



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Solo navigational exercise Claresholm Alta, Gliechen, Alta, Irracana, Alta.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT: Claresholm, Alta.

Took off in Anson 117285 for purpose of carrying out an authorized cross-country flight. At 1600 hours a/c was observed 4 miles SE of town of Arrowwood, flying straight and level in a northerly direction at a height of 1,000'. A minute or two later a/c was observed travelling in a north westerly direction in a steep dive, with a long column of black smoke and flames coming away from its tail. A/c continued steep dive until it crashed into ground and burst into flames.

CLASSIFICATION:

27. Fire in the air.

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Pending investigation.

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COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

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On evidence available, the cause of this accident appears to be due to fire in the air. However, owing to the fact that all material evidence was destroyed by impact and fire, the actual cause of fire remains obscure.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree with findings. It is unfortunate that LAC Brighton's training had not been discontinued even though his ability as a pilot does not appear to have contributed in any way to this accident.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil

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