

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial: V3342

Title: Airspeed Oxford Mk. I serial:V3342 Accident Card

Author: Royal Air Force (RAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1943-November-22. Oxford II s/n V3342. This accident involved 2 people. Scarlett RWJ, Logan WP

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

NIGHT FLYING TRAINING

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C APPROACHING TO LAND CAUGHT FIRE BEHIND
PORT ENGINE. INSTRUCTOR PILOT LANDED A/C SAFELY
AND WHEN 2/3 DOWN RUNWAY INSTRUCTOR ORDERED PUPIL
TO BAIL OUT AND BAILED OUT HIMSELF, WHILE A/C
WAS IN MOTION AND WERE INJURED. CRASH CREW
EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE.

CLASSIFICATION:

27. FIRE IN THE AIR.

7. Other

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

28 Fire in air 8

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

SEE BELOW

LM/EF/MC/M/L/115/LA

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

FIRE IN THE AIR DUE TO PROXIMITY OF EXHAUST TAIL PIPE TO UNDER SURFACE
OF WING, WHICH, IF ALLOWED TO BECOME OIL SOAKED AND HAVE LOOSE ENDS OF
FRAYED EDGING IS SET ON FIRE BY THE FLAMES FROM THE EXHAUST.

RECOMMENDATIONS: THAT THE PROVISIONING OF MODIFICATION SETS FOR A.F.T.
E.O. E, 8 /22/34 BE EXPEDITED AND UNITS EMBODY THE MODIFICATION WITH AS
LITTLE DELAY AS POSSIBLE.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: I AGREE. THIS IS THE FIRST FIRE SINCE THE RE
FITTING OF THE OLD EXHAUST SYSTEM TO MEET WINTER CONDITIONS. SINCE THIS
ACCIDENT, NO. 4 T.C. HAS ORDERED THE UNITS TO REVERT TO THE TEMPORARY
EXHAUST SYSTEM USED DURING THE SUMMER WHICH SUPPLIES NO CABIN HEATING.
EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO SUPPLY AND FIT THE NEW MODIFICATION
E. 8 /22/34 AS THE LOWERING OF PHYSICAL EFFICIENCY DUE TO UNHEATED CABINS.
MAY LEAD TO SERIOUS ACCIDENTS.

ACTION TAKEN:

N.A.