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ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT No. 8 O.T.U. Greenwood, N. S.	COM. E	PLACE 4 miles north of Kentville, N.S.	DATE 4-11-44	TIME 1815
A/C TYPE MOSQUITO XX		NO. KB 173	CRASH CAT. "A"	H.Q. FILE E300-KB173-1
		S.E.	M.E. X	DAY X
				NIGHT

COMMAND

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
WISE, D.M.	F/O	J24151	P.P.	Killed	NO.	DATE
GRABEWSKI, J.,	P/O	J47956	1 Nav.	Killed	D 14 (REVISED)	
					NO.	CHECKED

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO
Packard	P A326881/A8132	Totally					
Merlin	S A326882/A8138						
		109	61	7	16	275	1163

Forced Landing
Landing
Taxying
Take-off
Flight
Stairway
Fatal
Inj.
Injury 3rd

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Operational Training Ex.,

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

IBA/PSF/BN/AMS ✓

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Pilot was detailed to carry out height test (25,000') Was in R/T contact with Unit's Operation Room, called frequently on way up. Last check at 25,000'. Nothing heard later - A/C was seen to disintegrate in Air by eyewitnesses. Pieces scattered over large area.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2488

CAUSE: The initial failure took place in the Stbd wing, it being placed under stress which it was not designed to take by reason of either high speeds, unusual manoeuvres or excessive diving speed, the latter being most probable in view of the short time it took for this a/c to come down from 25,000'. (2) That said a/c was either forced into a high speed dive by pilot or dive was involuntary and beyond capacity of pilot to control. In this connection failure of oxygen supply cannot be overlooked.

RECOMMENDATIONS: See Summary 2488.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Structural failure in air induced by overstressing resulting from excessive speed in high dive. Possibility of anoxia cannot

CLASSIFICATION:

19. Out of Control

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

39. Structural Failure.

ACTION TAKEN: be dismissed.

Nil