

TECH.		DISOB.		REG'NCE		INEX'NCE		MISCEL.		INSTRUCT.		FLT. CONTR.		OTHERS		PRIMARY		FL. CONTR.		NOV. SURFS.		STAB. SURFS.		W. STRUTS		LAND. GEAR		FLOATS		FUSE. OR HULL		TAIL SKID OR W.		ENGINE MOUNT.		MISCEL.		UND'TD		PRIMARY		FUEL SYS.		COOL. SYS.		IGNIT. SYS.		LUB'N SYS.		ENG. STR.		AIRSCREW A.		ENG. CONTRS.		MISCEL.		UND'TD		PRIMARY	
PILOT										OTHERS										AIRFRAME FAILURE										ENGINE FAILURE																															
CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS																				TYPE OF A/C		TYPE OF ENGINE		CATEGORY		TYPE OF A/F & ENGINE		EXTENT OF DAMAGE		REPORT FORM		SERIAL No.		DATE		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS						STAGE OF FLIGHT																			
UNIT C.F.S. Trenton										COM. 1										PLACE Aerodrome, Trenton, Ont.										DATE 24-5-40		TIME 2145		H.O. FILE 1023-4-378		A/C TYPE Harvard		No. 1347		CRASH CAT. A		SE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		ME		DAY		NIGHT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES											
NAME										RANK		No.		DUTY		INJURIES						SERIOUS		MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES																																					
McBurney, H.R. Cheesman, S.A.										F/L Sgt.		C769 R51614		P PP		Killed Slight						FATAL 1		INJURY		HAND O. INSTS. WEATHER DRINKS ALG SURF. OTHER UND'TD PRIMARY TAXIING LANDING TAKE-OFF FLIGHT STATRY FATAL INJ. SRO S 4																																			
CARD SERIAL No.										UND'TD		PRIMARY		TAXIING		LANDING		TAKE-OFF		FLIGHT		STATRY		FATAL		INJ.		SRO		S 4																															
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NATURE OF ACCIDENT																																																													

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Night flying instruction

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Starboard wing of the aircraft collided with the Wind Indicator Tower, causing aircraft to dive into ground.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Pilot flew in at an unnecessarily low altitude.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Wind Indicator Tower was unlighted.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER *ILCO/PCL/XOM*
OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Court of Enquiry

DATE: 25-5-40 to 28-5-40

COMPOSITION:

W/C W.I. Riddell, president
S/L I.A. Critchley, member
F/O C.J. Collins, member

RECOMMENDATIONS: Officer i/c Night Flying should not be below the rank of F/L.

More specific orders should be issued to ensure that all structures e.g. the wind indicator should be regarded as aerodrome obstructions and should be therefore lighted at night.

ACTION TAKEN:

(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER

Approved - A.M.O.T.20-9-40 with comments H.Q. letter of same date, attaching part blame to O.C. Trenton, and F/O W.H.E. Drury for failing to light tower.

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