

PILOT		OTHERS		AIRFRAME FAILURE				ENGINE FAILURE			
CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS											
UNIT # 5 B & G		COM. 2		PLACE Aerodrome				DATE 11-6-41		TIME 09:00	
A/C TYPE		No.		CRASH CAT.		SE		ME		DAY NIGHT	
Fairrey Battle		P6553		C		X		X		X	
NAME		RANK		No.		DUTY		INJURIES		SERIOUS	
Searle C.V.		E/O		C2717		P		Uninjured.		FATAL INJURY	
Campbell W.A.		AC2		R97810		D.O.		Uninjured.		FATAL INJURY	
Colas J.A.		AC2		R70550		D.O.		Uninjured.		FATAL INJURY	
TYPE A/F & ENGINE		No.		EXTENT OF DAMAGE		REPORT FORM		SERIAL No.		DATE	
Battle		P6553		Slight.							
Merlin		145065/20255 N11									
HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS		INST.		NIGHT		ON TYPE		TOTAL		LAST 6 MOS.	
						DUAL SOLO		DUAL SOLO			
SIGNAL No. & DATE		UNIT No. & DATE		COM. No. & DATE		REPORT		FILE		DATE	

NATURE OF ACCIDENT

TECH.  
DISOB.  
NEG NCE  
INEXP NCE  
MISCEL.  
INSTRUCT.  
FLT CONTR.  
OTHERS  
PRIMARY  
FL CONTR.  
MOV. 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  
HAND Q.  
INSTS.  
WEATHER  
DRKNS.  
ALG SURF.  
OTHER  
UND TD  
PRIMARY  
TAKING  
LANDING  
TAKE-OFF  
FLIGHT  
STATRY  
FATAL  
INJ.  
3RD.  
5th

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

**Drogue Operation flight.**

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

**While attempting to drop a drogue and stream a new one, cable became fouled setting up sawing action which damaged tail plane and elevator.**

PRIMARY CAUSE:

**Failure of pilots judgment, abnormally rough air and action of pilot in attempting to free cable, by diving. He should have landed.**

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

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

**Monthly Accident Return.**

DATE:

COURT OF INQUIRY D/13/6/41

COMPOSITION:

PRESIDENT - S/D WILSON, R.F.

MEMBER - S/D MACKENZIE, J.J.

*IM/AMM*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

**Immediate landing of a/c on aerodrome in case drogue or equipment attached thereto becomes fouled in any degree.**

ACTION TAKEN:

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

STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN BY A.F.H.Q. TO COMPILE NOTES FOR GUIDANCE OF PILOTS AT B & G. SCHOOLS.

NOTE: IT IS CONSIDERED BY A.F.H.Q. THAT SUCH CASES AS THIS CALL FOR AIRMANSHIP ON THE PART OF THE PILOT AND NO HARD AND FAST RULE CAN ACTUALLY BE LAID DOWN FOR CASES LIKE THIS.

RECORDED BY

DATE

CHECKED BY

DATE