

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 32 O.T.U. Patricia Bay		COM. W	PLACE 6 miles SW of Ladysmith			DATE 30-11-43	TIME 1415		
A/C TYPE HAMPDEN I			NO. AN131	CRASH CAT. "A"	S.E.	M.E. x	DAY x	NIGHT	
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL		
Fearnley, J.F. GB		SGT	9999804	P	KILLED		No.	DATE	
Pettit, L GB		SGT	1600923	PP	KILLED		A281	1-12	
							D 14 (REVISED)		
							No.	CHECKED	
							#4		
ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
Pegasus XVIII		S.195621/S.10260 P.195668/S.10307F		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
						SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
				37	31	12	5	100	152

COMMAND
MONTH
STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING
TAKING
LANDING
TAKE-OFF
FLIGHT
STATRY
FATAL
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3rd
INJURY

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TYPE OF A/C
TYPE OF UNIT
CATEGORY

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RAF
MEX

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Instrument Flying - Cross Country.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C struck tree tops on high ground (2,260 feet) in nil visibility and crashed, at a steep angle, into the ground. A/C completely wrecked and almost completely burnt out.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

NIL.

12/1/43

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.2187

CAUSE

Pilot error in that the pilot let down below 3,000' in heavy fog when he had been instructed to carry out exercise at 3,000' or above.

Remarks of O.C.

Concur in findings. Consider accident due pilot error.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree with findings.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~17. Disobedience of Standing Orders.~~

22 Collision - Obstr 2

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~19. Bad weather.~~

20. Faulty Navigation.

41. Hitting obstructions.

41 Disobedience of Orders

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL.