



DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Night flying training flight.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

R170

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE:

LAC Mathews attempted to take off but the aircraft only became airborne after an excessively long run. From a height of a few feet the a/c stalled and sank back onto the ground. The instructor took over and throttled back but the aircraft did not stop until it ran into a ditch on the boundary of the landing ground.

COMPOSITION:

*02/11/40 P/I/WITH ✓*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Frost on mainplanes of aircraft which had been left stationary in the open for 6 1/2 hours.

ACTION TAKEN:

(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER

Pilot Officer R.H. Burden rebuked, and all pilots warned.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Aircraft failed to become properly airborne and the instructor throttled back too late to prevent the aircraft overshooting the boundary of the landing ground.

RECORDED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_