

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED: COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT: On I.A.S Patrol. THYPSTIGATING OFFICER'S EFFORT DATE: 2 Nov./42 NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT: F.L. P.L. Sauve (C7240), #121 Sqdn. COMPOSITION: ) Aircraft missing. Took off 0325 hours GMT 14-10-42 on I.A.S. Patrol CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. (850) with ETA Base 1025 GLT 14-10-42. Limit endurance 9 hours and thirty A/c authorized for convoy protective RECOMMENDATIONS: minutes. duty crashed & exploded in wooded Nil territory about 150 miles from base, Forced landing in heavily timbered country at night.
PRIMARY CAUSE: reasons obscure. This accident occured on 14 Oct/42. The wreckage was found Observations indicate that pert motor on 25 Oct. The investigation was poorly caught fire in the air. Presumably carried out. & proceedings lack much occupants were not at sufficient al-It is considered necessary evidence. ACTION TAKEN: titude to bail out Fire may have (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER that the pilot. P.O. (A) DISCIPLINARY been caused by switching from one Hodge, who is missing, may reasonably tank to another with throttle open. be presumed dead. (Remarks of C.I.A: although this-is only surmised. This investigation is of no practical value & the unjustified lapse of time has removed any possibility of attemp-SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS: ting to find the cause of the accident. DATE CHECKED BY DATE