

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 13 S.F.T.S. St. Hubert.		COM. 3	PLACE Vicinity of St. Therese de Bainville, P.		DATE 18-11-43	TIME 2300			
A/C TYPE HARVARD II		NO. 3087	CRASH CAT. "A"		S.E. X	M.E.	DAY	NIGHT X	
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL		
Thomas, Y.L.		P/O	J27202	FI	Killed		NO. A.63	DATE 19-11	
Peterson, A.G.		LAC	R202047	PP	Sericusly		D 14 (REVISED)		
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							#76		
ENGINE Wasp		ENGINE NUMBER (S) 4647/9259/		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS				TOTAL 4691	
		Totally		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE			
						SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
				50	40	294	113	326	165
				23	16	32	41	68	80

TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF UNIT

CATEGORY

COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

- 4
- 2
- 1
- 7
- 4
- 2
- 1
- FORCED LANDING
- TAXYING
- LANDING
- TAKE-OFF
- FLIGHT
- STAIRY
- FATAL
- INJ. 1st
- INJ. 2nd
- INJ. 3rd
- 5
- RAF
- M
- X

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

24 Navigation

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C lost on night cross country struck high trees in attempting a forced landing and crashed in inverted position. Instructor killed, pupil in rear seat seriously injured.

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~~20. Faulty Navigation.~~

22. Collision - *Obstz.*

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

FB / PEN / ET / PS / PM / I / WVL ✓

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2176

CAUSE: Pilot became lost partly due to poor visibility and partly due to inexperience and a/c struck trees in attempting forced landing at night.

RECOMMENDATIONS : That only experienced instructors be allowed to fly as safety pilots on night cross country exercises, when the visibility is at all questionable.

CONCLUSIONS OF ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATION BRANCH: Agree

NOTE: 1. I.O. considered that the F.17 covering the flight had been carelessly filled out. Wrong exercise had been entered in column 7 and time to take off and duration of flight were not filled in. It is not signed and does not show the station or unit.

2. Opinion was also expressed that on most nights radios with which a/c are fitted are useless.

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL.