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ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT <b>5 O.T.U. Abbotsford, B.C.</b>	COM. <b>W.</b>	PLACE <b>48° 45' N: 123° 32' W:</b>	DATE <b>4-10-44</b>	TIME <b>03:10</b>
A/C TYPE <b>Liberator</b>	NO. <b>EW 127</b>	CRASH CAT <b>"A"</b>	H.Q. FILE <b>1300-EW127-1</b>	
			S.E.	M.E. <b>X</b>
			DAY	NIGHT <b>X</b>

COMMAND

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL
Jordan, L.F.	P/O	GB135143	P	Missing	NO. DATE <b>M45 4-10</b>
Barker, B.G.	Sgt.	GB1616871	2P	Missing	
Mitchell, E.C.	P/O	GB165516	Nav.	Missing	D 14 (REVISED) NO. CHECKED <b>✓</b>
Metcalf, P.D.	P/O	GB165549	A.B.	Missing	
Davidson, C.P.	Sgt.	GB1397740	WAG	Missing	2
Willets, L.P.	Sgt.	GB1162112	WAG	Missing	
Rockcliffe, A.	P/O	GB165626	A.G.	Missing	
Birrell, A.J.	Sgt.	GB1825645	A.G.	Missing	
Laws, F.	Sgt.	GB1593644	A.G.	Missing	
Langley, L.M.	Sgt.	GB637875	A.G.	Missing	

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
P. & W. Wasp	Pt. I	431343	INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
					DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO
	Pt. II	431191			1205:50		73:45	325:35
	Stbd.	451061						
	Stbd.	430459					56:35	

FORCED LANDING  
TAXING  
LANDING  
TAKE-OFF  
FLIGHT  
START/RY  
FATAL  
INJ.  
3rd  
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ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

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 RAF M 7

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Routine X-Country

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Not known at present.

CLASSIFICATION:

20. Flew into Ground.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

29. Fire - In Crash

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil.

IM/PNK/EF/NK/AE/AA

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2472

CAUSE: Obscure, but there are three possibilities:  
1. a/c exploded in air and caught fire and crashed  
2. A/C caught fire in air and P. dived his machine in attempt to blow out flames. 3. That P. was doing unauthorized L. Flying and struck some high object tearing fabric from control surface and subsequently caught fire in air. I.O. leans towards view that a/c exploded in air and caught fire and P. came down to L. altitude. It would appear that he was making an attempt to land or ditch a/c, either lost control or could not see for flames.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Nil

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Liberator on routine night navigation exer. with crew of 11, caught fire in air, crashed and exploded about 30 min. after

ACTION TAKEN: take off. Cause of fire obscure.

Nil

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