

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT: PURPOSE OF FLIGHT: It is considered that student pushed against lever Routine bombing exercises. when going into the bombing compartment, thus bending NATURE OF ACCIDENT: the lever. After completing bombing exercise COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT: pilot returned to circuit and when FINDINGS: SUMMARY No. attempting to lower u/c, selector lever would not release to the "Down" position. After considerable length of time, trying in every way to lower u/c, pilot was forced to make a belly landing on the aerodrome. Found on investigation that the u/c selector lever had in some way become bent. CLASSIFICATION: 34. Wheels up landing. SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS: 33. Technical defect. **ACTION TAKEN:** Nil. H. Q. 885-L 20