



DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Low flying over the sea and night flying test.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

A/c was seen to dive vertically into the sea explode on impact and disintegrate.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

59. Obscure. —

*19. Out of contact*

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

COURT OF INQUIRY

DATE:

*INA ✓*

COMPOSITION:

SUMMARY OF ACCIDENT NO. 1039

A/c appeared to be joining circuit, flew west, then seemed to turn. This turn

RECOMMENDATIONS: increased to a steep bank and then became a spin with nose almost straight down from which the a/c did not recover and crashed into the water. The a/c was serviceable when this flight was ordered. Nothing unusual about a/c performance as observed immediately prior to entering normal circuit.

A/c observed to spin from altitude of 1200 to 1500 ft. ACTION TAKEN: at turning point to downwind leg.

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

RECORDED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_