



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Formation.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Collision in mid-air while taking eyes off leader momentarily to have pupil adjust oil shutter.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 978

The pilot of 3781 while flying formation, allowed his attention to be distracted and failed to keep minimum distance as laid down for formation flying. C.O. of the unit stated that proceedings indicated no deliberate violation of orders but rather overconfidence and carelessness.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~26. Collision in the air.~~

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21. Collisions A/C.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

ACTION TAKEN: