



DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Dual formation flying.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 17 Feb./43

INVESTIGATING OFFICER

D-14

Port engine failed on take off.

COMPOSITION:

F.L. G.W. Salter, #33 S.F.T.S.

~~A/C crash landed off the aerodrome.~~

On take off developed an air-lock due to Port outer tank running dry & causing engine to cut resulting in forced landing & damage to a/c.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Suggested that an equalising pipe be fitted to connect the port fuel tank in addition to the present pipe line. The equalising tube to be fitted between the tank and the fuel pump on either side.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~13. Engine failure.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

NIL.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. (853)

Due to a/c force landing after engine failure due to lack of fuel. Cause was air lock in system caused by lack of refuelling after previous flight & lack of supervision by N.C.O. in charge of flight.

~~Due to not refuelling a/c after last flight & subsequent running on the ground.~~

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~air lock developing in port fuel system.~~

*1/2 Force Land*

*25 Petrol Shortage*

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