

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 113 Sqn	COM. F.	PLACE 1/2 mile N of Sydney.	DATE 3-10-45	TIME 1843 GMT
A/C TYPE VENTURA V		NO. '2148	H.Q. FILE 1700-12148	
		CRASH CAT. "A"	S.E.	M.E.
			DAY	NIGHT
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PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
Isaacs, G.D.	F/O	J23011	P	Killed	NO.	DATE
Tyo, F.L.	WO2	R103556	N	Killed	P.233	3-10
Laut, A.	W/C	C861	2P	Killed	D 14 (REVISED)	
Drake, W.R.	WO2	R91074	WOAG	Killed	NO.	CHECKED
O'Donnell, F.P.	F/S	R129062	WOAG	Killed		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Duncan, R.B.	F/L	C13380	Pass	Killed	#2	

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS						
		NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL			
			SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL		
Pratt & Whitney Double Wasp Series R2800-31	5515/6569 5516/6550	Totally #	88	134	292	4	1215	150
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TYPE OF A/C
TYPE OF UNIT
CATEGORY

COMMAND
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STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING
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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Overland Navigation flight.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C took off and circled field once, flying low because prevailing low ceiling. A/C made steep bank in turning to port and crashed into ground.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2107

CIRCUMSTANCES: Ventura making very low altitude circuits of aerodrome; on second circuit stalled in vertical port bank and crashed from 250 ft. half a mile from aerodrome and with engines under power.
CAUSE: Pilots error: Pilot made an almost vertical bank at 250 ft. altitude, heavily loaded, and resulting in a stall.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. Agree with the findings. The a/c was flown in a foolhardy manner,

NOTE. W/C Laut, O.C. of the Squadron, had been posted to E.A.C. H.Q., reporting 4th. Oct. It is understood that on the evening of the 3rd. Oct. a farewell party had been held for him and it is thought that the "shooting up" of the aerodrome which was carried out here was a parting gesture.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil

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16. Unauthorized low flying or aerobatics.

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Flew into ground.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

Unauthorized Low.

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