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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Daylight navigation exercise.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

# 844

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Sudden fog made landing at base impracticable. Insufficient fuel to make alternative aerodrome so attempted forced landing near Kincardine and before finishing run struck tree which ripped open cabin.

DATE:

COMPOSITION:

FM/PSU/PSU/PSU

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~47. Weather.~~

17. Forced Landing

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ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

FORCED LANDING. A/C WITH STAFF PILOT AND FOUR PUPILS ON ROUTINE DAY NAVIGATION AND BOMBING EXERCISE, FORCED LANDED AND CRASHED, WHEN BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVENTED A LANDING AT BASE. THE PILOT ERRED IN JUDGMENT WHEN HE CONSIDERED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE GASOLINE ENOUGH TO FLY TO CAMP BORDEN OR BRANTFORD. THE PILOT SHOWED POOR AIRMANSHIP ON THE EXECUTION OF HIS FORCED LANDING. THE PILOT MADE A VERY SERIOUS ERROR OF JUDGMENT IN ATTEMPTING TO LAND DIRECTLY TOWARDS AN ISOLATED HOUSE SURROUNDED BY OPEN FLAT FIELD AND THEN LANDING TOO FAR UP THE FIELD SO THAT COLLISION WITH THE HOUSE WAS INEVITABLE. THIS WAS NOT A FORCED LANDING AS THE WEATHER WAS GOOD AND THE ENGINES WERE SERVICEABLE WITH AMPLE FUEL FOR THE PURPOSE.

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SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~32. Pilot error.~~

~~41. Hitting obstructions~~

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