

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Formation flying.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER *J. G. POLYMER*

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT: Court of Inquiry
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NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Beliberate low flying A/C slipped in during steep turn, wing coming in contact with water. Aircraft was seen to turn and slip into the water, cartwheel and sink in shallow water 60 yards off shore.

DATE: 13-4-42

COMPOSITION: S/L E.H.F. Bell-Irving (RAF) C.F.S. Trenton
F/LT. C.H. Card No. 1 S.F.T.S. Camp Borden.
P/O J.A. Ferguson No. 1 S.F.T.S. Camp Borden.
F/O W.F. Wright No. 1 Training Command Toronto.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is considered by the Court that regulations and the method of enforcement of regulations concerning low flying are already sufficiently definite. However, the orders regarding formation flying could be more definite.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Error in judgement on part of pilot, while carrying out unauthorized low flying.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

Balance of students given pointed talk on low flying.

Conclusions of A.I.B.

The accident was due to an error of judgment on the part of a pupil pilot while indulging in unauthorized low flying over Lake Huron.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Port wing struck water, causing the a/c to cartwheel, then hit the water nose first, with the body in parallel with the water.~~

42. Unauthorized Low Flying

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____

CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____