

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Solo night circuits and landings.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Aircraft appeared to be flying at an unusually low altitude. Aircraft commenced to turn to the left, lose height and finally disappear behind a small hill. Aircraft then struck the ground.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Obscure.

Not reported

(19)

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT.

DATE: 30th and 31st October, 1942. 1st and 2nd Nov.

COMPOSITION:

1942.

Flight Lieutenant W.A. Waterton, R.A.F. 42288
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil

ACTION TAKEN:

(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER - All Oxford equipped units have been instructed that Oxford aircraft not equipped with suction gauges are not to be used for night flying.

Conclusions of A.I.B.:- Concurred in the Findings.

In the absence of engine failure the most likely explanation is that the pilot momentarily lost control when he encountered weather conditions he had never before experienced.

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