

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 34 S.F.T.S. Medicine Hat		COM. 4	PLACE 10 miles S of Walsh			DATE 19-10-43	TIME 22:00	
A/C TYPE HARVARD II		NO. AJ725	CRASH CAT. "A"		S.E. x	M.E.	DAY NIGHT x	
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL	
Hanham, D.W.		P/O	149086	F.I.	Killed		NO. DATE	
Taylor, S.G.		LAC	1671642	PP	Killed		A.795 20-10	
							D 14 (REVISED)	
							NO. CHECKED	
							10/46	
							#88	
ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER(S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
Wasp S3-H1.	12165/262235 Totally		ON TYPE		TOTAL			
			INST.	NIGHT	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
			50	100	537	50	853	102
			28	15	29	47	73	101

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COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

- FORCED LANDING
- TAXIING
- LANDING
- TAKE-OFF
- FLIGHT
- STAT BY
- FATAL
- INJURY
- 3RD
- 5

TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF UNIT

CATEGORY

RAF

M

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Night Flying Cross Country

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

FB/AOC/ET/MP/NK/I/CN  
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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Pilot was apparently trying to find suitable field for forced landing by dropping of flares and turning on of landing lights . Engine was heard to race just before touching down , a/c crashed and burst into flame.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 138

Cause: Pilot allowing a/c to stall while endeavouring to avoid a previously unseen obstruction, while attempting a forced landing at night.

Forced landing was due to an exhaust leak at the junction of the exhaust analyser tubes to the manifold. This leak very probably led the pilot to believe that his engine was failing or that he was on fire.

CONCLUSION OF A.I.B.

Agree.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~33. Technical defect.~~

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~32. Pilot error~~

PIRE - IN CRASH. 29

ACTION TAKEN: