

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Operational flight.

COURT OF INQUIRY. INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

THE AIRCRAFT DID NOT BECOME AIRBORNE SO THERE WAS NO FLIGHT. IN ENDEAVOURING TO TAKE OFF ON A VERY DARK NIGHT, IN AN EMERGENCY, AND WITH THE PROSPECT OF ENGAGING THE ENEMY, THE PILOT ALLOWED THE AIRCRAFT TO SWING AND GROUND LOOP COLLAPSING THE UNDERCARRIAGE. THE PROPELLOR AND REDUCTION EAR LEFT THE STARBOARD ENGINE COMPLETELY ON IMPACT WITH THE GROUND.

DATE: 23-6-42

COMPOSITION:

S/L N. K. Loyd No. 32 O.T.U.

James ... 05/255/455

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A SPECIAL RECENTLY PRACTISED NIGHT FLYING CREW IS NOW KEPT AT "STAND-BY" TO MEET SUCH ANOTHER OPERATIONAL EMERGENCY."

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~ERROR OF JUDGMENT OR BAD AIRMANSHIP ON THE PART OF THE PILOT.~~

12. SWUNG

ACTION TAKEN:

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

Nil

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

PILOT ERROR.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~AIRCRAFT GROUND LOOPED AND UNDERCARRIAGE COLLAPSED.~~

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____

CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____