

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial: FH931

Title: Fairchild Cornell Mk. I serial:FH931 Accident Card

Author: Royal Air Force (RAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1943-July-13. Cornell I s/n FH931. This accident involved 2 people. Hill KP, Luntley J This accident had 2 fatalities. Pilot Officer Kenneth Peter Hill RAFVR Killed in Flying Accident service no:151970 Cornell FH931, Leading Aircraftman James Luntley RAFVR Killed in Flying Accident service no:1604332 Cornell FH931

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Dual Instruction
Seq. 3,4,5,6,10a,b,c and 16

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Engine appears to have stopped while going across wind on the circuit. The A/C commenced a turn into wind, went out of control and spiralled into the ground.

CLASSIFICATION:

18. Loss of control

19. Out of control **(19)**

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

32. Pilot error.

26. Tongue trouble **(26)**
Accident

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TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 1080

Pilot, probably flustered by engine failure, lost control in a poorly executed steep gliding turn, and went into a spiral dive, from which he was unable to effect recovery in the available height.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

A/C in the circuit, with instructor and pupil, went out of control and crashed. The reason for loss of control is obscure, but probably the pilot allowed the aircraft to stall on the turn and at a height insufficient to regain control before striking the ground.

An instructor with 92 hours experience on the type should not have lost control in such a manoeuvre.

ACTION TAKEN:

Letter of warning sent to instructors at 34 EFTS re: (a) great difference in stalling speeds and character of Cornell and Tiger Moth. (b) difference in height of schools in this Command and schools where they first learned to fly Cornell accentuate (a) C. C. LTD. 7084.43