

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 1 (CAC) Det. St. John, N.B.		COM EAC	PLACE 1/2 mi. W. Red Head St. John's Harbour		DATE 26-7-43	TIME 1410					
A/C TYPE Lysander 11		No. 487	CRASH CAT. A		S.E. X	M.E. 	DAY X	NIGHT 			
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL				
Roberts, F.J.		F/O	J13025	P	Slightly		No. A.83	DATE 26-7			
Smith, N.D.		WO1	R73178	VOAG	Slightly		D 14 (REVISED)				
							No. 1	CHECKED			
							No.9				
ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS							
Percuss XII		2041/29018 Total		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL			
				20	16	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL		
						248	3	351	72		

COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

4
2
1
7
4
2
1
FORCED LANDINGS
TAXIING
LANDING
TAKEOFF
FLIGHT
STAT BY
FATAL
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3RD
INJURY
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M

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TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF UNIT

CATEGORY

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

RAF M

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Weather check.

A/C ditched in sea.

1M/P/1101/5E/14K/12/2

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Engine started to throw back large quantities of smoke. RPM's dropped, oil pressure fluctuated. Previous to trouble engine was running in perfect order. Pilot pulled fire extinguisher, cut switches, and ditched A/C. A/C was abandoned with aid of WOAG.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2004

Engine failure.

Lysanders are not equipped with multi-place dinghies. These A/C are to be equipped with Type "K" dinghies, one per crew member.

- Note: 1. Consideration should be given to high recommendation for Col Smith for the presence of mind, courage and ability he exercised in the rescue of the pilot.
2. Evidence does not show why a weather check flight was necessary, and, in view of weather conditions at time of flight, no good reason for it can be thought of.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~54. Engine failure in the air.~~

17. Forced Landing 17

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~27. Fire in the air~~

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ACTION TAKEN:

NIL