



DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Court of Inquiry

**Mechanic priming engine for take-off.**

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: **18-1-42**

COMPOSITION:

**Mechanic priming engine for starting prior to take-off. Engine started and airscrew struck mechanic's leg.**

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

The importance of adhering strictly to the regulations governing the starting of engines should be impressed upon all air and ground crews. Where two or more A/C are being started together a system of visual signals should be employed between pilot and ground crew."

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Turning switch on before gas has been sucked in and neglect to obtain signal from mechanic. Pilot negligence.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

System of visual signals being instituted at all Pilot reprimanded and his log book endorsed. Schools.

Conclusions of A.I.E.

This accident was due to a misunderstanding between the airman, due to other A/C being started up in the vicinity.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Airscrew struck mechanic's leg.~~

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