

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 34 S.F.T.S. Medicine Hat	COM. 4	PLACE 5 Miles S & 1 Mile W of Seven Persons	DATE 1-7-44	TIME 0800
A/C TYPE HARVARD II	No. AJ737	CRASH CAT. "A"	S.E. X	M.E. 
			DAY X	NIGHT 

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
BIRD, A.N.	SGT	552969	FI	Killed	No.	DATE
MACKAY, W.B.	F/S	R57997	PP	Killed	A151	1-7
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ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO
Wasp S3ME	4041/7823 total	51	-	163	328	196	363
		22	-	47	32	89	64

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COMMAND MONTH STAGE OF FLIGHT

- FORCED LANDING
- TAXIING
- LANDING
- TAKE-OFF
- FLIGHT
- STABILITY
- FATAL
- INJ.
- INJURY
- 3RD
- RAF
- M
- K

Grid of circles for classification marking, numbered 1-31 on the top and 1-30 on the bottom.

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Dual instruction in instrument flying.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

NIL

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Two farmers herding cattle 17 miles S.W. of main aerodrome heard and saw an a/c diving towards the ground with engine on. Both estimated the a/c to be 300' up when they first saw it. Dive continued until a/c struck ground and was totally destroyed.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2404

CAUSE : Loss of control, cause of which is obscure  
See Summary 2404

RECOMMENDATIONS: Nil

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Obscure. Evidence does not disclose reason for loss of control, but the possible causes as listed in the findings are thought applicable to this case. This is another fatal accident occurring during I.F. practice in which, due to both instructor and pupil being killed it is impossible to know what took place in a/c causing loss of control and subsequent failure to recover. It is considered however that great stress be continued to be laid on the absolute necessity of the instructor (or safety pilot in cases of two instructors together) taking over control immediately, an unusual position developments which might lead to blackout, or other conditions.

ACTION TAKEN: causing loss of control, if not checked early.

NIL

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23. Not known.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS: