

PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

See below.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/c placed u/s for defective elevator bracket.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

Subsequent inspection during repair/two bears in underside of tail boom, one between ^{revealed} No. 28 and 29, other between frames 29 and 30. Frames No. 29,30,31, 32, and 33 were pierced and the top skin of the boom was damaged in approximate line of these holes. A similar hole in the underside of the tailplane led to the discovery of a pierced tailplane front spar and a slight indentation in the top skin.

It is considered that the damage was effected by bullets fired from the lower rear gun turret.

CLASSIFICATION:

57. Miscellaneous

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

ACTION TAKEN:

Investigation being carried out.