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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Dual check flight for Mr. Spilsbury of CPAL to qualify him on Mark IV Bolingbroke aircraft.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 23 Dec./43

P/O Muter was taking off when lower front escape hatch blew in and pilot attempted to stop his aircraft but it rolled off the end of runway striking a construction ditch.

COMPOSITION: P.O. L.E. COCHRAN, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT INSPECTION OF ESCAPE HATCH BE INCLUDED IN PRE-FLIGHT CHECK. MODIFICATION OR EFFICIENT CHANGE IN EMERGENCY ESCAPE HATCH, POSSIBLY HINGED.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~OBSERVER'S ESCAPE HATCH BLEW IN~~

16. OTHERS.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

N/A.

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SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~PILOT APPLIED INSUFFICIENT BRAKE POWER, & DITCH AT LEFT EDGE OF RUNWAY.~~

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____

CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____