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**EXPLANATION OF INDEX FOR COMPUTER  
PRINTOUT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS.**

**ALL PAGE NUMBERS CONTAINED HEREIN REFER TO NAVY  
SAFETY CENTER'S MANUAL FOR CODE CLASSIFICATION  
DATED 1 JULY 1972.**

**Column 1 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: (p. 3)**

66070110201 (example)

- 66 - year (1966)
- 07 - month (July)
- 01 - day (1st)
- 1 - type of report:
  - 1 - Major aircraft accident
  - 2 - Minor aircraft accident
  - 3 - Aircraft incident
  - 4 - Ground accident
- 02 - number of the mishap for the day (2d)
- 01 - sequential number assigned to each aircraft involved in a multi-aircraft mishap (first or only aircraft)

**Column 2 AIRCRAFT MODEL: (p. 67)**

AO04 or HO01 (examples)

- AO - aircraft role designation (A for attack)
- HO - (H for Helicopter)
- 04 - aircraft number designation (04 is 4)
- 01 - (01 is 1)

therefore, examples are read as A4 and H1

**Column 3 BUREAU NUMBER: (p. 67)**

Self Explanatory

Column 4 REPORTING CUSTODIAN: (pp. 24-62)

A50 or 254 (examples)

A50 -- letters A-H followed by numbers (Marine)  
A and B - attack/fighter squadrons  
C - Composite photographic squadrons  
D - training squadrons  
E - attack/transport helicopter and  
aerial refueling squadrons  
F - fixed wing and helo observation squadrons  
G - FMF Lant/Pac Headquarters squadrons  
H - shore installations  
(exceptions - MCAS Iwakuni (760))  
MCAS Futema (718))

254 - Navy squadrons are three numerals.

Column 5 MAJOR COMMAND: (p. 65)

13, 14, 15 - FMF Lant  
23, 24, 25 - FMF Pac  
ZY - Marine air bases  
(the difference within the FMF categories  
is a matter of who has administrative and  
logistic control of the aircraft)

Column 6 CONDITION/TIME: (p. 5)

4 2150 (example)

4 - condition:	1 - Dawn	4 - Night
	2 - Day	5 - Unkown
	3 - Dusk	

2150 - local time of mishap

Column 7 AIRCRAFT DAMAGE (p. 68)/INJURY (p. 72)

AL (example)

A - aircraft damage: A - destroyed  
C - substantial damage  
D - major damage  
E - minor damage

L - injury code (one code for the most seriously injured in the accident):

- L - lost at sea
- U - missing or unknown
- A - fatal
- B - major injuries
- F - minor injuries
- G - no injury

Therefore, AL reads: aircraft destroyed and the most serious injury was a loss at sea.

Column 8 LOCALE: (p. 7-16)

B VTNAM or H CVA-41 (examples)

B - general location: B - outside CONUS  
H-- H - Seventh Fleet  
(for others see p. 7)

VTNAM - geographic location or  
CVA-41 - ship designation  
(complete geographic list p. 8-16)

Column 9 BEARING/DISTANCE: (p. 17)

No readout due to lack of input info

Column 10 ALTITUDE ABOVE TERRAIN: (p. 71)

) 008, 050, A00, A50 (examples)

008 - 800 feet above the ground  
050 - 5000 feet above the ground  
A00 - ground level  
A50 - number preceded by "A" indicates less than 100 feet; ie A50 is 50 feet.

Column 11 PRESSURE ALTITUDE: (p. 71)

same system of coding as Column 10, except altitude is read as feet above sea level.

Column 12 ACCIDENT TYPES: (pp. 371-380)

1	2	3	
C6	K3		(example)

Listed in three columns:

column 1 - basic cause of accident  
column 2 & 3 - additional factors

C - letter is code for general category:

K -

C - collision

K - wheels up landing

6 - number amplifies general category:

3 - 6 - aircraft struck by missile  
or projectile fired from  
the ground.

3 - material induced

Therefore, this example reads: The aircraft was hit by ground fire which damaged the landing gear system requiring the pilot to make a wheels up landing.

Column 13 PHASE OF OPERATION: (pp. 381-392)

1	2	3	
442	527		(example)

Listed in three columns:

Column 1 - general

Column 2 & 3 - more specific

4 - primary code: 4 - in flight

4 - secondary code: 4 - offensive maneuvers

2 - amplifying code: 2 - strafing run

527 reads as follows: 5 - landing

2 - leveling or trans-  
itioning to landing  
attitude

7 - field arresting gear

Therefore, this example would indicate the aircraft was inflight, on offensive operations, and on a strafing run when hit. The plane was making an arrested landing at a field when additional damage occurred.

Column 14 TYPE OF OPERATION: (p. 369)

23 or 81 (examples)

Listed as a two digit number:

2 - first digit defines field or ship operation:  
8 -

2 - CV/LPH operation  
8 - Carrier qualifications  
3 - second digit amplifies  
2 -

3 - CV angled deck  
1 - precautionary landing

Therefore, 23 indicates the aircraft was off an angled deck carrier, and 81 shows the plane made a precautionary landing during carrier qualifications.

Column 15 CONTRIBUTING CAUSE FACTORS: (p. 337)

13 or H (examples)

Code listed as numbers, letters, or combination

1 - pilot was a factor  
3 - material failure or malfunction

H - no causal factor listed

Column 16 WEATHER (p. 339)/ ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS (p. 403)

Weather: two digit code used alone or in series - 6

5062 (example)  
50 - precipitation affecting flight operations  
62 - clouds

Environmental factors: code listed as number

1 - 9 or as letter A - L or in series-  
4 (example)  
4 - combat area

Column 17 SPECIAL DATA: (pp. 393-396)

Special interest information which further describes the situation.

Code listed as numbers 1-9 and letters A-Z.

SBP (example)

8 - intentional ejection

B - pilot or occupant recovered by helo

P - foreign object (injected into engine)

Column 18 INJURIES: (p. 72)

AU				
L	B	F	G	
02	00	01	03	(example)

Column 1 (A, U, L) fatally injured, missing, lost at sea

Column 2 (B) Major injuries

Column 3 (F) minor injuries

Column 4 (G) no injuries

Therefore, this example indicates two people are lost, missing, or dead; one received minor injuries; and three escaped injury.