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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Test flight.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE 30-4-42

Investigating Officer's Report

A/C was seen by a farmer to spin to the left and heard making excessive noise then dived steeply into the ground and immediately burst into flames.

COMPOSITION:

1 BA/PSE/N/N/PSS/A-15

F.L. E.W.C. Sharpe (C2797) No. 2 T.C.Hdqs. R.C.A.F.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The circumstances surrounding this action will be brought to the attention of other pilots."

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Excessive speed causing the wing to fail, through extremely bad judgment on the part of the pilot and a peculiar mental outlook.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

Nil

Conclusions of A.I.B.

- (a) The leading edge of both planes had failed when the pilot attempted to recover from a high speed dive.
- (b) The failure was due to overstressing while the pilot was executing a dive at excessive speed.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Aircraft dived into ground and burned.~~

30. Five - On Ground

CHECKED BY

DATE