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ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT <b>135<sup>A</sup>Sqdn</b>	COM. <b>W</b>	PLACE <b>Kitwanga Ferre</b>	DATE <b>21-12-43</b>	TIME <b>1200</b>
A/C TYPE <b>HURRICANE 12</b>		NO. <b>5404</b>	CRASH CAT. <b>"A"</b>	H.O. FILE <b>1700-5404</b>
		S.E. <b>x</b>	M.E.	DAY <b>x</b>
		NIGHT		

COMMAND

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
<b>Sedgwick, R E.W.</b>	<b>P/O</b>	<b>J25791</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Killed</b>	No. <b>A.205</b>	DATE <b>21-12</b>
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ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS						
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL		
				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	
<b>Merlin 29</b>	<b>19636/A5989</b>	<b>totally</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>105</b>

STAGE OF FLIGHT

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Local flying.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

*1-30/1944*

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Pilot was authorized out for local flying. During flight, he was doing unauthorized low flying along Skeena Riv. A/C struck a ferry cable at Kitwanga, which was stretched across the river 15' above water. The a/c immediately crashed.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2224

CIRCUMSTANCES: The pilot was engaged in unauthorized low flying when the a/c struck a ferry cable and crashed in the river bed".

CAUSE: The a/c struck the ferry cable due to the pilot not seeing it until too late.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Closer enforcement of flying regulations.
- (2) Marking all such cable towers with bright paint and large "CABLE" signs and clearing away trees and brush that might hide them.

CLASSIFICATION:

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~~16. Unauthorized low flying or aerobatics.~~

*22 Collision - Obstr*

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree. Deliberate unauthorized low flying.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~17. Disobedience of Standing Orders.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil

*42 Unauthorized low flying*