

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 9 B.G.S. Mount Joli, Que		COM. 3	PLACE 3 miles E of M.A.		DATE 7-10-43	TIME 1040			
A/C TYPE BATTLE BATTLE		NO. 5556 1949 D	CRASH CAT. "A" "A"		S.E. x	M.E.	DAY x		
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL		
Dean, R.		F/S	R152464	P	Killed		No. DATE		
Astell, E.W.		GB LAC	1603562	AG/UT	Killed		N.65 7-10		
McKinstry, K.		LAC	R220920	AG/UT	Killed		D 14 (REVISED)		
Doucet, J.P.L.		EGT	R108448	P	Uninj.		No. CHECKED		
Peavoy, R.E.		LAC	R214599	AG/UT	Seriously Inj.		3 ✓		
Trueman, S.G.		LAC	R205612	AG/UT	Killed		#3		
ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
Merlin III		151654/22161 1363/8211		Totally		ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				INST.	NIGHT	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
				41	23	317	7	461	166
				42	16	163	2	516	174

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TYPE OF A/C
TYPE OF UNIT
CATEGORY

COMMAND
MONTH
STAGE OF FLIGHT

7
4
2
1
7
4
2
1
FORCED LANDING
TAXING
LANDING
TAKE-OFF
FLIGHT
STAIRY
FATAL
INJ.
3RD
INJURY
5
RAF
M 2

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Scheduled gunnery exercises.

Nil

10A/1/PL
137/X

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Battle 5556 had just taken up position on drogue a/c. Battle 1949 apparently approached from above and behind and settled down on a/c 5556 striking and severing the tail assembly. A/C 5556 crashed out of control killing all occupants. Pilot of 1949 abandoned a/c by parachute and a/c 1949 subsequently crashed killing one occupant and seriously injuring the other.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2115

CAUSE: Primary:- Battle 1949 contrary to orders, attempting to take position on port quarter of Drogue a/c and colliding with Battle 5556 which, again contrary to orders, had already taken up this position.

Secondary:- Sgt. Doucet, pilot of Battle 1949 failed to keep proper lookout for Battle 5556 he knew to be in vicinity.

Recommendation: Increase severity of disciplinary action and revise Pilots Order No. 54 to eliminate certain ambiguities.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. Accident resulted from negligence of pilot of Battle 1949 in not keeping proper lookout. Having waited 45 min. for a drogue a/c it would appear that he was determined that this particular

ACTION TAKEN: drogue would not be taken by any other pending gunnery a/c and was attempting to cut in ahead of Battle 5556.

Action Taken: by C.O. and A.A.S.O. of the Command to put a stop to this practice.

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~~26. Collision in the air.~~

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS: