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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Routine navigation exercise.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

A/C was seen descending out of the cloud base (which was about 1,000 ft. above ground level) and it continued to dive until it came down through some trees and crashed, caught fire and was totally destroyed.

DATE: 22-12-42.

COURT OF INQUIRY

COMPOSITION:

F/L Sharpe, E.W.C. (C2797) No. 2 T.C. Hdqts. Winnipeg.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

AS CAUSE OF ACCIDENT IS OBSCURE, NO DEFINITE RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE MADE, BUT AS THE POSSIBLE CAUSE MAY BE FAILURE OF PILOT TO MAINTAIN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE A/C WHEN ON INSTRUMENTS AND IT IS SUGGESTED THAT IT SHOULD BE REPEATEDLY IMPRESSED ON PILOTS THAT THEY MUST BE CONSTANTLY ON THE ALERT WHEN ON INSTRUMENTS, OR LIKELY TO HAVE TO RESORT TO INSTRUMENTS, TO MAINTAIN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THEIR A/C.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Obscure, but it is possible that the pilot, while on instruments fell into a dive without realizing that he had done so until it was too late to effect recovery before he struck the ground.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

THIS ACCIDENT IS CONSIDERED AS BEING PRIMARILY DUE TO THE PILOT'S LACK OF EXPERIENCE IN INSTRUMENT FLYING.

WHILE FLYING IN THE OVERCAST ON INSTRUMENTS WITH FROSTED WINDSHIELD THE A/C WENT INTO AN UNUSUAL POSITION FROM WHICH THE PILOT FAILED TO RECOVER.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

A/C crashed to the ground and burned.

26. ENGINE

TRUBLE - ACCIDENT.

R.C.A.F. FORM L20 REQ. 1247 10N-15.11.41

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