



DOY ON WHICH ENGAGED: UNKNOWN.

Routing camera gun exercise.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Machine crashed, burst into flames  
Pilot escaped by parachute.

AT APPROX 16:10 HRS. A/C DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLE  
SMOKE CAME FROM EXHAUST. PILOT SAYS HE GAVE  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE AIRCREW TO ABANDON A/C.

AT ABOUT 2000 FT. ALTITUDE. PILOT JUMPED FROM  
AIRCRAFT AND DESCENDED SAFELY BY PARACHUTE.  
PRIMARY CAUSE:

ENGINE FAILURE--CAUGHT FIRE

ENGINE FAILURE DUE TO BROKEN CONNECTING  
ROD.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

AIRCRAFT CRASHED TO GROUND

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

COURT OF INQUIRY

DATE:

11-7-41.

COMPOSITION:

WING COMMANDER

V.H. PATRIARCHE (C.602)

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT D.D. CARR-HARRIS (C.2356)

FLYING OFFICER

W.J. ROULSTON (C.5857)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

SUGGEST THAT FOLDING REAR SEAT IN FRONT OF GUNNERS SEAT  
BE REMOVED FROM BATTLE AIRCRAFT, AND THE REAR COCKPIT HOOD  
BE MODIFIED TO PERMIT JETTISONING FOR EMERGENCY EXIT.  
GROUND INSTRUCTION IN ABANDONING OF AIRCRAFT.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

RECORDED BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_