

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 13 S.F.T.S. St. Hubert	COM. 3	PLACE 5 Miles S.E. of Barieville		DATE 31-10-43	TIME 1710		
				H.Q. FILE 1700-AJ646			
A/C TYPE HARVARD	NO. AJ646	CRASH CAT. "A"	S.E. X	M.E.	DAY X	NIGHT	
PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL	
Smythe, L.F.	AUS LAC	432049	PP	Killed		No. DATE A.49 1-11	
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						No.156	
ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS				
Wasp 4831/12102	Totally		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL
					SOLO	DUAL	SOLO DUAL
			15	9	20	29	46 74

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COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING
TAXYING
LANDING
TAKE-OFF
FLIGHT
STATARY
FATAL
INJURY
3RD
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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Seq. 10,15,17,20.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/c took off at 16:30 hours and was considered to be fully serviceable. Was a little over 6 miles from Marieville when witness saw a/c diving steeply and at a very high speed towards the ground. Disappeared behind some woods which prevented witness from seeing a-c strike ground.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2147

A/C dived into ground at a very steep angle (almost vertically) at very high speed. Pupil pilot was killed instantly.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Nil

CONCLUSION OF A.I.B. Agree with findings.

Note 1: The I.O. reported that airman standing guard over crash permitted curious civilians to approach close enough to wreckage to disturb it and he recommended that this fact be drawn to Unit's attention.

NOTE 2: The I.O. noted a striking similarity between this accident and one on 10-9-43 involving HARVARD FS664 of same Unit which occurred in same place. No evidence of sabotage, he drew attention to its possibility and recommended that a thorough check be taken.

ACTION TAKEN: by Unit.

CLASSIFICATION:

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Not. KNOWN. 2 3

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS: