

TYPE OF A/C		TYPE OF UNIT		CATEGORY		ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION																COMMAND		MONTH		STAGE OF FLIGHT					
UNIT 2 E.F.T.S. Fort William		COM. 2		PLACE 9 miles S.W. of M.A.		DATE 12-10-43		TIME 1015		H.Q. FILE 1100-40-97		A/C TYPE TIGER MOTH		NO. 4007/337		CRASH CAT. "A"		S.E. x		M.E.		DAY x		NIGHT							
PERSONNEL				RANK		NUMBER		DUTY		INJURIES				SIGNAL																	
North, V.C.				W02		R119897		FI		Seriously Inj.				No.		DATE															
Palmer, F.E.S.				GB LAC		1808685		PP		Slightly Inj.																					
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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

) Authorized dual practice in seq.
14,16,17,18,22.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

) A/C struck the ground in spin, starting at 5200'. Pilot decided to abandon ship at 4500'. Rudder jammed.

CLASSIFICATION:

) ~~23. Spinning.~~

OUT OF CONTROL

(19)

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

) ~~18. Loss of control~~

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

100/100/P-V

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2130

Cause: "Obscure, but the possibility cannot be overlooked of confusion due to misunderstanding as to who was in control of the a/c this possibly resulting first, in neither occupant having control, and second, in ultimate panic.

Instructor showed poor airmanship and leadership in failing to question his pupil as to control of a/c, and in failing to try use of engine and other flying controls in effort to change altitude of a/c and thus possibly by dislodging the obstruction, overcome jamming of rudder control. Consideration might be given to transferring this instructor to other duties."

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree. Rudder may have jammed as stated by instructor but is not corroborated by the observations of the

ACTION TAKEN: Inspector of Accidents.

Nil