

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 13 S.F.T.S. St. Hubert	COM. 3	PLACE 7 miles N Louisville near St. Leon	DATE 1-11-43	TIME 1400
A/C TYPE HARVARD II		NO. 2824	CRASH CAT. "A"	H.Q. FILE 1700-2824
		S.E. X	M.E.	DAY X
				NIGHT

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
Courteau, J.L.	P/O	J27248	SNI	Killed.	NO. A.53	DATE 2-11
Weegar, C.L.	LAC	R188389	PP	Killed	D 14 (REVISED)	
					NO. 2	CHECKED 1
					#15	

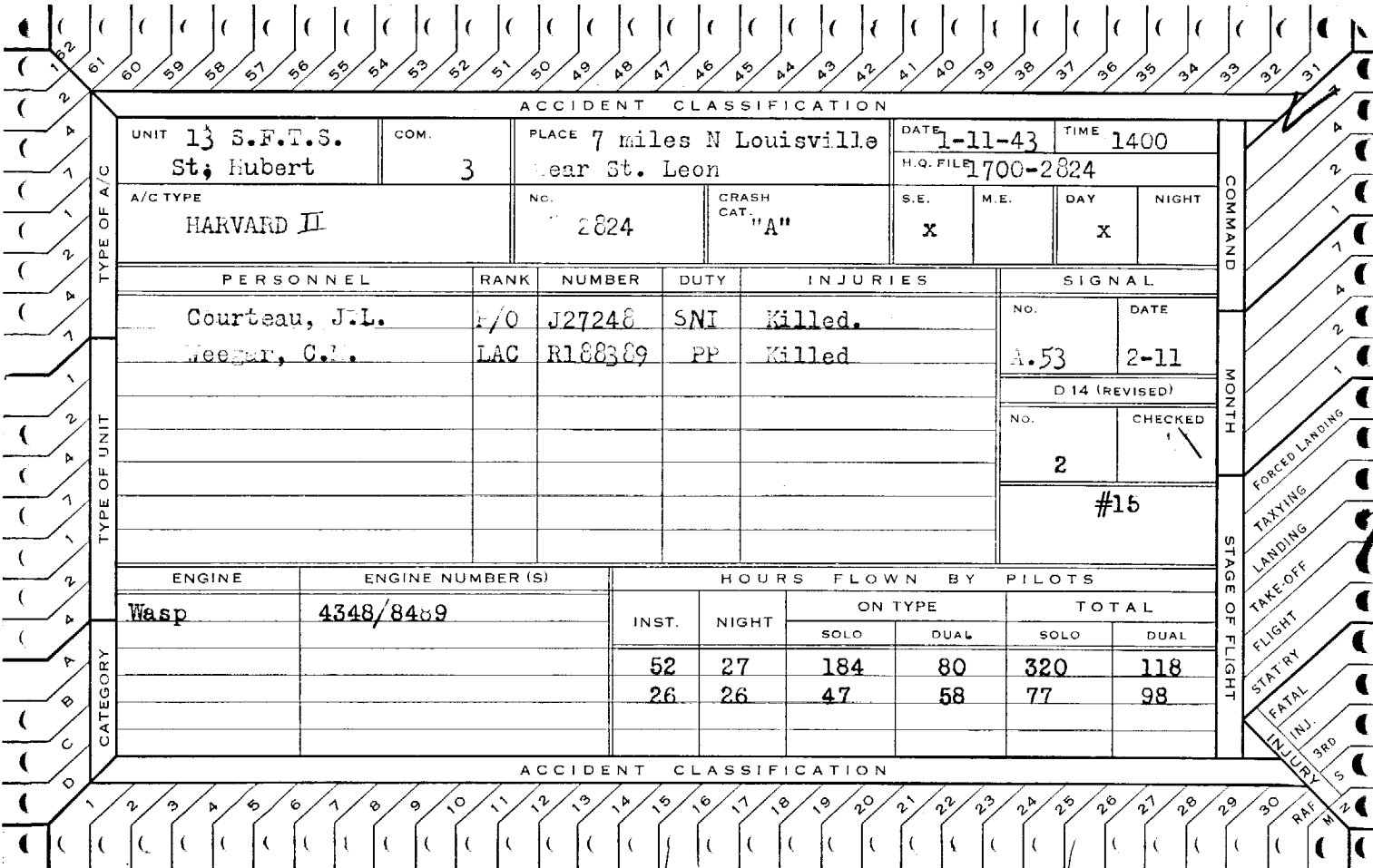
ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
Wasp	4348/8489	52	27	184	80	320	118
		26	26	47	58	77	98

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COMMAND  
MONTH  
STAGE OF FLIGHT

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FORCED LANDING  
TAXIING  
LANDING  
TAKE-OFF  
FLIGHT  
STATUTORY  
FATAL  
INJURY 3rd  
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TYPE OF A/C  
TYPE OF UNIT  
CATEGORY



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Navigation

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

*ILCO/POL*

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Flight was authorized as a low-level cross country navigation exercise but pilot included an unscheduled side trip which carried him north. A/C flew north across level fields at a height of 100' gradually descending, struck a high elm tree knocking off its port wing tip and then crashed a 1/2 mile further on. Both occupants were killed.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

A/C on low level cross country navigation 25 miles and 45° to 90° off course. Struck tree - continued for 1/2 mile, hit another tree, crashed almost instantly, killing both occupants.

SUMMARY No. 2141

CAUSE

Collision of a/c with tree most probably due to failure to keep proper look out.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Nil

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

A case of deliberate unauthorized very low flying.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~16. Unauthorized low flying or aerobatics.~~

*22. Collision - Abstr. 22*

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~26. Collision in the air~~

*42. Unauthorized low flying*

ACTION TAKEN:

Letter sent to Command Re: Large no. of low flying accidents of this unit.