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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Gunnery exercise.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Aircraft forced landed in ploughed field after engine failed. Pilot landed with wheels retracted, causing considerable damage to aircraft.

PRIMARY CAUSE: Carelessness.

Pilot had taken off with his radiator shutter closed, causing the engine to overheat and then ~~engine~~ to fail.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

F8/AOP/PCDE/ES/IM/PCI/JOX/B
COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Commanding Officer's Report

21-5-41

DATE:

COMPOSITION:

G.A. Mercer, Group Captain.

Monthly Accident Return.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Pilots were impressed with the necessity of seeing that their radiator shutters are open before taking off on aflight.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

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