



DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Formation flying.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT  
DATE: 13 Feb./43

A/C forced landed. Engine cut out at 1 or 2000 feet altitude and pilot signified his intention on R/T to land on a lake. The a/c struck tree tops on approach and was totally wrecked.

COMPOSITION:

S.L. E.R. Gardner, #121 Squadron

1200/1700/1800/1900

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Further information be supplied pilots on forced landing procedure & engine off characteristics and a record of all such instruction be kept.

See Summary for complete details.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~54. Engine failure in the air.~~

17. *Forced Landing*  
Findings of Investigation

Pilot neglected to change to main tanks & was forced to attempt to land from too low a height to allow changing tanks.

A/c spun in from a low altitude.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Stbd wing struck tree tops while pilot was approaching to land on a lake. Pilot came in downwind reaching too far for a good landing field.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. (#842)

Pilot comparatively inexperienced on type, lost control of his a/c in an attempt to make a forced landing, when his engine failed due to shortage of gas in the reserve tank, the pilot erred in not switching to main tanks.

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(26) *Engine Trouble - Accident*

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