

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 36 S.F.T.S Penhold	COM.	PLACE 4 2 miles S of M.A.		DATE 4-5-44	TIME 2359			
		A/C TYPE OXFORD II		H.Q. FILE 1300-X6734				
A/C TYPE OXFORD II		NO. X6734	CRASH CAT. "A"	S.E.	M.E. X	DAY	NIGHT X	
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL	
MERRY, B.		F/O	135135	FI	Killed.		No. DATE	
CONWAY, G.		NZ LAC	435950	PP	Killed.		T102 11-5	
							D 14 (REVISED)	
							No. CHECKED	
							3	
							#3	
ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
Cheetah X	AS42528/A225701 total		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
	AS19189/A134683 "				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
			96	171	1085	90	1168	171
			13	4	23	28	47	66

COMMAND
MONTH
STAGE OF FLIGHT

Forced Landing
TAXYING
LANDING
TAKE-OFF
FLIGHT
STATRY
FATAL
INJ.
3RD
INJURY

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Dual night cross country flight.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT: *ILCG/PCN/ARNU/WVG/ON*

ILCG/PCN/ARNU/WVG/ON
NIL

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

This a/c flew into trees, struck the ground and burnt out. An investigation is being carried out.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2355

CAUSE: A/C flew into ground. Contributory factors. Unusual bad weather (dense smoke). Becoming lost and low flying in efforts to locate aerodrome.

RECOMMENDATIONS : Pilots must use their radio on night flying cross country.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. Agree.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~19 Bad weather.~~

22 Collision - Obstruction

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~17. Disobedience of standing orders.~~ ACTION TAKEN:

30 Fier - on ground