

CATEGORY		TYPE OF UNIT		TYPE OF A/C		ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION												COMMAND	MONTH	STAGE OF FLIGHT			
						UNIT No.31 B.G.S. Picton, Ont.	COM. # 1	PLACE N.A.	DATE 16-7-43	TIME 1600	H.Q. FILE 1100-98-66	A/C TYPE Bolingbroke IVT	NO. 9866	CRASH CAT. A	S.E.	M.E. X	DAY X						
PERSONNEL			RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL															
				Hughes, S.R.	F/O	124683	P	Nil		NO. A187	DATE 17/7												
				Cooke, L.C.	AC1	131899	FME	Nil		A186	16-7												
				Higgs, S.J.	AC2	1415976	GD	Nil	D 14 (REVISED)														
				Wallinger, G.,	AC2	1183063	ARM	Nil	NO. 2	CHECKED													
										No.10													
ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)				HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS																	
Mercury XV		P.S56311/2799		Slight		INST.		NIGHT		ON TYPE		TOTAL											
		S.S56109/2794		Slight						SOLO		DUAL											
						48		91		134		3		432 92									
ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION																							

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

A. & E. Test.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

No technical failure involved.

Hatch apparently not locked before takeoff.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

On take off, Observer Escape Hatch blew open. Pilot's attention was distracted by signal from member of crew occupying observers seat beside pilot. After cutting throttle pilot found it would be impossible for A/C to be air-borne by end end of runway and in an attempt to prevent A/C from going over airfield boundary carried out u/c up procedure and crash landed.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

*OK/MAIN*

CLASSIFICATION:

32. Pilot error.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

57. Miscellaneous

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL