

CASPIR Aircraft Accident Cards

Serial: AJ737

Title: North American Harvard Mk. II serial:AJ737 Accident Card

Author: Royal Air Force (RAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1944-July-01. Harvard II s/n AJ737. This accident involved 2 people. Bird AN, Mackay WB This accident had 2 fatalities. Flight Sergeant William Bruce Mackay RCAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:R/57997 Harvard AJ737, Sergeant Alexander Norman Bird RAF Killed in Flying Accident service no:552969 Harvard AJ737

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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 NIGHT X			
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL			
BIRD, A.N.		SGT	552969	FI	Killed	No. A151 DATE 1-7			
MACKAY, W.B.		F/S	R57997	PP	Killed	D 14 (REVISED)			
						No. 1 CHECKED			
						#2			
ENGINE Wasp S3ME		ENGINE NUMBER (S) 4041/7823 total		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
				INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				51	-	DUAL 163	SOLO 328	DUAL 196	SOLO 363
				22	-	47	32	89	64

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

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COMMAND MONTH STAGE OF FLIGHT

TYPE OF A/C TYPE OF UNIT CATEGORY

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

TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF UNIT

CATEGORY

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COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

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61 60 59 58 57 56 55 54 53 52 51 50 49 48 47 46 45 44 43 42 41 40 39 38 37 36 35 34 33 32 31

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

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

CLASSIFICATION:

23. Not known.

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