



DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Bombing exercise.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

COURT OF INQUIRY

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 24-12-42.

COMPOSITION:

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Patricia, Bay.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That all targets used for practice in dropping depth charges should have the mast removed. That care should be taken not to allow this extreme low level work to be done if air is too rough. That A/C be repaired immediately.

Aircraft on low level depth charge practice bombing target. A/C was doing a follow the leader glide and while dropping its 8th and last bomb the A/C went low enough for the stbd wing tip float to strike the ball on top of the bombing target and dragged the wing tip down until it clipped ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the spars. Pilot was able to control the slightly damaged A/C and flew home.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Pilot misjudged his height, allowed the A/C to descend so low that stbd wing tip float came in contact with the target. The gusty wind also the slipstream of the leading A/C contributed to forcing A/C down. The evidence in this case does not justify a summary of evidence being taken as stated by the A.O.C.

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SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Gusty wind and the slipstream of the leading A/C.~~

2. COLLISIONS Obs.

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