

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT # 31 O.T.U. Debert N.S.		COM. EAC	PLACE Minas Basin N.S.		DATE 15-4-44	TIME 1800			
A/C TYPE Hudson, V		NO. AM 902	CRASH CAT. "A"		S.E.	M.E. x	DAY x	NIGHT	
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL		
Gibson, J.W.		P/O	J36962	P	Missing		No.	DATE	
MacDonald, I.A.		P/O	J37607	2ndP	"		A56	15-4	
Warwick, M.A.		P/O	J38207	Nav. B	"		D 14 (REVISED)		
Reynolds, D.G.		P/O	J38692	Nav B	"		No.	CHECKED	
Stewart, G.A.		Sgt	R191672	WAG	"		3		
Cloutier, A.E.		Sgt	R184360	WAG	"		# 2		
ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
Twin Wasp		A203076/6984		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
R1830- S3C4G		A203801/8331				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
				45	39	51	20	167	154

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TYPE OF UNIT

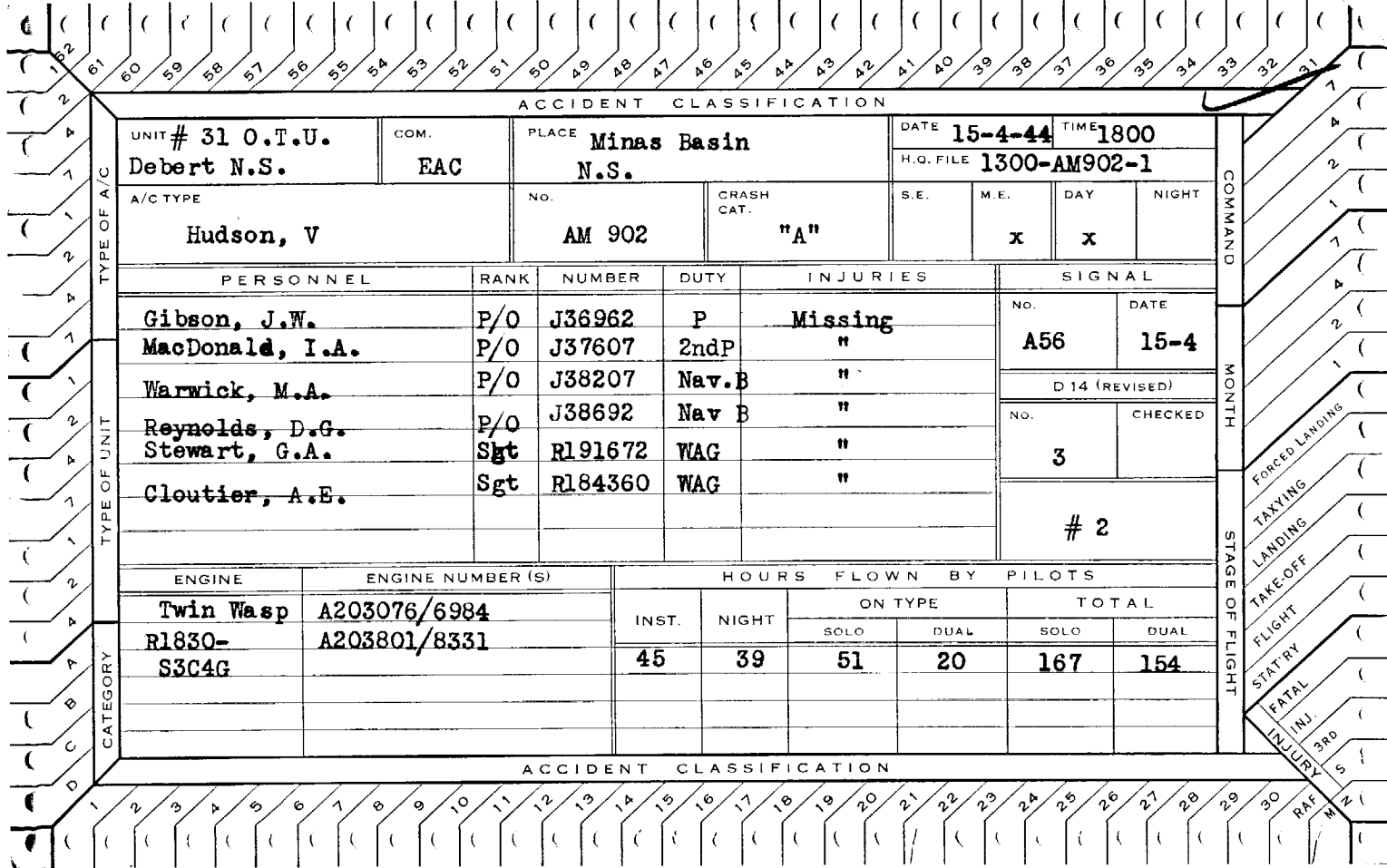
CATEGORY

COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

- FORCED LANDING
- TAXIING
- LANDING
- TAKEOFF
- FLIGHT
- STATRY
- FATAL
- INJ.
- 3RD
- INJURY
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- M
- N



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Depth charge dropping.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C dropped depth charge and was seen to plunge into the sea.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~22. Stalling.~~

19 Out of Control

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

41 Disobedience of orders

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT: *JMK*

Nil

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2333

Cause: Obscure; While no cause could be proven there was a little evidence leading to the probability of pilot's error in not handling his a/c properly while flying downwind at an altitude of from 50 to 200' in high winds and gusts estimated up to 50 mph.

Recommendations: That an order be added to the Pilot's Order Book of # 3 Sqn at this unit, that following dropping of a depth charge on exercises turns are not to be made below 500' on the altimeter.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Altho the a/c which was plunged into Minas Basin was not identified it can be assumed that it was Hudson AM902 from these three facts. this a/c's dinghy was picked up immediately after the crash, the crew had been ordered to carry out aforesaid exercise in this locality, and this a/c is missing. Disobedience of briefing instructions on part of pilot.

ACTION TAKEN: