

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 36 O.T.U. Greenwood		COM E	PLACE Stewiacke County Colchester		DATE 29-11-43	TIME 1535	
A/C TYPE MOSQUITO B VII		NO KB321	CRASH CAT. "A"	S.E.	W.E.	DAY	NIGHT
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL
Martin, J.J.		F/O	48451	P	Uninj.		NO. DATE
Herman, H.E.		GB SGT	1800329	NAV	Slightly Inj.		A,679 30-11
							D 14 (REVISED)
							NO. CHECKED
							#3 ✓
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ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER(S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS			
Merlin 31		A.32459/A.4706 Total		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE	
Merlin 31		A.267702/A.3853 Total				SOLO	DUAL
				46	60	10	3
						984	75

COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING

TAXIING

LANDING

TAKE-OFF

FLIGHT

STATIONARY

FATAL

INJ

INJURY

3RD

RAF

W

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Sector Recco "B" & Instrument Flying.

IMP/100

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C became uncontrollable fore and aft while Flying straight and level Crew baled out and a/c crashed into ground exploding on impact.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2179

After a break in elevator control, Pilot abandoned a/c, with Observer. A/C crashed and burned out.

CAUSE

Shearing of the bolts attaching the hinges of the elevator and rudder spars, throwing the a/c out of control.

Remarks of C.O.

Do not agree with findings.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~33. Technical defect.~~

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CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree with findings.

19. Out of Control

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

NOTE: MODS ON FIN AND RUDDER BOLTS TO BE CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED VIA SIGNAL T7268 D/L9 AUG., 1943, ADDRESSED EAC No. 3 T.C. AND BRITISH AIR COMMISSION (FOR RETRANSMISSION TO USAAF & U.K.)

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL