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OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Commanding Officer's Report.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 10-1-41

Short in electrical system, which led the pilot to believe that the A/C was on fire on take-off. This caused the pilot to make an emergency forced landing, with wheels retracted.

COMPOSITION:

Group Captain T.A. Lawrence.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A more rigid inspection of new aircraft.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Short in electrical system, in the switch box of the rear cockpit, caused by a spare nut fouling the bus bar and side of the switch box.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

The loose nut was left in the switch box, and could not be seen on normal inspections, and due to vibration, was shifted into the position which caused the short circuit.

D.14 approved by A.M.T. 7-2-41.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

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