

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT	129 Sqdn	COM.	E	PLACE	32 Miles N of Gander		DATE	9-8-44	TIME	1945		
A/C TYPE	HURRICANE XII			No.	5-65		CRASH CAT.	"A"		H.Q. FILE	1100-56-35	
PERSONNEL	RANK		NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL					
WEBSTER, G.R.	F/O		J29541	P	Uninj.		No.	M640		DATE	9-8	
							D 14 (REVISED)					
							No.	2		CHECKED	✓	
							"16					
ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)			HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS								
Packard Merlin	19244/A535			INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL				
						DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO			
				60	27	-	272	119	600			

COMMAND
MONTH
STAGE OF FLIGHT

4
2
1
7
4
2
1
1
FORCED LANDING
TAXIING
LANDING
TAKE-OFF
FLIGHT
STATRY
FATAL
INJ.
3RD
5
3

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Tail chase and combat.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

FB/ROP/ES/VA/D/1/10K/B
Investigation

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

While flying at 4000ft with normal R.P.M. and boost engine started to miss and white smoke poured out of exhausts. Became increasingly worse until height and air speed could not be maintained. Switches were cut and wheels-up landing made in clearing.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 211

~~CLASSIFICATION~~ After being airborne for approx. 45 minutes the engine suddenly began running rough. The engine started to give trouble at 4000' and at 1500' the engine became useless. He proceeded to make a forced landing using the engine as long as it was running. A/C landed in some small trees on edge of a clearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

This accident was due to engine failure, in the air. The engine failure was due to the breakdown of the camshaft at bearing bracket no. 6 on "B" cylinder bank.

G.I. ACCIDENTS

I agree.

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL

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17. Forced landing.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

26. Engine trouble - accident.