

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 34 O.T.U. Penfield Ridge	COM. E.A.C.	PLACE Not known	DATE 10-8-43	TIME 1855 GMT
A/C TYPE VENTURA GRV	NO. FN973	CRASH CAT. A	H.O. FILE 1300-FN973-1	
			S.E. M.E. DAY NIGHT	
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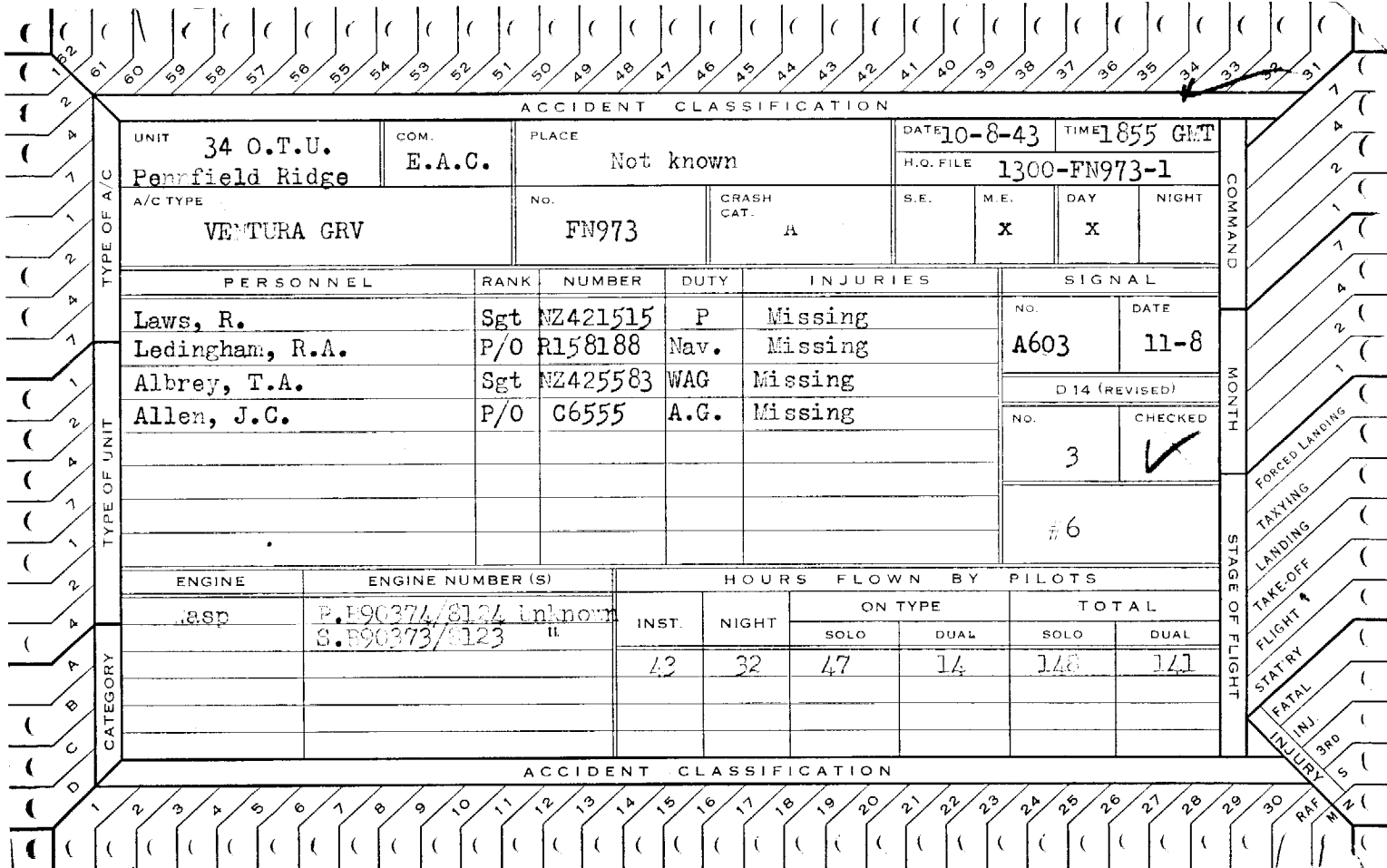
PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
Laws, R.	Sgt	NZ421515	P	Missing	NO. A603	DATE 11-8
Ledingham, R.A.	P/O	R158188	Nav.	Missing		
Albrey, T.A.	Sgt	NZ425583	WAG	Missing	D 14 (REVISED)	
Allen, J.C.	P/O	G6555	A.G.	Missing	NO. 3	CHECKED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
asp	P. B90374/8124 S. B90373/8123	42	32	47	14	148	141

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COMMAND
 MONTH
 STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING
 TAXIING
 LANDING
 TAKE-OFF
 FLIGHT
 STATRY
 FATAL
 INJ.
 INJURY



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Cross country.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/c returned from a cross country flight and requested permission to proceed to the bombing range. It was not seen again. It is presumed it proceeded to the air firing range to carry out front gun exercises and dived into the sea as considerable wreckage has been found near that area.

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~~60. Missing.~~

23. Not known 2 3

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil *INK*

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2079

The cause of the accident is obscure as the a/c is missing. There is insufficient evidence to show why this a/c crashed in the sea.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Cause obscure. A/c missing. Note: The three missing members of the crew may reasonably be presumed dead.

Altho this pilot's Flight Commander assessed him as "Below Average", pilot's training report shows him as "Keen, hard working and above average".

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil