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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Airframe & Engine Test

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

After 30 mins. of flight engine shuddered and R.P.M.'s dropped with white smoke pouring from stacks into cockpit. Engine continued to run for 3 to 5 mins. when there was a burst of flame in cockpit. Forced was made on aerodrome.

CLASSIFICATION:

54. Engine failure in the air

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

27. Fire in the air

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Obscure - Third failure of this nature. Recommended aircraft be grounded for thorough examination of trouble by Packard Merlin expert.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

SER/AP/EE/1000/I/AE

ACTION TAKEN:

Aircraft grounded pending investigation.