



DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED: DUAL

INSTRUCTION IN INSTRUMENT FLYING.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Aircraft struck tree and returned to aerodrome. Each pilot stated that the other had control at the time of the accident and these statements were made under oath.

PRIMARY CAUSE: BREACH OF ORDERS ON THE PART OF SGT. FENTON, CAPTAIN OF THE A/C WHO EITHER FLEW OR PERMITTED THE A/C TO BE FLOWN IN A DANGEROUS MANNER AND ON A PRACTICE OTHER THAN THE PARTICULAR SEQUENCE AUTHORIZED FOR THIS FLIGHT, IN THE FLIGHT AUTHORIZATION BOOK. THIS RESULTED IN THE A/C STRIKING SOME TREES DURING LOW FLYING MANOEUVRES.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

NEGLECT ON THE PART OF BOTH PILOTS IN NOT ENSURING THE INTERCOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT IN THIS A/C WAS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER ILCO/POL/PCL/XCM  
OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

COURT OF INQUIRY

DATE: 1-41 TO 18-1-41

COMPOSITION:

SQUADRON LEADER J. McLAUGHLIN. RAF PRESIDENT.  
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT H. BRYANT. MEMBER  
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT W.B. HODGSON MEMBER.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR SGT FENTON IN DISOBEYING FLYING ORDERS

THE ENDORSATION OF BOTH PILOTS' FLYING LOGS FOR CARELESSNESS DURING UNAUTHORIZED LOW FLYING.

WHEREVER POSSIBLE OFFICER AND NCO PUPIL INSTRUCTORS BE NOT DETAILED TO FLY TOGETHER PARTICULARLY WITH

ACTION TAKEN: THE PUPIL OF SUBORDINATE RANK IN CHARGE OF THE A/C.  
(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER

THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS PUT INTO EFFECT. THIS ACTION PRECLUDES THE TAKING OF A SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE OR A COURT MARTIAL. A.M.T. APPROVES D.6 13-2-41.

RECORDED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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