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MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES
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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Low flying.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: **17-12-42.**

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT

Aircraft lost on low flying exercises. Pilot force landed due to poor visibility and shortage of fuel.

COMPOSITION:

F/L Boyce, A.J. (C1026) 5 (BR) Sqdn.

FB/PCN/ET/PS/PM/II/WVL ✓

RECOMMENDATIONS:

More adequate training for fighter pilots of No. 127 Sqdn. in navigation and use of aids to navigation.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Pilot became lost due to poor visibility and ran short of fuel.~~

17. FORCED LANDING.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

NIL.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree with the findings and recommendations.

An order re instrument and blind flying for Home War fighter squadrons to be issued on approval by AMAS. Attempt being made to get D/F homing for Hurricanes.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~A/C landed with wheels retracted.~~

25. PETROL. SHORTAGE

RECORDED BY

DATE

CHECKED BY

DATE