

NAME OF PILOT					UNIT							MONTH						FATAL		
AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT DATA																				
I. NAME OF PILOT <u>VINCENT G.H.</u>															NOT KILLED		II. RANK <u>F/O</u>		III. NUMBER	
IV. UNIT <u>8. Sqdn.</u>															V. DATE <u>6/10/43.</u>		1600 hrs.			
VI. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT <u>Beaufort.</u>															VII. NUMBER <u>A9-263</u>		VIII. HOURS FLOWN		(a) Total <u>111.55</u> (b) Since last 120 hrly. inspection <u>New</u>	
IX. PILOT'S FLYING TIME															(a) Total <u>680</u>		(b) On Type <u>185</u>		(c) For Past 12 Months <u>300</u>	
X. PILOT'S STATUS															Ungraduated Trainee ☐		Instructor ☐		Qualified Pilot (Not Instructor) ☒	
XI. CREW															Pilot—2nd		NOT KILLED			
Navigator <u>4240 F/S. BAILEY J.P.</u>															NOT KILLED					
W/T. Operator <u>F/O A.M. BROWN. 413955. WOAG.</u>															NOT KILLED					
Others <u>F/O. C.W. VINCENT. 404757. WOAG.</u>															NOT KILLED					
XII. NATURE OF ACCIDENT (Brief Description)																				
<u>A/c. carried out normal approach and landing in accordance with wind "T"(.). During approach wind freshened from north and a/c landed down wind of approx. 5-7 m.p.h. Pilot applied full brake when half way along strip, but was unable to stop a/c. Attempted ground loop but port oleo leg gave away and a/c ran into ditch off southern end of strip.</u>																				
XIII. NATURE OF ACCIDENT (For Coding)																				
Collision in Full Flight with Other Aircraft ☐															Forced Landing ☐					
Collision in Full Flight with Other Objects ☐															Landing ☒					
Spins and Stalls ☐															Take Off ☐					
Fires in Air ☐															Taxying ☐					
Structural Failure ☐															Miscellaneous ☐		Obscure (If Fatal) ☐			
XIV. DAY ☒															NIGHT ☐		XV. NON-FATAL ☒		FATAL ☐	
NUMBER KILLED																				

XVI. CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

(a) Personnel
Error of Judgment 0/0
Poor Technique 0/0
Disobedience of Orders 0/0
Carelessness or Negligence 0/0
Errors of Supervisory Personnel 0/0
Errors of other Personnel 0/0

(b) Material
Power Plant Failure 0/0
Structural Failure 50/0
Instrument Failure 0/0

(c) Miscellaneous
Weather 50/0
Darkness 0/0
Airport or Terrain 0/0
Other 0/0
Obscure 0/0

XVII. DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT

Write Off Complete Overhaul Major Damage ☒ Minor Damage ☐ Undamaged ☐
(a)

XVIII. DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO BE TAKEN

YES NO

(If Yes)
(b) Date on which Disciplinary Action Report Received.

Punishment Awarded.

XIX. COMMENT OF I.A.A. (if any)**XX. PILOT'S ASSESSMENTS**

(a) E.F.T.S. _____ (c) O.T.U. _____
(b) S.F.T.S. _____ (d) Present Unit. _____

XXI. FILE NUMBER

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FROM : No. 8 Squadron, R.A.A.F., GOODENOUGH.
TO : No. 5 B.P.S.O., R.A.A.F., PAPUA.
DATE : 2nd. November, 1945.
REF. : 16/207/A1K 000059

CONFIRMATORY MEMORANDUM : BEAUFORT AIRCRAFT A9-263.

At approximately 1530 hours on the 6th. October, 1945, Beaufort aircraft A9-263 was being test flown in the vicinity of VIVIGANI strip by Flying Officer G.H. VINCENT. Test completed, the aircraft made an approach and normal landing. During the latter part of the approach the wind, which had been light and variable, suddenly freshened in a strong gust from the north west, the direction from which the airplane was making its approach. As a result the aircraft landed down wind and the pilot was unable to stop the aircraft before it ran off the end of the strip into a ditch some three (3) feet deep.

2. The following personnel supplied information regarding this accident :-

F/O. G.H. VINCENT (400866).
No. 4240 W/O. BAILEY, J.P.

3. The pilot of the aircraft at the time of the accident was F/O. G.H. VINCENT (400866). His total flying hours at the time of the casualty were 690 hours. On the 24th. July, 1941, he was assessed as an "average" pilot at No.1 S.F.T.S. On the 28th. April, 1943, he was again assessed as "average" at No.1 O.T.U., SALE. On the 8th. September, 1943, he was assessed as an "average plus" torpedo bomber pilot by No.6 O.T.U., JARVIS BAY. Flying Officer VINCENT was considered to be an "average to averageplus" pilot in this Unit.

G.D. Nicoll
.....W/Cdr.
(G.D. NICOLL).
Commanding No. 8 Squadron,
R.A.A.F., GOODENOUGH.