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FROM: NO. 1 AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE UNIT, R.A.A.F., LAVERTON.

TO : HEADQUARTERS, NO. 4 (MAINTENANCE), GROUP, "BROMLWY",
38 IRVING ROAD, TOORAK.

DATE: 8 JUN 1944

REF : F/2/2 (23A)

CONFIRMATORY MEMORANDUM - VENGEANCE A27-92, A27-49.

1. Forwarded herewith confirmatory memorandum with respect to aircraft accident involving the above aircraft at WHITTLESEA at 1145 hours 25th MAY, 1944.
2. The aircraft, whilst flying in formation, crashed into MOUNT DISAPPOINTMENT which resulted in the aircraft becoming a total loss and the death of the following personnel.

F/O. K.A. WOOD (419363)
 P/O. R.L. ERSKINE (419119)
 No. 426002 F/Sgt. HALL, R.J.
 No. 41360 Sgt. WEST, P.
 No. 51407 Cpl. FALAHEY, W.J.

A Court of Inquiry has been formed on instruction of the Air Officer Commanding No. 4 (Maintenance) Group.

2. The aircraft were engaged on ferry duties to Aircraft Performance Unit Detachment, BOWEN. A27-49 was piloted by P/O. R.L. ERSKINE whose total flying hours at the time of the casualty was approximately 323 hours. His assessment as a pilot was as follows:-

- (a) Service Flying School - Average.
- (b) Operational Training School - Average.
- (c) Present Assessment - Average.

A27-92 was piloted by F/Sgt. HALL, R.J. whose assessment was as follows:-

- (a) Service Flying School - Average.
- (b) Operational Training School - Average.
- (c) Present Assessment - Average.

3. Deceased personnel were buried at War Graves Commission Cemetery, SPRINGVALE, on 29th MAY, 1944.

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