

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION											
UNIT 12 S.F.T.S. Brandon		COM. 2		PLACE 1 mile S of Franklin		DATE 26-9-44		TIME 1500		COMMAND	
A/C TYPE CRANE IA		NO. AJ230		CRASH CAT. "A"		H.Q. FILE 1300-FJ230-1		S.E. M.E. DAY NIGHT			
						x x					
PERSONNEL		RANK		NUMBER		DUTY		INJURIES		SIGNAL	
STOREY, M.E.		F/O		J25265		FI		Killed		No. DATE	
MONCK, R.M.		F/O		J29253		PP		Killed		A111 26-9	
										D 14 (REVISED)	
										No. CHECKED	
										2 ✓	
										#7	
ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS							
Jacobs I4MB		P36453/13734 total		INST.		NIGHT		ON TYPE		TOTAL	
		S36444/13725 total						DUAL SOLO		DUAL SOLO	
				77		80		104 1073		160 1124	
				14		40		21 15		66 53	
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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Instructional instrument flight.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Only facts known at this time indicates possibility of structural failure.

CLASSIFICATION:

19. Out of control.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

39. Structural failure.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

IBA/AMS

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 215.

CAUSE: Structural failure.

CIRCUMSTANCES: Eye witness stated he saw a/c flying straight and level at height of 2000', looked away when he heard a terrific roar, saw large shreds of what appeared to be paper floating from plane which plunged to ground.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Accident due to failure of mainplane front and rear spars. Front spars fractured on port and starboard sides 5' outboard of engines. Cause of failure is obscure. OBSERVATIONS: None of the other witnesses were actually watching a/c when parties observed floating in the air were breaking away from it, but they all state that a/c came down at an angle of 45° till it struck the ground. As a/c struck the ground travelling in direction stated, but in inverted position it is Inspector's opinion that a/c was over

ACTION TAKEN:

on it's back prior to its starting down in a dive following breaking of the wings.

C.I. ACCIDENTS: I agree.