

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT 2 E.F.T.S. Fort William		COM. 2	PLACE M.A.		DATE 15-10-43	TIME 1440
A/C TYPE Tiger Moth		No.	CRASH CAT.	S.E.	M.E.	DAY NIGHT
		3861	N11	X		X
H.Q. FILE 1100-38-61		COMMAND				

PERSONNEL	RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL	
Pearson, V.H.	GB IAC	1804661	PP	N11	NO.	DATE
Johnston, M.	(Mrs.) CIV			Slightly inj.	D 14 (REVISED)	
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W.F.A.

ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)	HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
				4	17	4	17

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MONTH
STAGE OF FLIGHT

- FORCED LANDING
- TAXIING
- LANDING
- TAKE-OFF
- FLIGHT
- SVATRY
- FATAL
- INJ.
- INJURY

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Solo Seq. 10-11-12-13-16-17

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Engine fired prematurely hitting girl starter and throwing her to ground.

Note: Ground school assessed this pupil as below average and felt he could not possibly pass exams. Instructor was going to wait until 25 hour check to progress check this pupil. Pupil being immediately checked with a view to discontinuing training.

CLASSIFICATION:

56. Propellor swinging

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

24. Carelessness

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Conclusions of A.I.B.

Most probable cause was pre-ignition in a hot engine.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

Pupil, on entering A/C asked if switches were all right, meaning "on" in front, in order to use back switches for starting. She replied that they were on. Then called out starting check "Switches on" gas on, throttle set, brakes on". Pupil claims that is way she called it. Also claims noticed switches in "on" position in rear cockpit but left them that way. Each time girl called "contact", moved front switch to "off" position. After three tries engine failed to start and pupil opened throttle and switched off as instructed by girl. After backing off prop a few turns, procedure started again. Pupil said he must have put switches on when girl called switches "off" and turned front switch off when she called "contact". While adjusting prop for second swing, engine fired throwing her to ground.

Pupils' training ceased.