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ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 9 B.G.S. Mont Jeli	COM. 3	PLACE 2 miles SW of M.A.	DATE 9-5-44	TIME 1715
A/C TYPE NOMAD		NO. 3513	CRASH CAT. "A"	H.O. FILE 1700-3513
		S.E. X	M.E.	DAY X
				NIGHT

COMMAND

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
ROBERTSON, C.A.R.	F/SGT	R169256	P	Killed.	NO.	DATE
Mercier, J.P.	LAC	R150047	DO	Uninj.	N89	9-5
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MONTH

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
Twing Wasp Junior 20029/2633	total	36	23	262	-	543	104

STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING
TAXIING
LANDING
TAKE-OFF
FLIGHT
STATIONARY
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INJURY 3rd

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Scheduled target towing.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

NIL

IMP/PP/11/11/AE

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C caught fire in the air. A/C had taken off at 1555 hours, and had completed two exercises. Then steamed a third drogue and was climbing towards the rendezvous of the A-B line. Engine started to smoke and Pilot told drogue operator that he would drop bell, as the engine was overheating, and return to aerodrome for another a/c. Pilot then dropped bell and started rolling in the cable, Fire then broke out in rear of engine. DO was told to bail out by pilot.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

SUMMARY No. 2354

CAUSE: A/C caught fire in the air. Cause of fire is obscure.

RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that engine fire extinguishers be fitted in all drogue a/c as soon as possible. The is Mod. E1/46/2 "Installation of Fire Fighting Equipment".

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree.

CLASSIFICATION:

A/C was demolished and pilot was killed after bailing out

but failing to pull the rip-cord of his parachute (due perhaps to being hit by tailplane of A/c as he jumped)

~~27. Fire in the air.~~

18. Misc Technical

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

28. Fire in air

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL