

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

1/2/4 MG

Solo cross country.

Court Of Inquiry

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: OCTOBER 9TH, 1941.

Pilot starting on solo cross country when he noticed that the aileron control appeared to be not functioning normally - decided to land on aerodrome and when passing over it at approx. 2,000 ft., discovered he had no aileron control at all. Aircraft went into straight dive. Pilot parachuted to safety.

COMPOSITION:

President	S/L	Gutray, J.T. (C.768)
Member	F/L	McKillop, M. (C.573)
Member	F/O	Turner, W.R.D. (C.1369)

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Loss of control caused aircraft to be abandoned by parachute.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (I) All aero engineers are to carry out a more rigid inspection to ascertain that all turnbuckles have been saftied particularly on replacement or re-rigging.
- (a) A rigid investigation to be carried out by all Elementary Schools to ensure that their maintenance personnel are fully conversant with the points to be covered during a periodic inspection.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

Careful maintenance inspections. See Court of Inquiry. Pupil paraded. No disciplinary action taken.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Aircraft dived to the ground crashed and burned. Pilot landed safely.

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____

CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____