

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED: Air to air gunnery practice.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

The pilot did not interpret the gunners' order to Fire, and he thought that the A/C was actually on fire. He accordingly completed a forced landing on Lake Johnston with little damage to the plane.

PRIMARY CAUSE: • Confusion on the part of the pilot in not being able to interpret the true meaning of the command "Fire" and in further misunderstanding the reply from the gunner who again shouted "Fire".

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

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

Investigating Officer's Report.

DATE: 10-3-41

COMPOSITION: *1st Lt. G. O. Godson*
Flight Lieutenant G.O. Godson.

RECOMMENDATIONS: This accident would not have occurred if the pilot had used his head

ACTION TAKEN:

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

D.13 returned for more evidence as to ability of F/O Messenflow as a pilot.

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