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OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Commanding Officer's Report. MA/XFM

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 18-3-41

COMPOSITION:

Group Captain T.A. Lawrence.

The switches were turned on before McAlpine swinging airsrew called Contact. The engine started and the propellor struck AC1 McAlpine in the hand.

RECOMMENDATIONS: This case is being investigated further, and if sufficient evidence is available disciplinary action will be taken against AC1 Birker.

PRIMARY CAUSE: Neglect on the part of the airman in the cockpit AC1 Birker in failing to ensure the switches were fully off, after the airman swinging the airsrew had called switches off.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

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