



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Seq. Solo - night circuit and landings. No evidence of any kind available from the remaining wreckage.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Pilot smelled fumes from smoke, and noticed flames alongside a/c and over stbd wings. Changed direction of flight, away from army, and towards airport.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

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Throttled back and noticed flames coming up towards the cockpit. Shut gas tank off, pushed throttle forward gradually, and noticed then an increase of the flames from engine and over stbd wing. It burnt around gas cap, changed direction heading a/c more southward and abandoned a/c.

CLASSIFICATION:

27. Fire in the air.

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

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ACTION TAKEN:

Nil

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