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Serial: HS325

Title: Fairey Swordfish serial:HS325 - Crash Card

Author: Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1944-January-11. Fairey Swordfish s/n HS325. This accident involved 2 people. Graystone WE, Hellings WJ

Keywords: RCAFFairey Swordfish ,HS325,1 NAGS,1 Naval Air Gunnery School,Aerodrome,1944-January-11,Graystone,HellingsRCAF L20

Created: 1944-01-11

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT	COM.	PLACE	DATE	TIME
1 NAGS	E	Yarmouth aerodrome	11-1-44	1130

H.Q. FILE: 1300-HS325

A/C TYPE	NO.	CRASH CAT.	S.E.	M.E.	DAY	NIGHT
SWORDFISH	HS325	"E"1	x		x	

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES
GRAYSTONE, W.E.	P/O	J29545	P	Uninj.
HELLINGS, W.J.	ALA	575494	AG	Uninj.

SIGNAL — NO. — DATE

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#2

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)
Pegasus XXX	338998/P36688 Nil

HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS

INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE SOLO	ON TYPE DUAL	TOTAL SOLO	TOTAL DUAL
-	-	145	-	239	137

TYPE OF A/C — TYPE OF UNIT — CATEGORY — COMMAND — MONTH — STAGE OF FLIGHT: FORCED LANDING, TAXYING, LANDING, TAKE-OFF, FLIGHT, STAT'RY — INJURY: FATAL, INJ., 3RD, S

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

T.A.G. training.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Hitting trees, used as runway markers with undersurface of bottom main-plane.

CLASSIFICATION:

57. Miscellaneous.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

2. Hitting obstructions.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS: SUMMARY No.

Remarks of Unit C.O.

Present height of trees (6ft) reduces the effective width of the taxi strips and runways for Swordfish a/c by one wing span- 45 ft. It would appear that continual accidents of this nature may be expected unless the height of the trees can be reduced.

It is suggested that the possibility of a more serious accident occurring on landing should be considered.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil

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