

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Authorized transportation flight to Dartmouth, N.S. for the purpose of exchanging aircraft.

NATURE OF INCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

WHEN A/C WAS A FEW FEET OFF THE GROUND, ONE OR BOTH ENGINES SPATTERED MOMENTARILY. A/C SANK TO THE GROUND, ENGINES PICKED UP AND A/C CLEARED THE RUNWAY TO CONTINUE IN A STRAIGHT CLIMB. AT 50 FT A LEFT BANK WAS ASSUMED WHICH GREW STEEPER DEVELOPING A SIDESLIP. A/C COMMENCED TO SINK, THROTTLES APPEARED CLOSED. A/C STRUCK THE GROUND BURST INTO FLAMES AND WAS TOTALLY DAMAGED.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

- ~~(I) HUMAN FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE PILOT.~~
- ~~(II) HUMAN ERROR ON THE PART OF THE PILOT.~~
- ~~(III) STRUCTURAL FAILURE OF THE AIRFRAME.~~
- ~~(IV) FUEL STARVATION.~~

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE FILE 1700 - 761

OUT OF CONTROL

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SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~AIRCRAFT CRASHED AND BURNED.~~

FIRE - IN CRASH.

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COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Court of Inquiry

DATE: 8-6-42

COMPOSITION:

PRES. W. COMDR T.C. DICKENS No. L6243 EASTERN AIR COMMAND
 MEM. S/LDR S. VOLK R.C.A.F. TOR BAY.
 F/LT. D.A. GILLIS No. 5 C.A.S. SQD. TOR BAY.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (I) THAT DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS BE ISSUED AS TO THE NUMBER OF PERSONS THAT MAY BE CARRIED AS PASSENGERS IN EACH TYPE OF OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT.
- (II) THAT WEIGHT SHEET SUMMARIES ARE PREPARED BEFORE FLIGHT BY ALL PILOTS OF HEAVY TWIN ENGINED OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT."

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

THIS ACCIDENT WAS FULLY INVESTIGATED BY SQUADRON LEADER POLLARD AND FLYING OFFICER CARON OF THIS BRANCH. WHILE THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT REMAINS OBSCURE, THE FOLLOWING MUST BE REGARDED AS CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES:-

- (I) THE AIRCRAFT WAS OVERLOADED.
- (II) THE LOAD WAS INCORRECTLY DISTRIBUTED.
- (III) PARTIAL FAILURE OF THE STARBOARD ENGINE.
- (IV) MISUSE OF CONTROLS BY PILOT.

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THIS AIRCRAFT REVEALED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO N.C.O. PERCENTAGE CHECK ON THIS AIRCRAFT BETWEEN 23/3/42 AND 6/5/42, I.E., SINCE THE AIRCRAFT LEFT DARTMOUTH

RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____