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No.3 E.F.T.S. London, Ont.		1		1/4 mile S.W. London, Airport.										25-11-40		1650																									
A/C TYPE		No.		CRASH CAT.		SE		ME		DAY		NIGHT		H.Q. FILE																											
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Higginbotham, J.E.			LAC	R56352	P	Killed (4528)				FATAL	INJURY																														
Duff, L.A.			LAC	R56372	P	Killed (4499)				2																															
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CAUSES
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 OTHERS
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 FL. CONTRS.
 MOV. SURFS.
 STAB. SURFS.
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 LAND. GEAR
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 ENGINE MOUNT.
 MISCEL.
 UND'TD
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 FUEL SYS.
 COOL SYS.
 IGNIT. SYS.
 LUP'N SYS.
 ENG. STR.
 AIRSCREW A.
 ENG. CONTRS.
 MISCEL.
 UND'TD
 PRIMARY
 HANDO.
 INSTS.
 WEATHER
 DRINKS.
 AL'S SURF.
 OTHER
 UND'TD
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 TAXING
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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED

Solo practice.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Collision in mid air.

4499 MADE A TURN TOWARD THE AIRPORT AND WAS GLIDING SLOWLY TOWARDS THE AERODROME. 4528 WAS TRAVELLING MUCH FASTER, SMUNG WIDE OF AND BEYOND 4499, CONTINUING HIS TURN TOWARDS IT, WHEN 4528 WAS CLOSE TO 4499 THE MAIN-PLANE OF 4528 WOBBLLED BWOLENTLY AND 4528 THEN TURNED INTO 4499. THE TWO MACHINES FELL INTERLOCKED TO THE GROUND. ~~PROXIMATE CAUSE:~~ 4499 STRIKING THE GROUND POINTING TOWARDS THE AERODROME, WHILE 4528 DESCRIBED A HALF-TURN IN ITS DESCENT AND FINISHED LYING WITH ITS WINGS OVER THE TOP OF 4499 WITH ITS TAIL IN THE AIR

PRIMARY CAUSE: AN ERROR IN JUDGMENT ON THE PART OF LAC HIGGINBOTHAM IN THAT HE FAILED TO NOTE THE PRESENCE OF 4499

PILOTED BY LAC DUFF.
SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

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

COURT OF INQUIRY

DATE: 2611-40- TO 3-12-40.

COMPOSITION:

FLYING OFFICER D D. THOMSON MEMBER.
SQUADRON LEADER J.M. FREEMAN PRESIDENT
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT W.W.S. LIGHTHALL MEMBER

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT A LANDING AREA WIDER THAN THE PRESENT PAVED RUNWAY AT THE LONDON CITY AIRPORT BE PROVIDED WHERE ELEMENTARY FLYING TRAINING IS BEING CARRIED OUT.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

A.B.C. DOES NOT CONCUR ON THE RECOMMENDATION ABOVE, BUT CONCURS WITH THE FINDINGS OF THE COURT AS TO THE PRIMARY CAUSE. 28-12-40.

A.M.T. APPROVES D.6

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