

| TYPE OF A/C | | AIRFRAME FAILURE | | | | | | | | | | | | ENGINE FAILURE | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | PILOT | OTHERS | CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS | PLACE | | DATE | | TIME | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 124 Ferry Sqdn. Rockcliffe | | COM. 3 | 1 mile N.E. of airport Armstrong, Ont. | | 12-8-42 | | 1645 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A/C Anson TYPE Anson | | | No. 6717 6267 D | | H.Q. FILE 1100-67-17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TYPE OF ENGINE | NAME | | NO. | DUTY | INJURIES | | | | SERIOUS | | CAUSES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Labella A.J. | | P/O J9486 | P. | Killed. | | | | | | FATAL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Kirby J.H. | | Sgt. R119442 | P. | Killed. | | | | | | INJURY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Boswell F.P. | | Cpt. J4871 | Pass. | Killed. | | | | | | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | MacIntyre J.C. | | LAG. R72804 | O.C. | Killed. | | | | | | CARD SERIAL NO. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Rushton D.H. | | AC1 R127322 | O.C. | Killed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Holmes P.R. | | LAG. R143895 | Pass. | Killed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | TYPE A/F & ENGINE | | NO. | EXTEN. OF DAM. | PORT ARM. | SERIAL NO. | DATE | HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anson | | 6717 | Totally | | | | INST. | NIGHT | ON TYPE | TOTAL | LAST 6 MOS. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cheetah | | 11165/10283 | | | | | | | DUAL | SOLO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anson | | 6267 | Totally | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cheetah | | 11015/16875 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CATEGORY | | SIGNAL NO. & DATE | UNIT NO. & DATE | COM. NO. & DATE | | REPORT | | FILE | | DATE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 6902 | 12-8-42 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NATURE OF ACCIDENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 124 Ferry Sqdn. Winnipeg, Man. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Ferry flight Winnipeg to Ottawa.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Believed to have been midair collision at low altitude following take-off. Wing of 6267 struck the rudder of 6717. A/C 6717 nosed down straight to the ground. A/C 6267 seemed to rise in the air and stall falling to the left in a steep turn PRIMARY CAUSE and hit the ground.

~~Disobedience of pilots involved in the accident in that they flew close formation in right echelon, contrary to specific instructions for them not to do so and in which they had received very little and no recent formal training.~~

21 collision

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

A/C collided in mid-air.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT

DATE: 13-8-42.

COMPOSITION:

F/L Sharpe E.W.C. (C2797) No. 2 Training Command Headquarters. Winnipeg.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Inviting parties respectively in control of non-service aerodromes used by ferry pilots to report so upon any breach of flying regulations, whether Department of Transport or R.C.A.F., of which such parties have actual knowledge. Posting a responsible officer at each such aerodrome to act in liaison with civil authority in controlling R.C.A.F. use of it.

ACTION TAKEN:
Nil.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Pilots, ferrying A/C, with little experience in formation flying, disobeyed regulations in that they took off in formation and were flying in close formation when collision occurred. The wing of Anson 6267 struck the rudder of 6717.

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