

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Solo.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

The aircraft landed on the aerodrome into the wind and the wheels collapsed after landing.

PRIMARY CAUSE: The landing wheels were not locked down due to either inexperience or carelessness on the part of the pilot who did not ensure that the U/C was properly locked down, in spite of the fact that visual and aural warnings failed to operate.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The battery was not fully charged and the generator was not working properly. The U/C could not be lowered by power.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Court of Inquiry

DATE: 17-2-41

COMPOSITION:

President - Squadron Leader G.P. Dunlop.
Member- F/O S.A. Bushell.
Member- F/O L.B. Flack.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

CO of RCAF Stn Trenton, states that Central Publications Section at Ottawa should notify all Units through A.F.G.O.'s immediately any new publications are available for issue, and that the date should be set when new regulations are to be brought into effect.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

Above concurred in, and the Court does not hold any of the Maintenance or Servicing personnel responsible in as much as the up to date CAP for Battle with Merlin III had never been received at Trenton.

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Capt. G. P. Dunlop
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