

CATEGORY		TYPE OF ENGINE		TYPE OF A/C		CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS		STAGE OF FLIGHT		CAUSES	
PILOT		OTHERS		AIRFRAME FAILURE				ENGINE FAILURE			
UNIT		COM.		PLACE		DATE		TIME			
School, Trenton.		1		Central Flying School.		16-5-41		09:50			
A/C TYPE		No.		CRASH CAT.		SE		ME		DAY NIGHT	
Fawn II		259		N11		X				X	
NAME				RANK		No.		DUTY		INJURIES	
Watley, L.P.				LAC		R61879		O.C.		Seriously injured	
										SERIOUS	
										FATAL INJURY	
										CARD SERIAL No.	
TYPE A/F & ENGINE		No.		EXTENT OF DAMAGE		REPORT FORM		SERIAL No.		DATE	
Fawn II		259		N11							
Kinner		Civet 22022/575		N11							
SIGNAL No. & DATE		UNIT No. & DATE		COM. No. & DATE		REPORT		FILE		DATE	
								1100-2-59		23-5-41	
NATURE OF ACCIDENT											

N/A

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Removing sparking plugs from engine.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Commanding Officer's Report

MA/XFM

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Prior to removing plugs, airman had removed cap from left magneto, leaving ignition system on "Contact". He then commenced to turn airscrew before all high tension leads were properly disconnected. At this instant the engine fired and airscrew struck him on arm, inflicting a compound fracture and dislocation of the right elbow.

DATE:

COMPOSITION:

Group Captain T.A. Lawrence.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Carelessness on part of LAC Watley, in that he moved airscrew in order to remove sparking plugs before ensuring that all high tension leads were disconnected.

ACTION TAKEN:

(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER  
All Aero Engine Mechanics are aware of the danger of handling airscrews under these circumstances, and as LAC Watley is an experienced "A" Group fitter, disciplinary action will be taken against him when he has recovered from his injuries.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The breaker cover had been removed from the magneto, thereby causing the engine to be on "Contact", and to fire when airscrew was rotated.

RECORDED BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_