

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Dual instruction flight.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

No technical evidence available.

1-17-43 / 1-2-43

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Instructor was demonstrating precautionary landing; it was not intended to complete landing and instructor opened throttles at conclusion of demonstration.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2030

About 1/2 mi. ahead was clump of trees. Engines did not come on immediately, neither did they appear to give full power. A/C failed to climb sufficiently to clear trees and when instructor tried to lift A/C over trees, it stalled and crashed. Instructor believes A/C caught fire on impact.

Lack of engine power, insufficient to climb and inexperience of pilot on Oxford A/C.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree with findings. Reason for power failure obscure.

A/C had been placed U/S on preceding flight for 200 rev. drop on stbd. engine switch No. 1. One of plugs in No. 5 cylinder found oiled up, changed and engine passed satisfactory on run up.

CLASSIFICATION:

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

19. Out of control

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~22. Stalling.~~

~~18. Loss of control~~

29. Fire - In crash

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ACTION TAKEN: