



DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Ferry flight Debert to Moncton.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT: IM/P/M/N/ET/CS/RS/I

R.170

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Lost in bad snowstorm enroute from Debert to Moncton -continued flying west-ran out of fuel- Farrell bailed out and landed in Kingman, Maine-uminjured. Armour bailed out---too late.

DATE:

Investigating Officer's Report.

COMPOSITION:

F.O. L.C. Ledyard

No. 3 Training Command, H.Q. Montreal.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

ALL PILOTS ON CROSS COUNTRIES TO BE IMPRESSED WITH THE NECESSITY OF TURNING BACK ON ENCOUNTERING SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS, AND WHEN NEARLY OUT OF FUEL UNDER CONDITIONS WHERE FORCED LANDING IS IMPOSSIBLE, TO ENSURE THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT ALTITUDE TO JUMP SAFELY. FURTHER INFORMATION ON ABANDONING AIRCRAFT BE ADDED TO G.A.P. 100, SECTION 11, PARA.13, APPENDIX "A" INSTRUCTING PILOTS AS TO WHETHER HAND SHOULD BE GRASPING RIP CORD WHEN JUMPING, AND IF SO, WHICH HAND."

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Pilot encountered severe snowstorm and was unable to fly out of it, before aircraft ran out of fuel and engine failed.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

ALL PILOTS Again warned concerning the treacherous weather in the Maritimes.

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CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

PILOT AND PASSENGER ABANDONED A/C AFTER BECOMING LOST IN HEAVY SNOW STORM. THIS MUST BE CLASSED AS AN ERROR IN JUDGMENT ON THE PART OF THE PILOT.

- (A) IN COMMENCING THE FLIGHT IN THE FACE OF AN ADVERSE WEATHER REPORT. (B) IN ATTEMPTING TO CONTINUE THE FLIGHT WHEN BAD WEATHER WAS ENCOUNTERED.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

A/C abandoned after running low in fuel and crashed in woods.

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