

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED: COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER Court of Enquiry Recommaissance Patrol. OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT: NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT: (Pilot apparently endeavoured to eff-COMPOSITION: Patricia Bay.B.(est a landing on exceeding rough water. Pres. S.L. H.J. Winny (C1410) 13(OT) Squadron. The left wing tip apparently dropped and Mem . F.L. E.W. Beardmore (C820) Hdgs. Sudn. Pat. Pa came in contact with a large wave causing the a/C to slew violently to the left RECOMMENDATIONS: and force the nose into the water crushing the forward part of the hull and breaking TRIMARY:CRUER all cockpit windows. then sank nose first in approximately four minutes. Wing tip and tailplane only visible during this period of time. ACTION TAKEN: Primary Cause: -(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER Nil Conclusions of A.T.B. Pilot endeavoured to land on water which-Heavy landing in extremely rough water during a was much too rough to land any aircraft. gale. A/C damaged seriously in alighting sank SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS: almost immediately. Forward part of hull caved in and all The body of the pilot, Flt.Lt. MacDougall, is still cockpit windows broken, allowing airmissing but from the evisience and Exhibit "JATE he may be presumed "dead". craft to sink rapidly. Body of Flt.Lt. MacDougall recovered 19-12-41