Carelessness"