



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Seq. 6,7,8,9,10,13,14,15,16,17,20,22.

*ILOC/AOC/PSF/L/W/WVJ*

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Nil

Weather closed in very quickly, pilot attempting to make circuit of aerodrome at low altitude with very steep bank and a/c flicked into ground.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No: 2196

Cause

Obscure: some evidence of poor airmanship in bad weather.

Recommendations

Pupil pilots be very heavily impressed with dangers of making steep banks at low altitudes.

Conclusions of A.I.B.

Agree. Pilot lost control while attempting to land after being overtaken by very bad weather in which aerodrome was practically closed in.

Note: There is no evidence to indicate whether P/O Thornton had seen weather forecast for the period or knew that cloud was expected to move in from the S. and S.W.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~19. Bad weather.~~

*19. Out of Control*

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~21. Inability to maintain equilibrium~~

~~18. Loss of control.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil