

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT <b>32 O.T.U. PATRICIA BAY</b>	COM. <b>W</b>	PLACE <b>SALT SPRING ISLAND</b>	DATE <b>14-1-44</b>	TIME <b>2010</b>
A/C TYPE <b>HAMPDEN I</b>		NO. <b>AN136</b>	CRASH CAT. <b>"A"</b>	H.Q. FILE <b>1300-AN136-1</b>
		S.E.	M.E.	DAY
			<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
<b>BIRCH, H.C.</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>SGT 1582821</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Killed instantly</b>	NO. <b>A.287</b>	DATE <b>15-1</b>
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					NO. <b>4</b>	CHECKED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
					<b>#2</b>	

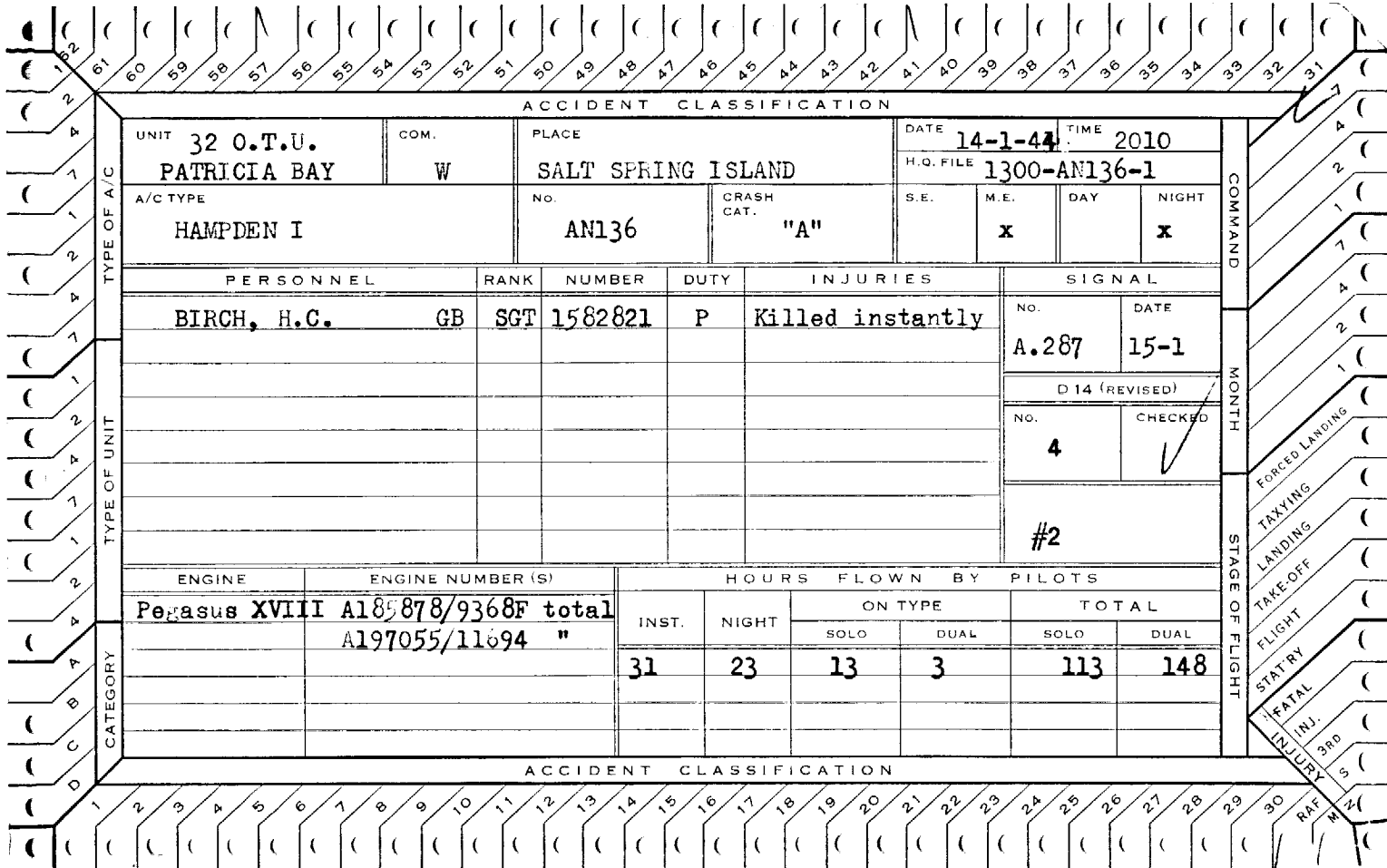
ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE			
<b>Pegasus XVIII A185878/9368F total</b>	<b>A197055/11694 "</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>148</b>
				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

COMMAND  
MONTH  
STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING  
TAXIING  
LANDING  
TAKE-OFF  
FLIGHT  
STAT BY  
FATAL  
INJ.

TYPE OF A/C  
TYPE OF UNIT  
CATEGORY



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Night circuits and landings.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Flew into mountain side at 1500'.

U/T pilot who took off at same time as Sgt. Birch, saw, while looking in the direction of Mt. Tuam after making a landing, an explosion which was presumed to be caused by a/c AN136 as it crashed. A/C had crashed at an elevation of 1,500' on Mt. Tuam and had cut a 200yd swath through the trees while flying in a level attitude on a due west landing.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~57. Miscellaneous.~~

*20. Flew into ground*

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~41. Hitting obstructions.~~

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

*1106/PC*

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2250

CAUSE: Pilot swung wide of circuit on cross wind leg which placed him in line with Mound Tuam on downwind leg and he failed to see mountain in darkness.

RECOMMENDATIONS It is recommended that a beacon be placed on tip of Mount Tuan, Saltpring Island, to warn pilot's.

CONCLUSIONS OF AI.B. Agree. Mount Tuam appears to be a real hazard on a dark night.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil