

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Solo practice.
Proceeding from hangar to line

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Lineman called for switched off and pupil answered not verifying position but thinking the lineman had turned them off. Lineman then proceeded to turn the propellor backwards to blow out engine and the engine fired, the propellor striking his left arm.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~56. Propellor swinging.~~

24. Prop.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

24. Carelessness

~~17. Disobedience of standing orders.~~

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 1096

Careless of pupil in failing to check switches before repeating mechanic's command.

Fact that mechanic moved switch himself contrary to established custom, instead of commanding pilot to do so is a somewhat extenuating circumstance insofar as pupil is concerned.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree with findings.

Note: AC1 Lang admitted he had not read S.S.O. on the subject of starting A/C. He also admitted that he was not supposed to touch controls of the A/C when starting it although there were no instructions written or oral in this regard.

ACTION TAKEN:

LAC McElhone was logged for "Carelessness".