

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

B.M.T. Gunnery Exercise

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Terrific vibration set in at 200' after takeoff. Throttled back, cut switches and turned off fuel. Prop-ellor continued to windmill and vi-bration persisted. Adopted S.E. pro-cedure but unable to maintain height
Crash landed in field, ploughed through fence and swung around 180°. Fire started under port engine nacelle and A/C burnt out. Fire ex-tinguishers were not operated.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~54. Engine failure in the air.~~

17. Forced Landing

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~41. Hitting obstructions~~

~~42. Fire after landing~~

26. Engine trouble - 200'
Accident

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Engine badly burnt - further examination being carried for clues.

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COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 1074

Due to engine failure cause of which is unknown and no blame is attached to anyone concerned.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Cause of engine failure obscure.

Note: The injured air gunner had no means of strapping himself in.

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil

Amendment to C.A.P. 100 is being published to provide for each member of crew to be strapped into aircraft.

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