

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT # 34 O.T.U. Pennfield Ridge	COM. E.A.C.	PLACE Keswick ridge approx 15 mi. W of Fredericton	DATE 19-3-44	TIME 1930	H.Q. FILE 1300-AE925-1				
	A/C TYPE VENTURA II	NO. A.E.925	CRASH CAT. "A"	S.E.	M.E. x	DAY x	NIGHT		
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL		
Hicks, E.S.		P/O	J39571	PP	Seriously Inj.		NO. A610	DATE 20-3	
Thompson, F.W.		P/O	J39305	NAV B	Killed		D 14 (REVISED)		
Somers, G.R.		Sgt	R203432	WAG	Killed		NO. 5	CHECKED	
Cormier, R.E.		Sgt	R258970	AG	Slightly Inj.		# 8		
ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS				STAGE OF FLIGHT	
P&W Double Wasp R2800 2SBC		BU95601/11416 Totally BU95631/11426 Totally		INST. 48	NIGHT 41	ON TYPE SOLO DUAL 62 13		TOTAL SOLO DUAL 162 146	

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COMMAND  
MONTH  
STAGE OF FLIGHT  
FORCED LANDING  
TAXYING  
LANDING  
TAKEOFF  
FLIGHT  
STATRY  
FATAL  
INJ.  
3RD  
INJURY  
5  
RAIF  
M 2

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Training Flight.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Crashed on authorized low level  
cross country exercise-cause unknown.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 179

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

The cause of this accident remains obscure but on evidence obtained it is possible that the Navigator, in the act of changing position, lost his balance and inadvertently switched off the engines or moved the mixture control levers.

C.I. Accidents

No definite cause was found for this crash but it is certain from the state of the propellers that neither of the engines was running under power at the time of the impact.

CLASSIFICATION:

54. Engine failure in the air.

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

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ACTION TAKEN:

Nil