

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED: COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER File Solo formation flying. OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT: R170 764/XA Investigating Officer's Report NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT: DATE: 1-6-42 A/C collided in air, faulty manoeuvr@OMPOSITION: LAC Davis attempted to change position F.L. L.C. Ledyard #3 Training Command, Montreal. and collided with LAC Hill. Harvard 3018 completely destroyed and Harvard 3000 flown back with damaged propeller RECOMMENDATIONS: starboard wing and center section. None. Present regulations would avoid this type of PRIMARY CAUSE: accident if complied with." Error in judgment on part of pilot of Harvard 3018, in that he elected to slip beneath Harvard 3000 in changing from No.3 position to No.2 in formatical TAKEN:
(A) Disciplinary (B) Technical (C) Other and in that he failed to allow for rough air, and passed too close ben-Disciplinary action taken against LAC Hill. CONCLUSION OF A.I.B. eath Harvard 3000. COLLISION DURING FORMATION FLYING OF TWO AIRCRAFT DUE TO POOR AIRMAN-SHIP ON THE PART OF PUPIL PILOT LAC DAVIS IN AIRCRAFT 3018 IN THAT HE ATTEMPTED TO CHANGE FROM NO.3 POSITION TO NO.2 POSITION BY GOING DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH AIRCRAFT 3000. SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS: THE INVESTIGATION IS WEAK IN THAT NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED THE INSTRUCTOR-WITNESSES AS TO THE MEIHOD, IAUGHT THE PUPILS IN FORMATION FLYING. Aircraft 3015 crashed to ground NOTE: IT IS CONSIDERED THAT NOTHITHSTANDENEY WHAT HAS BEEN SENT OUT BY THE COMMANDS RE FORMATION FLYING, THERE IS A WOEFUL LACK completely wrecked. OF PROPER FORMATION FLYING KNOWLEDGE AS TO SIGNALS FOR CHANGING POSITIONS EVEN AMONG INSTRUCTORS. DATE