

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT # 11 S dn COM. EAC PLACE Torbay, Nfld. DATE 19-5-44 TIME 1238
 H.Q. FILE 533

A/C TYPE Hudson III NO. BW646 CRASH CAT. "A" S.E. X M.E. X DAY X NIGHT X

PERSONNEL RANK NUMBER DUTY INJURIES SIGNAL

Jones, D.J. F/L J5664 P Missing Killed. NO. A31 DATE 19-5
 Martin, I.G. WO2 R134391 NAV " " D 14 (REVISED)
 Cowan, J.J. WO2 R95716 WOAG " "

NO. 1 CHECKED # 1

ENGINE ENGINE NUMBER(S) HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS

Wright Cyclone 42-81453/73220 211209/39493
 INST. NIGHT ON TYPE TOTAL SOLO DUAL SOLO DUAL
 108 104 106 6 1725 157

TYPE OF A/C
 TYPE OF UNIT
 CATEGORY

COMMAND
 MONTH
 STAGE OF FLIGHT
 FORCED LANDING
 TAXIING
 LANDING
 TAKE-OFF
 FLIGHT
 STATRY
 FATAL
 INJ.
 INJURY 3RD
 INJURY 5TH

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

) Practice bombing-depth charges.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

) Struck water in flames, apparantly exploded, a/c burned, only small bits of wreckage remained afloat.

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) ~~27. Fire in the air.~~

18. Misc. Technical

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

) ~~60. missing.~~

28. Fire in air

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil *1 LOC/100C/XM/AA/*

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2382

CAUSE: One D.C. exploded on impact with water or ice causing a/c gasoline tanks to fracture. Exhaust flame ignited gasoline. Fire enveloped most of front portion of a/c causing pilot to loose control. a/c disintegrated on impact with water. Remaining D.C.'s Exploded.

RECOMMENDATIONS: As a safety measure icebergs are not to be used as targets for depth charge practice attacks.

REMARKS OF C.O. AND A.O.C.: Concur.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Cause actually obscure.

There is not sufficient evidence to support the Court findings but nevertheless it is probably what happened.

ACTION TAKEN: