

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Formation flying practice.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

MULL

*10/11/52
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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Changing formation a/c collided in mid-air. Harvard 2739 (solo) crashed and Harvard 2566 (dual) forced landed 1/2 mile east of Woodlake.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2197

Cause

Method employed in changing position led to confusion. This coupled with P/O Brown's low average ability to fly in formation may have been cause of collision.

Recommendations

Stricter supervision be carried out to see all regulations for formation flying are complied with that sterner discipline be taken against offenders.

Conclusions of A.I.B.

Agree with findings. Greater efforts should be made to see that proper instructions are given for formation flying by C.I's. Bad briefing so often causes collisions.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~26. Collision in the air.~~

2. Collision - etc

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

ACTION TAKEN: