



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Convoy Escort

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C came in contact with runway while wheels were being retracted causing port propellers to strike runway. A/C ran off runway on one wheel and wing tip.

CLASSIFICATION:

12. ~~SECRET~~

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

33. U/C Drill - on ground

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

N11

OUC/PCDUW/UCDO

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2479

CAUSE: U/C selector was placed in the up position before the a/c had gained sufficient height to allow for any air bumps caused by high surface wind turbulence or gustiness.

RECOMMENDATIONS: When surface wind conditions are known to be turbulent or gusty, landing gear should not be retracted until a height of at least 150 ft. above ground has been reached.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Agree with findings.

ACTION TAKEN:

Logged (Pilot error).