

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial: 2896

Title: North American Harvard Mk.II serial:2896 Accident Card

Author: Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)

Subject: This accident involved 2 aircraft on 1944-March-23. They are: Harvard IIB s/n AJ927, Harvard IIB s/n 2896. This accident involved 2 people. Gillespie WR, Hinton RD This accident had 2 fatalities. Sergeant Richard Douglas Hinton RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:R/216180 Harvard 2896,Leading Aircraftman William Russell Gillespie RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:R/196278 Harvard AJ927

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ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 8 S.F.T.S. Weyburn		COM. 2	PLACE 5 miles W of Trossachs		DATE 23-3-44	TIME 0835		
A/C TYPE HARVARD IIB HARVARD IIB		NO. AJ927D 2896	CRASH CAT. "A" "A"	S.E. X	M.E.	DAY X	NIGHT	
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL	
GILLESPIE, W.R.		LAC	R196278	PP	Killed. 927		NO. DATE	
HINTON, R.D.		LAC	R216180	PP	Killed 2896		A.38 23-3	
							D 14 (REVISED)	
							NO. CHECKED	
							8 ✓	
							#50	
ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS				
Wasp S3HI		213808/11537 totally		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL
		213842/11571 "				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO DUAL
				40	20	68	82	106 116
				36	19	50	82	70 115

COMMAND
MONTH
STAGE OF FLIGHT

4
2
1
7
4
2
1
FORCED LANDING
TAXYING
LANDING
TAKE-OFF
FLIGHT
STATRY
FATAL
INJ.
INJURY 3RD
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ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 RAF M 2

TYPE OF A/C
TYPE OF UNIT
CATEGORY

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

#30 advanced formation cross country.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

NIL

MULT
ICR/PSE/F/N
ICR/AA

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C AJ927 collided in mid air with a/c
2896 causing both a/c to crash.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2316

CAUSE: Error of LAC Gillespie in (a) failing to wait for a repetition of signal to change from vic to echelon port before commencing to make the change; (b) failing to drop back behind formation while keeping other aircraft of formation in sight to his left before crossing over and flying into his proper position in echelon port; (c) attempting to reach his position in echelon port by passing down under apparently back below other a/c tact in echelon port.

For Recommendations see Summary No. 2316.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Agree. Improper procedure adopted by LAC Gillespie in changing station.

For Notes 1,2,3, See Summary no. 2316

CLASSIFICATION:

26. Collision in the air.

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL