

To be placed on Confidential File of:-

**CUMING**  
406071 W/O. CUMING, G.S.

The abovenamed ~~(officer-~~ (N.C.O. was pilot in aircraft A46-70 which was involved in an accident at South Belmont on 2nd November, 1944.

2. Proceedings of the (Court of Inquiry convened ~~(Investigation-~~ to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the accident are on Confidential File No. 32/28/503.

3. It was found by the (Court of Inquiry ~~(Investigating Officer-~~ that the abovenamed ~~(officer-~~ (N.C.O. ~~(was~~ slightly injured as a result of the accident.

4. It was found by the (Court of Inquiry ~~(Investigating Officer-~~ that ~~(responsibility-~~ (blame for the accident attached to the abovenamed ~~(in-blame-~~

~~(officer-~~ (N.C.O. in that he deliberately flew an aircraft which he knew to be unserviceable.

5. It was found by the (Court of Inquiry ~~(Investigating Officer-~~ that the cause of the accident was -

- (a) the unfit condition of the pilot for flying in so far as he was suffering from self imposed fatigue caused by lack of sleep and/or -
- (b) the possibility of mechanical failure not ascertainable.

Special findings or recommendations by the Court of a personal nature

6. The A.O.C., Western Area considered that the real cause of the accident was fatigue of the pilot due to lack of sleep coupled with his consumption of alcohol.

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**Cause of accident**

7. The findings of the (Court of Inquiry ~~(Investigating Officer-~~ so far as they concern the abovenamed ~~(officer-~~ (N.C.O. were

~~(concurred in~~ by Air Force Head-Quarters, subject to the ~~(not-concurred-in-~~ comments of the A.O.C., Western Area.