

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT: A/C involved in flying collision. No knowledge of Practice fighter sweep. technical failure as yet. NATURE OF ACCIDENT: No technical failure. Aircraft collided with Grumman COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT: Hellcat while making mock attack. FINDINGS: 2160. SUMMARY No. for purpose of identifying same. CAUSE .- Kittyhawk 833 struck U.S. Navy Hellcat after a feint attack by four Kittyhawks against four U.S. Hellcats with the following contributing factor, The probable failure of the Kittyhawk pilot to see the Hellcat after he had climbed into the sun. Recommendations Court found that Air Sea Rescue Services conducted in the control of Patricia Bay were carried out efficiently but criticized the knowledge and methods CLASSIFICATION: of Kittyhawk Pilots in this phase of operations. Note: A.O.C. states that pilot was not justified in assuming a/c to be hostile as they were a common type of aircraft and close to U.S. Naval Training SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS: Station. ACTION TAKEN: F/L Douglas charged under Sec. 40 for Breach of C.A.P. 100. R. C. A. F. L 20 (REVISED) 7M-4-43 (3202) K.P. 5051