



DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Flying training across country.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

1206/POM

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

A/C burned out. A/c struck ground after encountering bad weather. Contrary to flight and route orders a/c descended to a low height and continued on cross country instead of returning to base.

DATE: 16 Feb./43

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COMPOSITION:

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

2 pupils on cross-country flight ignored instructions to turn back if bad weather encountered. Notwithstanding icing conditions & snow a/c reached its 1st objective, flew low with visibility bad, pilot pulled a/c up sharply into a stalling position from which it fell nose first to the ground, catching fire on impact.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil

PRIMARY CAUSE:

16. ~~Unauthorized low flying and aerobatics.~~

19 Out of Control

~~Ignored instructions regarding bad weather. Weather & probably icing got so bad he attempted forced landing with U/C retracted. Owing to bad visibility he misjudged height from ground, tried to gain height quickly, stalled & dived into ground.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

REMARKS OF C.I.A.

Unit is definitely at fault in ordering a cross country flight in serious icing conditions, as this type of a/c is difficult to control if ice forms on the leading edge of centre section.

~~Bad weather and disobedience of route orders.~~

41 Miss Technical

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