

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Progress Test

Nil **MA**

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Engine failed to start the first time so mechanic gave command "Switch Off" Student pulled switch off and replied "Switch Off" but put it back on immediately. At the same time mechanic swung prop and was injured. Pupil thought he heard the command "Contact" and turned switch on.

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2009

Pupil's carelessness in not waiting to receive proper "contact" orders before switching on ignition.
Instructor's carelessness in not "riding" switches during starting procedure, with an unqualified student handling the controls.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Ground and aircrew be periodically cautioned against carelessness in swinging of airscrews.
All ab initio pupils pass oral exam (involving a practical demonstration) prior to going solo.
That right hand only be used for both signalling and switching on or off in Fleet A/C

CLASSIFICATION:

~~56. Propeller swinging~~

24. Prop.

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CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. - Agree.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~25. Inexperience of pupil~~

ACTION TAKEN: