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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Cross country solo.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Investigating Officer's Report.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 5-8-42.

Crashed in Lake. A/C took-off on a solo cross country navigating flight at 0922 hours. Less than 1 hour later A/C 3041 was located in Good Spirit Lake about half the way along the west shore and about 300 to 400 yards from the shore, partly submerged in the water. When discovered the pilot had left the A/C apparently in an attempt to swim to shore but had never reached there. His dead body was later recovered.

COMPOSITION:

S/L SOMERVILLE J.D. (C1999) No. 11 S.F.T.S. YORKTON, SASK.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

NIL.

OBSERVATIONS OF A.O.C.

EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO FIND OUT THE IDENTITY OF THE PILOT OR PILOTS OF THE OTHER A/C WHICH WAS SEEN IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH.

PRIMARY CAUSE: OBSCURE.

~~JUDGING FROM THE DAMAGE DONE TO THE A/C AND ENGINE THE PILOT WAS LOW FLYING OVER GLASSY WATER, MISJUDGED HIS HEIGHT AND STRUCK HIS PROPELLORS ON THE WATER RATHER HEAVILY, CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

NIL.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

THERE IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO FORM A DEFINITE CONCLUSION BUT THE PROBABILITY THAT THE ACCIDENT WAS DUE TO UNAUTHORIZED LOW FLYING CANNOT BE DISMISSED.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

A/C CRASHED IN LAKE.

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