

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT <b>18 S.F.T.S.</b> <b>Gimli</b>	COM. <b>2</b>	PLACE <b>4 miles N of Woodlands</b>	DATE <b>1-6-44</b>	TIME <b>0200</b>				
	A/C TYPE <b>ANSON II</b>		NO. <b>11502</b>	CRASH CAT. <b>"A"</b>	S.E.	M.E. <b>X</b>	DAY	NIGHT <b>X</b>
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL	
<b>COTTIER, J.W. GB</b>		<b>LAC</b>	<b>1685613</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>Killed</b>		NO. <b>A40</b>	DATE <b>2-6-</b>
							D 14 (REVISED)	
							NO. <b>1</b>	CHECKED <b>X</b>
							#1	
ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
<b>Jacobs LOMB</b>	<b>26351/14837 total</b>		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
	<b>11795/25107</b>				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
			<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>98</b>

COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

- FORCED LANDING ( )
- TAXIING ( )
- LANDING ( )
- TAKE-OFF ( )
- FLIGHT ( )
- STAIRY ( )
- FATAL ( )
- 1st INJ. ( )
- 2nd INJ. ( )
- 3rd INJ. ( )
- 4th INJ. ( )
- 5th INJ. ( )

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Solo night cross country.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT: ILCC/PST/WVG

NIL ILCC/PST/WVG

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Flew into ground at very high speed during heavy thundershower while on solo night cross country.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2387

CAUSE: Obscure, but it appears probable that the pilot who crashed some miles to S of his course became involved in bad weather; when trying to fly around it, then attempting to establish contact flying conditions, descended and flew into ground. It is considered that a contributing factor was that pilot took off 1 hr. 25 mins. later than his flight had been briefed to take place, i.e. he took off 35" before his flight normally should have ended, the flight being a two hour flight. Evidence of tenth and eleventh witnesses indicate that except for first leg of the cross country the weather was good during the time that pilot should have been flying the course.

RECOMMENDATIONS: See report #2387

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. Agree with findings.

ACTION TAKEN: See summary #2387 for Note.

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23. Not known.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS: