

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 1 A.O.S. Malton	COM. 1	PLACE 3 miles S of Chatsworth	DATE 25-10-43	TIME 1030
A/C TYPE ANSON I		No. 6132	CRASH CAT. "A"	H.Q. FILE 1700-6132
		S.E.	M.E.	DAY
			X	X
		NIGHT		

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
Conkwright, H.C.	CIV		P	seriously Inj.	No.	DATE
McCatty, W.A.	LAC	R182040	BA	Killed	M.539	25-10
Sanders, T.H.A.	LAC	R179822	BA	Seriously Inj.	D 14 (REVISED)	
Patterson, R.C.	LAC	R203439	NAV.	Slightly Inj.	No.	CHECKED
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ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		NIGHT		ON TYPE		TOTAL	
Cheetah IX	A133250/AS15483	Totally					
	133947/AS16781	Inst.					
		25	126	532	46	585	58

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TYPE OF A/C  
TYPE OF UNIT  
CATEGORY

COMMAND  
MONTH  
STAGE OF FLIGHT

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

RAF M 2

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Low level navigation exercise for navigator and bomb airmers.

Nil

1000/1000

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Apparently flying too low, struck tree top and then went out of control and hit the ground, demolishing a/c. Pilot had been following another A/C which was about five miles ahead.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2131

The Investigating Officer found that "the cause of the accident is not clear" but gave some credence to the theory of the a/c having been caught in a down draft.

Note: Air was bumpy in area and a/c was flying in lee of higher ground, where there was possibilities of down drafts occurring. Also suggested that slip stream of preceding a/c would contribute to air turbulence.

CLASSIFICATION:

16. Unauthorized low flying or aerobatics.

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CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

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Flying below authorized altitude for exercise/could not have been keeping sufficiently sharp lookout.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

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ACTION TAKEN:

Farmer awarded \$25.00 by Dominion Skyways, for prompt action in putting out fire and removing occupants.