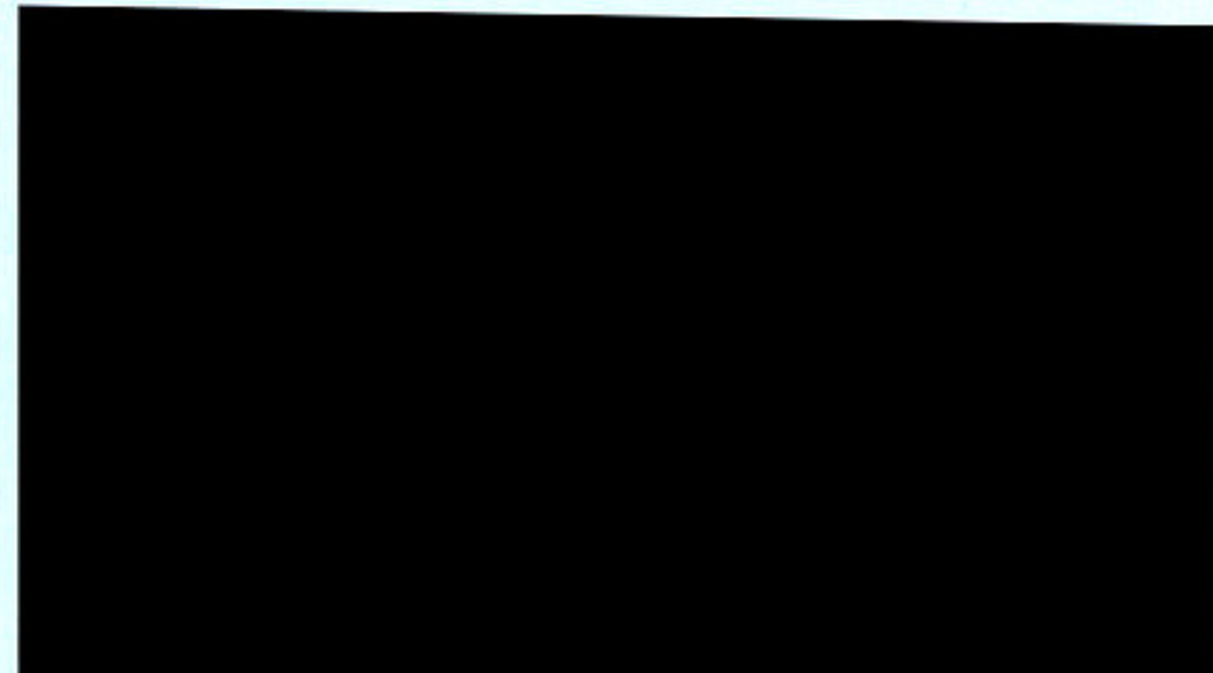


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15 July 1992

Dear Mr Dixon-Payne

Thank you for your letter. Our Accident Card Index gives the following details relevant to Leonard Percy Squire.

Unit: 34 Training Depot Station, Scampton. At time of accident, flying solo. His aircraft, Avro 504 F2209, fitted with a 80hp Le Rhone rotary engine, had only recently been 'Erected from salvage' at Aircraft Repair Section, 23rd Wing, South Carlton, in June 1918.

The aircraft was looping the loop when the tailplane broke and 'the machine crashed to earth' killing the pilot.

The court of enquiry report attached to the rear of the card states 'The cause of the accident was due to an error of judgement on the part of the pilot in pulling the machine out of a vertical nose dive too quickly, thereby twisting the fuselage in front of the tail'

I hope that these details are of interest.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Simpson".

ANDREW SIMPSON
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