

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Navigation exercises.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Aircraft flew into heavy rain storm at 11,000 ft. and went into a spin recovering close to ground. Then stalled and hit ground.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Unauthorized pilot (officer) took over controls from the Sergeant Pilot (Captain) of the aircraft.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Aircraft went into a spin and crashed.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Court of Inquiry.

DATE: 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1941.

120C/AOC/PSF/N/I

COMPOSITION:

F/Lt.	G.D. Preston	C.1266	President
F/O	A.W. Hardman	C.5205	Member
F/O	P. Kelly	C.2505	Member

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Sgt. Gilbert should be absolved of the blame because he was under the impression that F/Lt. Christie was a qualified pilot and as a F/Lt had more experience than himself.

POM/C

ACTION TAKEN:

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

F/Lt. Christie tried by General Court Martial.

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____

CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____

