

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 1 A.O.S.,	COM 1	PLACE Est 25 Concession 4 Scott Twp. Zephyr, Ont.	DATE 12-1-45	TIME 00.30
A/C TYPE ANSON V		NO. 11981	H.Q. FILE 1100-119-81	
		CRASH CAT. "A"	S.E.	M.E.
			DAY	NIGHT
				X

COMMAND

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
					NO.	DATE
LUBITZ, E.,	Sgt.	R168239	P.	Uninj.	M 129	12-1
De VERTEUIL,	LAC	R293679	Nav.	Uninj.		
RUSSELL,	Sgt.	R83826	WAG	Uninj.		
					D 14 (REVISED)	
					NO. 2	CHECKED
						1

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO
P. A W.	29660/211540 Totally						
Wasp Jr.	29737/211637 Totally	64	419	148	1202	181	1230

TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF UNIT

CATEGORY

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FORCED LANDING
TAXIING
LANDING
TAKE-OFF
FLIGHT
STAIRY
FATAL
INJURY
IMU.
388
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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Night Nav. Flight

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Pilot was caught in very bad weather which was not forecast. Became lost in heavy snow and unable to effect range orientation. As gas became low flew on a northerly heading and abandoned a/c. Practically no moon and visibility extremely low.

CLASSIFICATION:

19. Out of Control

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

25. Petrol Shortage.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

IMP/PCN/XCI/WYL

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2532 (cont)

REMARKS OF UNIT C.O. Concur.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Concur. These accidents appear to have been caused by unpredicted weather and inexperience on part of some of the pilots. Note: No blame can be attached to forecast of Met. personnel. Court is of opinion that routes selected on basis of weather information available was sound. Evidence shows no forecast can lay down definite limits of precipitation. Also shows that no heavy snow was experienced until most northerly part of the exercise was reached. This was the area of precipitation predicted. However, on latter part of return leg all pilots experienced heavy snow showers over an area greater than had been predicted. Court also does not hold pilots at fault for final

ACTION TAKEN: action in abandoning their a/c.

Nil