

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial: FE445

Title: North American Harvard Mk. IIB serial:FE445 Accident Card

Author: Royal Air Force (RAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1943-July-03. Harvard II s/n FE445. This accident involved 1 person. Stevens P

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Dive bombing exercises.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Flying at 2000 feet found dense smoke coming into cockpit and had to switch off engine. Managed to make forced landing on R.F. but had not time to pump u/c down.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

A slight burr around socket of tail tumbler switch caused by wear, allowing the switch to remain in the "engaged" position, this caused the insulation of leads to burn after approx. 15 minutes flight.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

L115584/M/2/008/00 ✓

CLASSIFICATION:

~~27. Fire in the air.~~

17. Forced Landing

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~34. Wheels up landing.~~

~~33. Technical Defect.~~

28. Fire In Air.

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ACTION TAKEN:

Nil