

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 34 O.T.U.	COM. E	PLACE McAdam Junction	DATE 19-12-43	TIME 1520 GMT
Pennfield Ridge			H.Q. FILE 1300-FD697-1	
A/C TYPE VENTURA III	NO. FD697	CRASH CAT. "A"	S.E.	M.E. X
			DAY	NIGHT X

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
CHRISTENSEN, C.O.	P/O	J35729	P	Killed	No.	DATE
BARTS, R.J.	SGT	R151359	NAV	Killed.	A,473	19-12
ANDERSON, H.L.	SGT	R197565	WAG	Killed.	D 14 (REVISED)	
CULL, G.C.	SGT	R151223	AG	Killed	No.	CHECKED
					#6	
					#6	

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
P&W Double	P.42-279/4907	Total					
Wasp R2800-31	42-280/4998	"	46	39	12	64	140
							174

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COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

- FORCED LANDING
- TAXIING
- LANDING
- TAKE-OFF
- FLIGHT
- STATRY
- FATAL
- INJ.
- INJURY

TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF UNIT

CATEGORY

RAF

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Day training flight.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

1200/10M/04

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Nil

A/C appeared to strike water tower with port wing while on low level formation exercise, which caused a/c to crash and burst into flames.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2207

CAUSE: A/C crashed as a direct result of striking water level indicator on top of water tank located in marshalling yards at McAdam.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Disciplinary action be taken against No.R141523 F/S Merhige, E.G. for flying and conducting formation at height lower than permitted by A.F.R.O. EG. 250ft.

REMARKS OF C.O. Of opinion that his intentions was to simulate as near as possible actual operation al conditions.

CONCLUSION OF A.I.B. Apparent that responsibility for accident placed on leader of formation, disciplinary action being taken. F/S Merhige had signed as having read A.M.P.A696 which deals with low flying. S.A.S.O. has given instructions that McAdam be not used as low flying target in future.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil

CLASSIFICATION:

~~17. Disobedience of Standing Orders.~~

22 Collision - Obstr.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~1. Hitting obstructions.~~

4 Disobedience of Orders