

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT Oshawa, Ont # 20 E.F.T.S.		COM. 1	PLACE Low flying area.			DATE 17-2-44	TIME 1020	
A/C TYPE TIGER MOTH		No. 8974	CRASH CAT. "B"	S.E. X	M.E.	DAY X	NIGHT	
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL	
HIGGINS, F.		WO2	R128195	FI	Uninj.		No. DATE	
CRAWFORD, J.		SGT	R52508	PP	Uninj.		A.5 17-2	
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ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS				
Gipsy Major		IC 2281/85918 Nil		ON TYPE		TOTAL		
				INST.	NIGHT	SOLO	DUAL	
				65	98	423	50	
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TYPE OF A/C

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Seq. 13.19.21.22.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Flying downwind at 100' in low flying area, engine suddenly started missing and could only get 1400 R.P.M. by manipulation of throttle, therefore not enough power to maintain height. Without sufficient height to manoeuvre sideslipped at 80 M.P.H. downwind in endeavour to get into best field available from height specified. Due to snow covered ground misjudged height and sideslipped in.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~54. Engine failure in the air.~~

17 Forced Landing

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~52. Pilot error.~~

26 Engine Trouble - Accident

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Em/NoP/Per/15.1/10/14

No indication of any failure which would cause loss of R.P.M.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

ES/15/15/14

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

Findings of Investigation by No. 1 T.C.

From evidence of witnesses, it would appear that pilot could have been attempting a genuine forced landing. However Chief Engineer can find no indication of defect or failure in engine. On basis of limited evidence would categorize this accident as "obscure". Assuming a normal forced landing, and as pilot misjudged height due to snow covered surface, his log book is being endorsed "Error in judgement" and no disciplinary action is being taken.

ACTION TAKEN:

Log book endorsed "Error in judgement".