

**ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION**

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|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------------|---------|------|------|-----|-------|
| TYPE OF A/C  | UNIT         | 32 O.T.U.<br>Patricia Bay | COM.   | Wg                    | PLACE    | Not known |            | DATE           | 17-3-44 | TIME |      |     |       |
|              | A/C TYPE     | DAKOTA III                |        | No.                   | 650      |           | CRASH CAT. | "A"            |         | S.E. | M.E. | DAY | NIGHT |
|              |              |                           |        |                       |          |           |            |                |         | x    | x    |     |       |
|              |              |                           |        |                       |          |           |            |                |         |      |      |     |       |
| TYPE OF UNIT | PERSONNEL    | RANK                      | NUMBER | DUTY                  | INJURIES |           | SIGNAL     |                |         |      |      |     |       |
|              | OLIVER, D.   | GB                        | SGT    | 1565344               | P        | Missing.  |            | NO.            | DATE    |      |      |     |       |
|              | MURPHY, J.B. |                           | P/O    | 55294                 | NAV      | "         |            | A.308          | 18-3    |      |      |     |       |
|              | HODGE, R.A.  | NZ                        | F/S    | 413756                | WAG      | "         |            | D 14 (REVISED) |         |      |      |     |       |
|              |              |                           |        |                       |          |           |            | NO.            | CHECKED |      |      |     |       |
|              |              |                           |        |                       |          |           |            | 2              |         |      |      |     |       |
|              |              |                           |        |                       |          |           |            | #2             |         |      |      |     |       |
|              |              |                           |        |                       |          |           |            |                |         |      |      |     |       |
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|              |              |                           |        |                       |          |           |            |                |         |      |      |     |       |
| CATEGORY     | ENGINE       | ENGINE NUMBER (S)         |        | HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS |          |           |            |                |         |      |      |     |       |
|              | Twing Wasp   | 43/144949                 |        | INST.                 | NIGHT    | ON TYPE   |            | TOTAL          |         |      |      |     |       |
|              | R1830-92     | 43/144951                 |        |                       |          | SOLO      | DUAL       | SOLO           | DUAL    |      |      |     |       |
|              |              |                           |        | 51                    | 41       | 13        | 7          | 148            | 179     |      |      |     |       |
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|              |              |                           |        |                       |          |           |            |                |         |      |      |     |       |

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COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING  
TAXYING  
LANDING  
TAKE-OFF  
FLIGHT  
STATRY  
FATAL  
INJ. 3rd  
INJ. 5th

RAF M 4

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Night navigation exercise.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

NIL

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C took off at 1940 hours. Last  
W/T contact made at 2158 hours.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2312

CAUSE:

Obscure. Search for missing a/c has been completed and since no trace of it or its three occupants has been found the crew must be considered missing, believed dead.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree with findings. Note.1.: Pilot was not a qualified first pilot on type within provisions of Sect.8 of C.A.P. 100.

Note 2: The flight was the first one of its kind for the pilot.

CLASSIFICATION:

60. Missing.

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil.