

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:
Ack Ack Co-operation.

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

COURT OF INQUIRY

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: **12 FEB./43** S/L. E. A. NANTON
F/L. J. B. WILLIAMSON ✓
COMPOSITION: F/O. W. E. HOPKINS

While executing at a low level attack on Bofors gun position, a/c hit a high tension wire, broken wire falling among children.

RECOMMENDATIONS **12 Co/PSJ/AB1**

(1) THAT TARGET FOR THIS TYPE OF EXERCISE BE LOCATED IN AN UNINHABITED AREA FREE FROM ARTIFICIAL OBSTRUCTIONS. (2) THAT WHEN POSSIBLE PILOTS PARTICIPATING ARE TO SURVEY AREA FROM THE GROUND BEFORE EXERCISE IS CARRIED OUT.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

22. Collision - Obstr.
57. Miscellaneous.

(1) A/C ON ARMY CO-OP EXERCISE STRUCK & BROKE CABLES OF A HIGH TENSION POWER LINE LOCATED NEAR A.A. GUNS; TOP BROKEN CABLE CAUSED LOWER WIRES TO BE SEVERED & TO FALL, INJURING SCHOOL BOYS (2) PILOT IN ENDEAVOURING TO MAKE A REALISTIC SURPRISE ATTACK, FAILED TO LOOK FOR OBSTACLES IN THE AREA BEFORE COMING DOWN SO LOW OVER THE GUNS (3) F/O. ROUS, THE LEADER, IS PARTIALLY TO BLAME FOR AUTHORIZING AND CARRYING OUT THE SECTION ATTACKS IN THAT LOCATION.

SECONDARY CAUSES

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(1) STRUCK HIGH TENSION WIRES & BROKE 2 CABLES. (2) HIGH TENSION WIRE STRUCK YOUNG BOY (3) AIRFRAME SLIGHTLY DAMAGED, NO DAMAGE TO ENGINE (4) VERY LOW ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT ON A.A. GUNS LOCATED IN AREA WHICH HAD NOT BEEN EXAMINED FOR OBSTACLES (5) INSUFFICIENT CARE ON PART OF PILOT (6) OFFICER I/C F.O.C.C. MUST

SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERMITTING THIS TYPE OF ATTACK TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THIS LOCATION.

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____

CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____