

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED: Advanced training COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER TOCK Solo practice of take-offs, landings OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT: and steep turns. Court of Inquiry NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT: DATE: 7-10-40 to 9-10-40 The aircraft stalled at or near the COMPOSITION: S/L D.A.R. Bradshaw, president. top of a loop and as it entered the F/O L.B.B. Price, member downward half of the loop, it went into a spin crashing to the ground F/O F.T.A. Skelcher. and bursting into flames. The start RECOMMENDATIONS: All single engine pilot pupils should of the spin was at an estimated height be given spinning tests by each new instructor of between 1500 and 2000 feet. they receive before being allowed to go solo. PRIMARY CAUSE: Poor flying on the part of Adherence to flying orders. the pilot in that he was not able to pull A small manually operated catch be made to out of a spin although the pilot read and hold the mixture in the Full Rich notch. initialled Sqdn Order H/5 "Recovery from a normal spin is readily effected by ACTION TAKEN: application of apposite rudder, followed i) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER Opinions on the cause of the accident are by a gradual forward movement of the conto be promulgated to all units. trol column". Poor flying in doing a loop The designing of the catch is being proin such a manner as to stall the aircraft ceeded with. at the top of the loop. SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS: D.16 approved by A.M.T. 22-11-40. The pilot did not adhere to his flight instructions ef Sole practice on take-offs, landings and steep turns per Flight Authorization Book, The pilot discobeyed A.T.S. Squn Orders doing acrobatics below 3000 RECORDED BY feet and taking an unauthorised passenger.