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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER
OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Search for lost Hurricane. 5496.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 22-12-42.

COURT OF INQUIRY

Forced landing on road. Ran out of gas, and was lost. Another pilot, unskilled in navigation, was acting as observer.

COMPOSITION:

P/O Friedlander, J.B. (#5 (C.A.C.) Detachment.

FM/PCN/ES/PS/PM/I

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT THE OFFICER COMMANDING COMPOSITE SQUADRONS ENSURE THAT THE NAVIGATIONAL ABILITY OF HIS PILOTS ON TEMPORARY DUTY BE CHECKED IN A PRACTICAL WAY AND STEPS BE TAKEN TO INSTRUCT THOSE FOUND TO BE DEFICIENT. THAT, IF PRACTICAL, THE RADIO EQUIPMENT BE MODIFIED SO THAT THIS RADIO BEAM COULD BE USED. THAT A QUALIFIED RADIO OPERATOR OR NAVIGATOR FORM PART OF THE CREW WHEN IT IS NECESSARY TO FLY IN DOUBTFUL WEATHER.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Inefficiency on part of pilot,~~
mitigated slightly by lack of experience.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

A/C force landed when fuel supply became low. Pilot on "search" flight became lost due to poor airmanship.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~A/C force landed, A/C struck stone~~
throwing A/C over on back.

25. PETROL. SHORTAGE (25)

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____

CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____