

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 1 O.T.U. Bagotville		COM. E	PLACE Mid-air above Port Arthur		DATE 4-9-43	TIME 2015 GMT		
A/C TYPE HURRICAN XII HURRICANE XIII		NO. 5446 1378	CRASH CAT. "B" "A"		H.Q. FILE 1700-1378-	S.E. X	M.E. DAY X	NIGHT

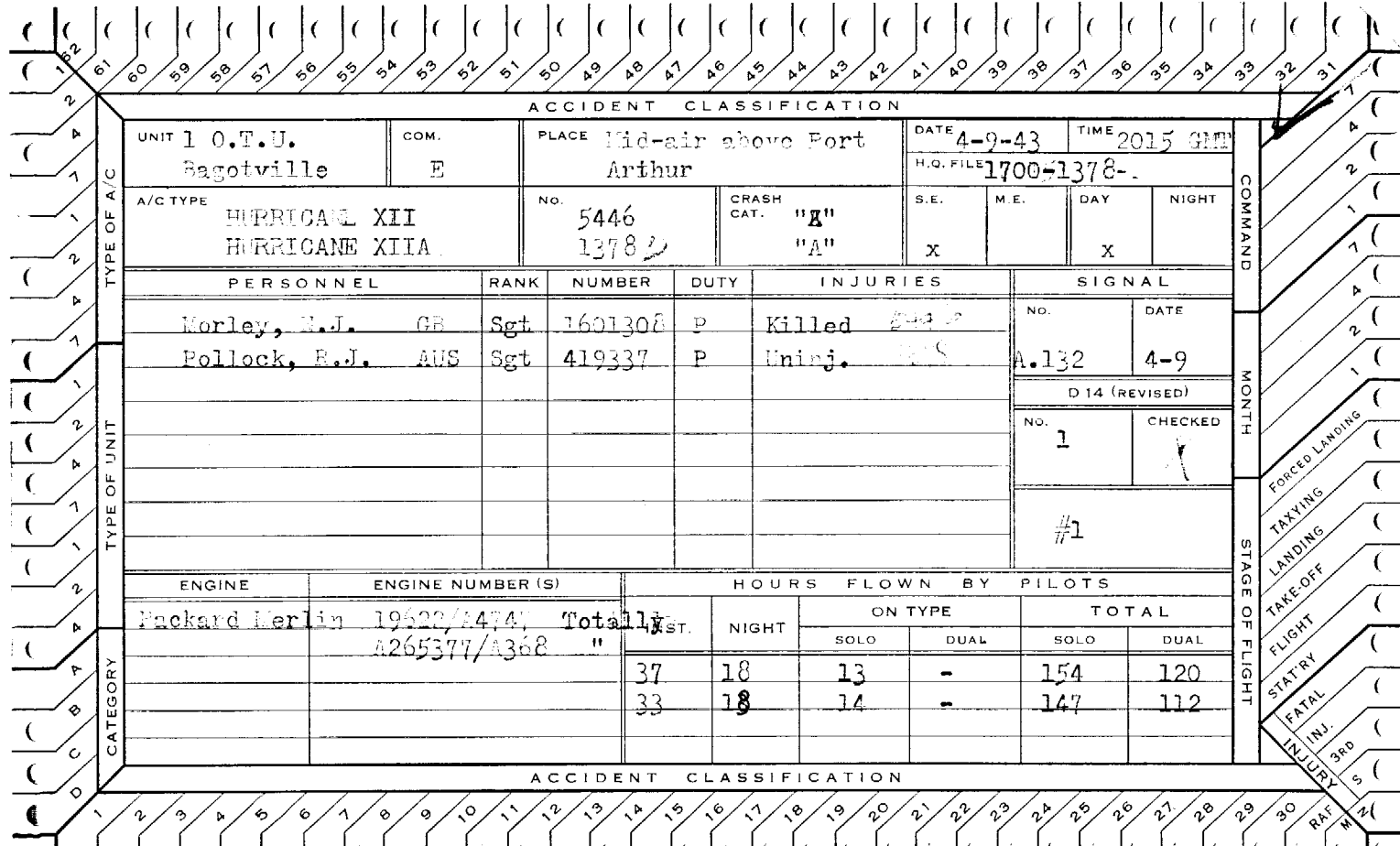
PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
Morley, R.J.	GB	Sgt 1601308	P	Killed	NO.	DATE
Pollock, R.J.	AUS	Sgt 419337	P	Uninj.	A.132	4-9
					D 14 (REVISED)	
					NO. 1	CHECKED
					#1	

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS								
		ON TYPE		TOTAL						
Packard Merlin	19522/A474	Totally	ST.	NIGHT	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL		
	A265377/A368				"	37	18	13	-	154
					33	18	14	-	147	112

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COMMAND
MONTH
STAGE OF FLIGHT

Forced Landing
TAXYING
LANDING
TAKE-OFF
FLIGHT
STATRY
FATAL
INJ.
3rd
INJURY



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Formation and section attacks.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C collided in mid-air during astern attack practice and fell out of control landing in an open field. One of pilots was killed (Sgt. Morley) and one (Sgt. Pollock) baled out and was uninjured.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2047

Failure of Sgt. Pollock to discontinue practice attack when target machine began to turn. In continuing attack, endeavoured to turn with target and overshot, due to target throttling back to keep position in turn with his leader. In this position neither Sgt. Pollock nor Sgt. Morley could see each other and collided. Inexperience and slow reaction of Sgt. Pollock are main causes.

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~~26. Collision in the air.~~
21. Collision A/C. 21

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree. Accident probably would not have happened had attack not been continued while target was turning. Note: Pilots had not had over 14 hours on type. Letter sent to A.O.C., E.A.C. asking why pilots were detailed on advanced training exercise.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~25. Inexperience~~

ACTION TAKEN:

Action taken requiring pilots to have a minimum of 18 hours on type before being detailed to practice this exercise.