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TYPE OF A/C																CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS															
PILOT																OTHERS															
AIRFRAME FAILURE																ENGINE FAILURE															
UNIT 116 SQUADRON																COM. E.A.C.															
BOTWOOD, NFD.																BATTLE HARBOUR, LABRADOR															
A/C TYPE CATALINA																No. Z2140															
CRASH CAT. A																DATE 5-9-42															
TIME																H.Q. FILE 1300-72140															
NAME																RANK															
NO.																DUTY															
INJURIES																SERIOUS															
SCHLACKS A.R.																F/L C2889															
SOEDER, G.A.																SGT. R87436															
MCADAM, R.C.																E/O 110327															
SELBY D.G.																R/S R66084															
WHETTELL T.L.																SGT. R106306															
KONTZIE F.J.																CPL. 6042															
MULLINS W.L.																ACI R121860															
DARGROVE J.F.																CIV.															
SNELLING E.																CIV.															
DURRELL																CIV.															
REID W.N.																CIV.															
NOT ON BOARD A/C																KILLED															
SLIGHTLY INJURED.																SLIGHTLY INJURED.															
SERIOUS																FATAL INJURY															
CARD SERIAL NO.																700															
TYPE A/F & ENGINE																No.															
EXTENT OF DAMAGE																REPORT FORM															
SERIAL NO.																DATE															
HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS																INST NIGHT															
ON TYPE																TOTAL															
DUAL SOLO																DUAL SOLO															
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Catalina Z2140 TOTALLY																12															
PRATT & WILTNEY 12156/A262598 TOTALLY																12															
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DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:
A/C ON DETACHED OPERATIONS.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER
OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

TM/PA/GA

COURT OF INQUIRY

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:
A/C EXPLODED WHILE TAXIING ON WATER AT
BATTLE HARBOUR, LABRADOR, AND CAUGHT FIRE
AND SANK. SURVIVORS BARELY ESCAPED BEFORE
FINAL EXPLOSION.

DATE: 17 Sept./42 W/C. R.C.Ripley, E.A.C.
COMPOSITION: S/L. A. Fleming, Dartmouth.
S/L. J.E.Tanner, E.A.C.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) DURING LANDINGS, TAKE OFFS & MANOEUVERS ON WATER, ALL CREW SHOULD
BE AT PROPER STATIONS. PASSENGERS SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED IN PILOT'S
RECOMMENDATIONS: COMPARTMENT AT SUCH TIMES (2) MORE ATTENTION SHOULD

BE PAID BY CREWS TO DRILLS LAID DOWN FOR BOMBING CIRCUITS IN OPERATIONAL
/C (3) A/C SENT ON DETACHED DUTIES TO BASES NOT PROVIDED WITH GROUND

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO STATE DEFINITE CAUSE,
BUT FACTS POINT TO ACCIDENTAL RELEASE OF 2
DEPTH CHARGES WHICH CAUSED THE INITIAL EX-
PLOSION (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE SUMMARY
OF ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION No. 767)~~

CREWS FOR SERVICING SHOULD HAVE A CREW CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT
ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE CHECKS.

SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

SUITABLE RECOGNITION BE SHOWN F/S SELBY, SGT. WHETTEL & MR. NORMAN
ACTION TAKEN: LEA FOR GALLANT RESCUE WORK.

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

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

AGREE WITH FINDINGS. (1) QUESTION OF MONEY LOST BY CIVILIAN PAYMASTER
NOT SUFFICIENTLY PROVED (2) THERE ARE CERTAIN PHASES WHICH SHOULD BE
DEALT WITH BY LEGAL OFFICERS AND JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S DEPT.
(SEE SUMMARY OF ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION FOR A.C.C.'S OBSERVATIONS)

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