

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 39 S.F.T.S. Swift Current		COM. 4	PLACE 4 miles E Walbeck, Sask		DATE 18-10-43	TIME 1005			
A/C TYPE OXFORD II OXFORD II		No. X6963 BM769	CRASH CAT. "A" "C"		S.E.	M.E. X	DAY NIGHT X		
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL		
Sterry, F.A.		SGT	574759	FI	Killed.		No. DATE		
Booker, B.W.		LAC	1653357	PP	Killed		A.139 18-10		
Tough, L.J.		CPL		PP	Uninj.		D 14 (REVISED)		
							No. CHECKED		
							2 X		
							#14		
ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
Cheetah X	P A179440/AS41521		Totally	INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
	S A179562/AS41643					SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
				113	60	291	5	451	149
				20	5	36	39	70	85

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COMMAND  
MONTH  
STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING  
TAXYING  
LANDING  
TAKEOFF  
FLIGHT  
STATRY  
FATAL  
INJURY

1  
2  
7

1  
2

1  
2

1  
2  
3  
4  
5

TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF UNIT

CATEGORY

RAF M N

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Instructional flying.

Nil

*AL-4*  
*ICAF/5J*  
*ICAF/AD*

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Collision while formation flying, at 5000 ft. above ground. Examination at scene of crash indicated that X6963 which had completely disintegrated struck ground at angle of 60°. It was noted that emergency release of main door had not been operated nor had the emergency escape hatch.

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2132

CAUSE: Failure of Oxford X6963 to keep station properly.

CIRCUMSTANCES: "Oxford BM769 and X6963 while flying in No. 2 and 3 positions in echelon stbd, collided. Oxford X6963 crashed and Oxford BM769 flew back to base.

Remarks of C.O. "I concur with the findings."

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree with the findings.

Note: Cpl. Tough to be commended on behaviour in bringing A/C back to base in such condition, altho not publicly as in the majority of cases a pupil would be showing bad judgment in attempting to fly the A/C back in such a condition.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~26. Collision in the air~~ *21*  
*Collisions. A/C.*

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~32. Pilot error.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil