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Serial: HS398

Title: Fairey Swordfish Mk. II serial:HS398 Accident Card

Author: Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF)

Subject: This accident involved 1 aircraft on 1944-August-07. Fairey Swordfish IV s/n HS398. This accident involved 2 people. Irwin , Kitchen DC

Keywords: RCAFFairey Swordfish IV,HS398,1 NAGS,1 Naval Air Gunnery School,St John New Brunswick,1944-August-07,Irwin,KitchenRCAF L20

Created: 1944-08-07

Link: https://caspir.warplane.com/aircraft/serial-search/aircraft-no/200001574#HS398

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT	COM.	PLACE	DATE	TIME
# 1 N.A.G.S. Yarmouth, N.S.	EAC	St.John, N.B.	7-8-44	1550

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A/C TYPE	NO.	CRASH CAT.	S.E.	M.E.	DAY	NIGHT
SWORDFISH IV	HS 398	"D"	x		x	

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES
Kitchen, D.C.	F/O	J29124	P	Nil
Irwin,	Cpl	614124	Pass	Nil

SIGNAL

NO.	DATE
A 1	7-8

D 14 (REVISED)

NO.	CHECKED
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ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)
Pegasus XXX	338957/P36647 Slightly

HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS

INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE DUAL	ON TYPE SOLO	TOTAL DUAL	TOTAL SOLO
-	-	-	345	124	471

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF UNIT

CATEGORY

COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING

TAXYING

LANDING

TAKE-OFF

FLIGHT

STAT'RY

INJURY: FATAL, INJ., 3RD, S, RAF, M, Z

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Delivery of spares for servicing Anson [illegible].

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Pilot made a glide approach to the runway at 70 knots, and a normal landing, but rather "wheely". After running some distance pilot tried brakes, but they did not hold. He kept trying his brakes without effect and a/c ran off end of runway. Hit a ditch and nosed up, falling back again. Brake air pressure was 95 lbs before approach and over 90 after the accident, so it appears that little pressure was reaching the brakes.

CLASSIFICATION:

1. Overshot.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

36. Brake failure.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Probably failure of the brake operating valve.

LO/PSO/UBF

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS: SUMMARY No.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil.

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