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MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES

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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Formation Flying.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Collision in mid air with Yale

3386. BOTH A/C TOOK OFF AT 09:45 HRS, 26-2-41 AND COMMENCED FORMATION FLYING AT A HEIGHT OF APPROX. 2000' AND AT APPROX. 1025HRS. WHEN FLYING AT 2500' LAC WOODILL GAVE THE SIGNAL TO LAC WOODILL TO TAKE THE LEAD. WOODILL RECEIVED THE SIGNAL, AND LOST HEIGHT IN ORDER TO PASS UNDERNEATH A/C 3414. AIRCRAFT COLLIDED, CAUSING BOTH A/C TO GO OUT OF CONTROL.

PRIMARY CAUSE: BOTH PILOTS BAILED OUT SUCCESSFULLY.

Attempting to change position in formation. AN ERROR OF JUDGMENT ON THE PART OF ONE OR BOTH PILOTS DUE TO INEXPERIENCE.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Collision of Yale 3414 with Yale 3386. BOTH PILOTS WERE CARRYING OUT A MANOEUVRE IN WHICH THEY HAD NEVER RECEIVED ANY DUAL INSTRUCTION.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Commanding Officers Report.

DATE: 12-3-41

COMPOSITION: 28-2-41

MULT
ICA/P/PCL
ICA/P/PCL/XR

Group Captain (R.S. Grandy.)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(No instruction had been given in changing position in formation). A closer check to be kept on pupils to ensure they practice solo only the manoeuvres they have been given dual instruction in.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

COURT OF INQUIRY

COMPOSITION. ----- SQUADRON LEADER MICHELSON T.R.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT WULSON A.T.
PILOT OFFICER McDONALD J.C.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

- A. THAT WHEN A PUPIL IS INSTRUCTED TO CARRY OUR FORMATION FLYING THE ACTUAL EXERCISES TO BE PRACTICED SHOULD BE DETAILED IN THE AUTHORIZATION BOOK. B. THAT AMORE RIGID CHECK BE MAINTAINED TO ENSURE THAT PUPILS DO NOT ATTEMPT EXERCISES IN WHICH THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED DUAL INSTRUCTION.

CHECKED BY _____

DATE _____