

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

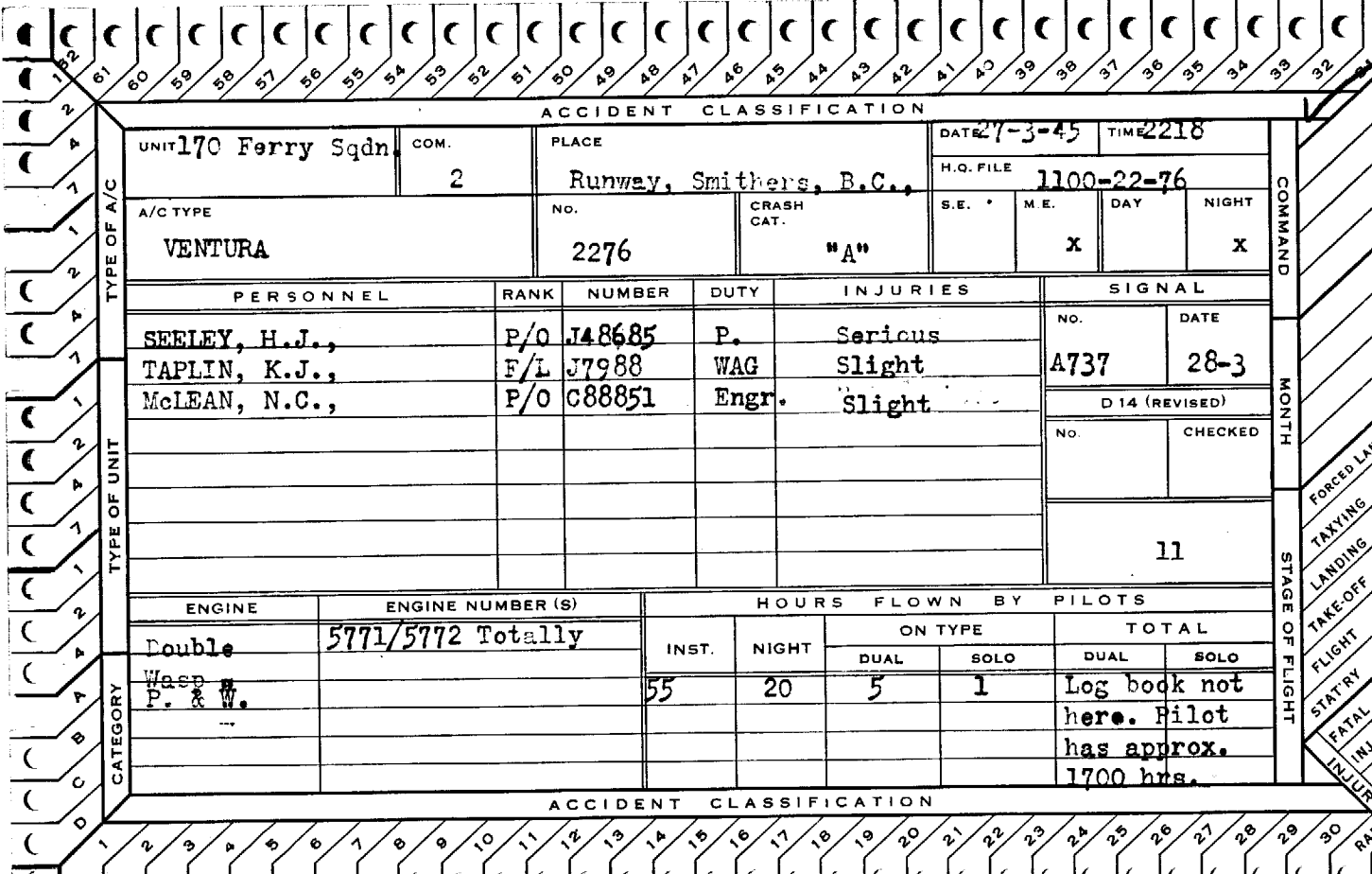
UNIT 170 Ferry Sqdn		COM. 2	PLACE Runway, Smithers, B.C.		DATE 27-3-45	TIME 2218			
A/C TYPE VENTURA		NO. 2276	CRASH CAT. "A"	H.Q. FILE 1100-22-76		S.E.	M.E.	DAY	NIGHT X
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL		
SEELEY, H.J.,		P/O	J48685	P.	Serious		NO. A737	DATE 28-3	
TAPLIN, K.J.,		F/L	J7988	WAG	Slight		D 14 (REVISED)		
McLEAN, N.C.,		P/O	C88851	Engr.	Slight		NO.	CHECKED	
							11		
ENGINE Double		ENGINE NUMBER (S) 5771/5772 Totally		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
Wasp				INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
						DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO
				55	20	5	1	Log book not here. Pilot has approx. 1700 hrs.	

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TYPE OF A/C  
TYPE OF UNIT  
CATEGORY

COMMAND  
MONTH  
STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDING  
TAXING  
LANDING  
TAKE-OFF  
FLIGHT  
STRATRY  
FATAL  
INI.  
INJURY 3RD  
INJURY 5



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Ferrying a/c from Smithers to Lethbridge.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C took off at 2218 hrs. and on take off swung violently to right on two occasions and then swung violently to left, striking the ground. The A/C caught fire and the occupants managed to get out, suffering injuries.

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12. Swung.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

OS/PSS  
CN

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2552

CAUSE: Error in judgment on part of pilot in taking off when his a/c was not under control instead of bringing his a/c to a stop. Lack of experience on the type was largely responsible for, or at least contributed to the error in judgment.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That only pilots who are fully qualified Captain's of type of a/c involved as laid down in CAP 100 be permitted to ferry a/c particularly a high performance operational a/c with high wing loading such as the Ventura.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Poor Airmanship. Cause of accident is considered to be due to "poor airmanship" on part of Cap. of A, C rather than "error in judgment". His take off procedure was definitely bad.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil