

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Instrument flying--Instructional.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Aircraft No. 2599 crashed due to and explosion in the left fuel tank, which occurred while the aircraft was approximately 1000 feet above the ground.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Loosening, accidental or otherwise, of drain cock and nut which attached the main fuel line to the sump. This allowed the fuel to leak through the wing centre section, and this was probable ignited by either exhaust or static.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER
OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

IM/AMM/AA

Court of Inquiry.

DATE: 27-11-40 to 11-12-40.

COMPOSITION:

President: S/L J.G. Kerr

Member: F/L K. Petrie

Member: F/L R.B. Prindiville.

RECOMMENDATIONS: No recommendations are made until such time as a competent authority establishes the exact cause of this accident.

The investigation should be continued by persons specially trained to determine the cause: negligence or sabotage.

ACTION TAKEN:

(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER

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D.6 approved by OC 11-12-40 except "conclusively" in para. 2 of the Findings.

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