

TYPE OF A/C		ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION												COMMAND			
		UNIT 11 S.F.T.S. Yorkton		COM. 2	PLACE 3 miles east of Mehan, Sask.		DATE 5.7.43		TIME 0045		H.Q. FILE 1700-7742						
TYPE OF UNIT		A/C TYPE Crane I Crane I		NO. 7742 4000		CRASH CAT. A A		S.E.		M.E. X		DAY		NIGHT X		MONTH	
		PERSONNEL		RANK		NUMBER		DUTY		INJURIES		SIGNAL		No.			DATE
CATEGORY		Zora, J.E.		LAC		R176365		pp		Killed (7742)		A99		5.7		STAGE OF FLIGHT	
		Creber, R.T.		LAC		R162342		PP		Killed (4000)		D 14 (REVISED)					
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CATEGORY		ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS										STAGE OF FLIGHT	
		Jacobs		P21834/S21835 Total P22320/S22646 Total		INST.		NIGHT		ON TYPE		TOTAL					
										SOLO		DUAL					
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CATEGORY						28		24		64		76		103		111	
						35		26		57		31		53		123	
ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION																	

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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Night navigation exercises.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Pupils carrying out separate navigation exercises collided while setting course approx. 5 miles from the main aerodrome.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~26. Collision in the air.~~

21. Collision in the air.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~32. Pilot error.~~

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Both a/c completely destroyed by fire.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 1061

Two solo U.T. pilots when night flying allowed their A/C to collide apparently while attaining altitude and position to set their respective courses on cross-country exercises.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Repositioning of remote control for W/T so that pilot can use it while retaining normal position in seat for flying and enjoy normal visibility.
2. Takeoffs be spaced so that no possibility of A/C reaching required height to set course from over the aerodrome at less than intervals of five mins. apart.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Cause obscure. Findings reasonable.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil

A.F.T.I. T.5/24 will be promulgated to cover the points arising from this investigation.