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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Training sequences 17, and 22.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Aircraft collided in air 4099 sheering tail 4052 which crashed into river. Pilot parachuted 1000' into river. 4099 successfully landed at Sea Island.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Failure on the part of both pilots concerned to observe the presence of the other.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER
OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

COURT OF INQUIRY.

DATE: 24-12-41

COMPOSITION:

President: S/L Blagrove, R.D.P. *IC A/P/10/39*
Member: F/O Forbes-Roberts, R.D.
" F/O Fredrickson, F.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

"That flying practice areas for # 18 EFTS., be extended considerably in order to relieve congestion which occurs especially over Westham Island".

ACTION TAKEN:

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

Nil

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The leading edge lower starboard mainplane of Moth 4099 sheared the rudder of Moth 4052 causing it to descend out of control with the result that the pilot abandoned the aircraft.

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____

CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____