



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Test pilot

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Ran off aerodrome into softditch to a depth of the top of the main landing wheel tire. Tow line was then fastened to tail and hitched to a truck which attempted to extricate A/C causing fuselage to give away at tail assembly.

CLASSIFICATION:

57. ~~Miscellaneous~~

24. Prop

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

24. Carelessness

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2103

An error in judgment on part of pilot in that he became stuck in the mud and then permitted the a/c to be towed by the tail imposing severe strain on rear of fuselage.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Inadequate lighting facilities at No.8 S.F.T.S. for purposes of taxiing a/c should be remedied and the hole in which this a/c became stuck should be filled in to prevent further accidents in this place. This is the responsibility of the Dept. of Transport who control the aerodrome.

New night flying lighting equipment being installed at all training units. Expect to be at School

ACTION TAKEN: around 1st of November.

Recommended that Pilot be logged for carelessness.