

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 145 (BR) Sqdn.

COM.

E.

PLACE

DATE 3-2-45

TIME 1335A

H.Q. FILE 1700-2266

A/C TYPE

VENTURA GRV

No.

2266

CRASH CAT.

"A"

S.E.

M.E.

DAY

NIGHT

X

X

COMMAND

PERSONNEL

RANK

NUMBER

DUTY

INJURIES

SIGNAL

SMITH, J.M.,

F/O

C1006

P.

Missing

No.

A725

DATE

3-2

O'CONNELL, R.E.,

F/O

J43904

Nav.

Missing

D 14 (REVISED)

McCOLMAN, J. M.,

Sgt.

R150762

WOAG

Missing

No.

CHECKED

NORTHGRAVE, J.M.,

Sgt.

R123120

WOAG

Missing

1

MONTH

FORCED LANDING

TAXIING

LANDING

TAKE OFF

FLIGHT

STRATRY

FATAL

INJ.

3RD

INJURY

5

RAF

M

ENGINE

ENGINE NUMBER (S)

HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS

P. & W.

E5752/115014

Wasp

P5751/114905

R2800-31

INST.

NIGHT

ON TYPE

TOTAL

DUAL

SOLO

DUAL

SOLO

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Convoy escort.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Obscure

INK

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Observed to crash into the sea by escort vessels. Otherwise unknown.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

Cause of causes:- "unkown."

SUMMARY No. 2528

RECOMMENDATIONS:-

On the possibility that some crew member may have inadvertently operated the gyro-pilot elevator control (see page 12 question 5 (b)) while handing a message to the pilot from the passageway to the nose compartment, it is recommended that a flat shield be devised to project out from the top of the gyro-pilot control box at least one inch, to afford protection to the three control knobs.

Conclusions of Accidents Investigation Branch
Agree with findings.

CLASSIFICATION:

23. Not Known

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil