



DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

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**No. 1 Cross Country.**

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: September 12th, 1942.

COURT OF INQUIRY

**Failed to return from Cross Country**

COMPOSITION:

**No. 1 Flight and extensive search failed to reveal any trace of a/c.**

S/L E.W. Cowan C.853

W.A.C. Victoria, B.C.

F/L K.W. Trigance DFC 40576 #32 O.T.U. Patricia Bay.

F/O H.J. Beaumont C7575 W.A.C. Victoria B.C.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Obscure.~~

*Not known*

ACTION TAKEN:

(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER --Nil.

Conclusions of A.L.E.

The pilot, comparatively inexperienced on operational aircraft, together with a crew of two failed to return from a cross country flight, half of the course being over water.

No trace having been found of the missing aircraft and three occupants after 74 days, it is considered that the occupants may reasonably "be presumed to be dead."

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