

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Starting aircraft engine.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

R170

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

On failure of engine to start on first attempt, mechanic gave signal "Switches off". Pilot failed to hear or see signal, engine fired striking airman.

DATE:

22-5-42

COMPOSITION: **F/Lt. L.C. Ledyard. #3 T.C. Montreal, Que.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The unit be instructed to give thorough instruction in airscrew swinging to both pilots and ground crew and to include visual signals at all times as well as the oral ones.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~**Lax airscrew swinging drill caused misunderstanding of signals when starting up engine.**~~

PROP.

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ACTION TAKEN:

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

Conclusions of A.I.B.

Misunderstanding between mechanic, swinging propeller and the pilot, due to slack and careless propeller swinging procedure.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~**Propeller struck airman.**~~

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