

RCAF Station, 10 miles S.W. of Snow Road,
 UNIT: Trenton, Ont. PLACE: Sharbot Lake, Ont. DATE: 14-10-39 TIME: 1100

A/C TYPE: Fairey Battle NUMBER: 1304 CRASH: CATEGORY: "A" H.Q. FILE NO: 1020-4-368

O C C U P A N T S

FLYING TIME

NAME	RANK	NO.	CLASS	EXTENT OF INJURIES	INST	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
							DUAL	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO
Oldstead, G.J.	P/O(P)		P	Fatal			:35	4:05	87:05	1:20
Corbett, H.K.	P/O(P)		Pass.	Fatal			:55	7:25	54:25	69:20
		2299					ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION			
							SERIOUS			
							FATAL		INJURY	
							2			

THIRD PARTIES: None PARACHUTE DESCENT: None

AIRFRAME	DATE PURCHD	HOURS SINCE	LAST CPT E O'HAUL		EXTENT OF DAMAGE	REPORTS		
			DATE	HRS. SINCE		FORM	SERIAL NO.	DATE
Fairey "Battle" MK.1		48:20	N.A.		Total	E.135		17-10-30
ENGINE						L.3	57	17-10-39
Merlin MK.III		56:10	N.A.		Total	D.6		16-10-39
						E.137		17-10-39

REFERENCE TO REPORTS

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS: 16-10-39
 SIGNAL NO: 109 & 46 DATE: 17-10-39
 UNIT OR COMMAND: DATE: 16-10-39
 RCAF Station, Trenton. 17-10-39

UNIT OR COMMAND FILE NO DATE

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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

IM/ROC/REF/N/I

Navigational exercise.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT & STAGE OF FLIGHT:

In flight. Aircraft hit ground in an over-the-vertical dive at high speed.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Human element. The pilot was "below average" in instrument flying

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Weather conditions: bad visibility combined with favourable icing conditions.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Court of Inquiry

DATE: 16-10-39

COMPOSITION: Pres: S/L H.L. Campbell

Members:

F/L M.M. Hendrick,

F/O H.R. McBurney

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Use of camouflaged aircraft in training schools be discontinued and that all aircraft flying away from training school aerodromes be equipped with a small emergency kit containing first aid, matches, signalling devices.

ACTION TAKEN:

(a) Disciplinary (b) Technical (c) other

N.A.

D.6 Approved by C.A.S. 30-10-39.

Recorded by _____ Date _____

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