



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Bombing trial.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Stbd. U/C collapsed on take-off due to U/C selector being in wheels up position.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The apparent cause of the failure was the selector being in the "wheels Up" position and on the engines being opened up for take-off the stbd u/c retracted.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

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CLASSIFICATION:

~~5. U/C drill on take-off.~~

*16. Other 16*

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~24. Carelessness.~~

*53. U/C Drill - On Ground*

ACTION TAKEN:

Log book endorsed "Gross Carelessness" and pilot paraded before G.C. 11/20/43.