

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION											
UNIT R.C.A.F. Gander		COM. EAC		PLACE Two miles NNE of M.A.		DATE 8-5-43		TIME 0343		COMMAND	
164 Sqdn.						H.Q. FILE 1700-557					
A/C TYPE LODESTAR		NO. 557		CRASH CAT. "A"		S.E. x		M.E. x		DAY NIGHT x	
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL		MONTH		
Sevendsen		WO2	Pilot	Killed		NO. DATE					
Allan,		WO2	2P	Killed		S15 8-5		D 14 (REVISED)			
Sewell		LAC	WO	Killed		NO. CHECKED					
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ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS							
Wright Cyclone G205A				INST. NIGHT		ON TYPE		TOTAL		STAGE OF FLIGHT	
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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Freight run Moncton - Gander.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/c had made instrument let down beneath 400-600 foot ceiling but was off line on landing runway. Pilot was making a contact circuit beneath the overcast and on final turn-in towards aerodrome appeared to either (a) enter a high speed stall or (b) hit the tree-tops on the turn. A/C crashed into bush and burned completely. No Moon; ceiling 400-700ft; visibility 7 miles.

CLASSIFICATION:

32. Pilot error.

7. OTHERS

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 999

CIRCUMSTANCES: A/C crashed while attempting to get into position to make approach under low ceiling.

CAUSE: a/c either slipped in or stalled after swinging from a left hand turn into a right hand turn at low altitude and in recovering struck trees.

RECOMMENDATIONS: As runway lighting system of RCAF station Gander, is apparently confusing, it is suggested that system be studied with a view to improve the situation.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Pilot error, while attempting to get into position to make approach under low ceiling. A/C either slipped in or partially stalled after swinging from a left hand turn into a right hand turn on low altitude and in recovering struck the trees. Recommendations should be considered by proper

ACTION TAKEN: authorities.