

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER *W. J. ...*

Night solo circuits and landings.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT: Court of Inquiry

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 15-4-42

LAC. Yates had received an instrument take-off prior to reporting for night flying duties. He was authorized by his instructor to carry out two 1 hr. solo periods on circuits and landings.

COMPOSITION:

Pres. S.L. K.A. Gordon (C783) R.C.A.F. Sta. Rockcliff
Mem. F.O. H.J. Russell (C9370) No. 2 SFTS., Uplands.
F.O. S. Berger (C9594) RCAF. Sta. Rockcliffe

He had completed half of this and, at the time of the crash was carrying out

RECOMMENDATIONS:

WHILE LEADING LIGHTS WERE USED, IT IS POINTED OUT BY THE COURT THAT NO PARACHUTE FLARES ARE CARRIED BY AIRCRAFT ON NIGHT CIRCUITS AND LANDINGS AT THIS STATION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT HAD FLARES BEEN CARRIED AND HAD THE PILOT RELEASED ONE IMMEDIATELY HE EXPERIENCED TROUBLE, THE LIGHT FROM THE FLARE WOULD HAVE GIVEN HIM AN INDICATION OF HIS ALTITUDE AND HE MIGHT HAVE REGAINED CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT IN TIME TO AVOID THE ACCIDENT.

PRIMARY CAUSE: his second hour.

~~Aircraft struck the ground from a spiral dive resulting from an error of judgment on the part of the pilot.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

NIL

CONCLUSION OF A.I.B.

AIRCRAFT, SHORTLY AFTER TAKE OFF, WENT INTO A RIGHT HAND SPIRAL DIVE AND CRASHED.

THE PUPIL PILOT, WHO HAD JUST COMPLETED ON HOUR'S NIGHT FLYING, TOOK OFF IN A LIGHT RAIN AND WAS UNABLE TO RECOVER CONTROL WHEN HE WENT INTO A SPIRAL DIVE TO THE RIGHT. THE TURN TO THE RIGHT WAS CAUSED BY RUDDER TRIM - APPARENTLY THE ERROR OF THE PUPIL. THERE WERE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE TRAINING OF THIS PUPIL THAT WERE

NOT ACCORDING TO TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS BUT ARE CONSIDERED NOT TO HAVE A BEARING ON THIS ACCIDENT. THE A.O.C. HOWEVER STATED THAT HE WAS TAKING THE MATTER UP WITH THE UNIT.

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____
CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Aircraft crashed.~~

19. Out of Control
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