

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Navigation Instructional Flights.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

#823

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

COURT OF INQUIRY

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

A/C collided in mid-air. Navigation instructors state both were concentrating on pupils' instruction when AJ896 apparently let down or 3274 pulled up into AJ896. 3274 force landed wheels up and AJ896 landed wheels down after pupil had baled.

PRIMARY CAUSE: out and was killed.

~~26. Collision in the air.~~
21. Collisions etc.

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DATE: 6 March/43

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COMPOSITION:

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE QUESTION OF SETTING COURSES FROM DIVERGENT BUT NEARBY POINTS ON ALL SUCH NAVIGATION EXERCISES AND TRAINING FLIGHTS THE PRE-OCCUPATIONS OF AN INSTRUCTOR WITH HIS PUPIL WHEN CARRYING OUT SUCH EXERCISES, AND PARTICULARLY DURING THE FIRST FEW MINUTES FOLLOWING COURSE SETTING IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE CONDUCTIVE TO THAT HIGH DEGREE OF CAUTION ESSENTIAL WHEN FLYING IN THE PROMINITY OF A FLYING TRAINING SCHOOL.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

MID-AIR COLLISION. A/C AND NAVIGATION INSTRUCTOR AND PUPIL COLLIDED A FEW MINUTES AFTER HAVING SET COURSE FROM BASE. BOTH INSTRUCTORS FAILED TO KEEP SUFFICIENT LOOKOUT FOR OTHER A/C.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____

CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____