

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

N5358 - test after major inspection
W1722 - test for night flying.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

104/10
COURT OF INQUIRY

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 14-1-42

COMPOSITION:

President C153 SQN. Ldr. Evans, E.H. F.Q. E.A.C.
Members 39058 Flt. Lt. Bindloss K.W.C. 31 GRS Charlottetown
J6671 P.O. Fear, R.A. R.A.F. Sta. Charlottetown
" 83315 F.O. Brandon A.J. A.F.H.Q. Ottawa, Ont.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

~~Wx~~-fighter pilots are not the most desirable type to be employed as staff pilots at General Reconnaissance or Air Navigation Schools, and their posting for these duties should be avoided if at all possible.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Contrary to Flying Orders and Regulations, F/L Rofe, B.J. and F/O Calderhead engaged in air fighting practices without authority and without due regard for the safety of the crew and/or passengers.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

Collision - 1/6/42

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Collision in mid air as a result of an error in judgment on the part of F/L Rofe in that he permitted his A/C to collide with the A/C piloted by F/O Calderhead.~~

Conclusions of A.I.R.

This is a serious breach of Flying Regulations as set out in the covering letter of the Air Officer Commanding, Eastern Air Command. It is possible that some, at least, of the occupants of Anson W.1722 would have escaped ~~with~~ their lives had the parachutes been available.

Disobedience of Orders

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DATE