

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION					
UNIT 1 C.N.S. Rivers	COM. 2	PLACE 2½ miles W and 1½ miles N of Inelow	DATE 10-3-44	TIME 2310	
A/C TYPE ANSON I	No. 6205	CRASH CAT. "A"	H.Q. FILE 1100-62-05	S.E.	M.E. X
				DAY	NIGHT X
PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL
ROBBINS, R.M.	F/O	J26223	P	Killed.	No. DATE
FORSYTH, W.B. GB	LAC	1568291	OC	"	A.208 11-3
JONES, B.H.M. GB	LAC	1809628	OC	"	D 14 (REVISED)
WICKWARE, E.H.	CPL	R178050	WO	"	No. CHECKED
					1 ✓
					#8
ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER(S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS			
Cheetah IX	AS13370/112831 total AS30343/175862 "	INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE	TOTAL
		48	196	SOLO DUAL	SOLO DUAL
				534 24	646 187
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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Night navigation exercise.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C took off on scheduled navigation flight at 2045 hrs. At 2230 hrs a snow squall came up, and last message received from a/c was at 2304 hrs. At about 2330 hrs a farmer residing near Rivers heard an a/c pass close over his home, with engines sounding as if throttles were wide open. Next morning he found wreckage of a/c about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile SSW of his home. Bodies of four occupants found in wreckage.

CLASSIFICATION:

59. Obscure.

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

19. Bad weather.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2300

CAUSE: Obscure, but possibility that Captain of a/c came down in bad weather in attempt to pin-point himself and struck ground cannot be overlooked.

RECOMMENDATIONS: As cause is obscure definite recommendations cannot be made but it is felt that pilots cannot be warned too often that if bad weather cannot be avoided they should be well settled on instruments and should have taken all necessary precautions for bad weather flying before actually flying into it and that altitude should be kept until the a/c clears the bad weather or, if this cannot be done before fuel is exhausted, the a/c should be abandoned at a safe height.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree with findings.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil