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ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 4 U.S.S. Fingal, Ont.	COM. 1	PLACE 2 Miles N.E. of Southwell Station	DATE 1-8-44	TIME 1455
A/C TYPE ANSON I		NO. 6711	CRASH CAT. "A"	H.O. FILE 1700-67-11
			S.E.	M.E. X
			DAY	NIGHT X

COMMAND

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
Joyce, K.M.	P/O	J42808	P	Killed	NO.	DATE
Rees, I.H.	P/O	J44121	AB	Killed	F132	1-8
McLay, D.F.	LAC	R149817	AB	Killed	D 14 (REVISED)	
Turner, S.C.	AUS LAC	429023	AB	Killed.	NO.	CHECKED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS						
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL		
				DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	
Cheetah	F.A229452/AS33496 S.A143927/AS34276	Totally	48	16	86	169	168	239

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Routine High level Bombing Ex.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

ILCO/POL/PSF/LN/CN

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C was engaged in bombing exercise at 6000' over tempo Target. After dropping nine bombs of twelve carried, a/c left target area at 14:42 hrs. Farmer reported a/c crashed in flames at 14:49. a/c appears to have struck tops of trees prior to diving into ground and burning among trees. All four members of crew killed. Accident being investigated by Command Investigating Officer.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2426

CAUSE: Unauthorized low flying.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Nil.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: The evidence, though not as conclusive as it might be, points to deliberate unauthorized low flying.

The reason for a/c leaving the target after dropping nine of its twelve bombs is unknown. The a/c was equipped with R/T facilities but no communication was received by the tower or by anyone of any engine or other failure in a/c 6711 before it crashed. At time of crash, a/c was proceeding in a direction away from base and apparently had passed several fields suitable for forced landing if such had been necessary.

CLASSIFICATION:

19. Out of control.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil.