

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 31 S.F.T.S. Kingston, Ont.	COM. 1	PLACE 1/2 mile W. of M.A. Lake Ontario.	DATE 28-9-43	TIME 0330
A/C TYPE Harvard II	No. AJ693	CRASH CAT. A	S.E. x	M.E.
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY
Fitton, G.		ALA	96026	PP
INJURIES		SIGNAL		
Killed		No.	DATE	
		0226	28-9	
		D 14 (REVISED)		
		No.	CHECKED	
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		#145		
ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS		
Wasp S3HI	4991/Y193	Totally	INST.	NIGHT
			SOLO	DUAL
			SOLO	DUAL
			13	9
			35	44
			62	80

TYPE OF A/C
TYPE OF UNIT
CATEGORY

COMMAND
MONTH
STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING
TAXYING
LANDING
TAKE-OFF
FLIGHT
STATRY
FATAL
INJURY

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Night flying exercise.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Awaiting salvage *INK ✓*

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C reported ~~overdue~~ **0330 hrs.** Oil slick found between ~~Marine~~ Section and the Coverdale Estate. Body located in water and picked up by Marine launch. A/C had originally been heard flying low and also a dull explosion but was not reported by A.C.P. and search was not started until 0440 hrs. Pupil was found with Mae West on and head above water.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2099

A/c took off at 0314 hrs. after completing 3 landings, crashed into Collins Bay about 1/2 mile west of aerodrome. Pupil found at 0700 hrs. in water, and death caused by drowning.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Cause obscure. Inability to maintain equilibrium by instruments while flying solo at night. Standing orders amended providing that Officer i/c Night Flying shall not fly search aircraft himself.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~21. Inability to maintain equilibrium.~~

19. Out of Control.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~17. Disobedience of standing orders on part of A.C.P. in not reporting A/C missing.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

~~INK~~ The officer in charge of night flying and the aerodrome control pilot were placed under arrest. Charge against Officer i/c Night Flying dismissed.

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