

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial: FE635

Title: North American Harvard Mk. IIB serial:FE635 Accident Card

Author: Royal Air Force (RAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1943-August-04. Harvard II s/n FE635. This accident involved 1 person. Dobson EA This accident had 1 fatality. Leading Aircraftman Everett Archibald Dobson RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:R/151221 Harvard FE635

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Circuits and landings - night

Nil

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Engine had been idling at normal speed on take-off. It then made normal take off neither climbing too steeply or too slowly until it was at an altitude of 300', when it seemed to level off and began to turn to the right continuing to turn quite steeply until it was turned almost back to the aerodrome and descending at an angle of about 300' from the horizontal. It then disappeared. A/C crashed ^{from} 1/2 mile S.E. of aerodrome.

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2017

Obscure but probably pilot failed to get onto instruments properly on take off, though lean mixture or insufficient suction for gyro instrument cannot be ruled out.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Inability of pupil pilot to maintain equilibrium on solo take off at night

CLASSIFICATION:

Recommendations

21. ~~Inability to maintain equilibrium.~~

Immediate completion of Tech. Equip. Order.
Constant reiteration to U.T. pilots to get on to instruments immediately they start takeoff.

19. *Set of Control*

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

ACTION TAKEN: