

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

ROUTINE NAVIGATION EXERCISE.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

COURT OF INQUIRY

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 30-10-42. / LCO / PSJ ✓

AIRCRAFT APPEARS TO HAVE CRASHED HEAVILY INTO TREES.

COMPOSITION:

S/L Baskett, C.A. No. 36 O.T.U. Greenwood, N.S.
F/O Tustin, W.A. No. 1 G.R.S. Summerside P.E.I.
F/O Pratt, K.L. No. 1 G.R.S. Summerside, P.E.I.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is the opinion of the Court that it is only possible to prevent a repetition of this type of accident by further enforcing low flying regulations.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Pilot, inexperienced on type, of doubtful ability and doubtful ocular muscle balance, crashed into a tree when flying at low altitude.~~

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

STAFF PILOT, COMPARATIVELY INEXPERIENCED ON TYPE, OF DOUBTFUL ABILITY AND DOUBTFUL OCULAR MUSCLE BALANCE, CRASHED INTO A TREE WHEN FLYING AT LOW ALTITUDE. ALTHOUGH THE EVIDENCE IS NOT DEFINITELY CONCLUSIVE ON THE POINT, YET IT TENDS TO SHOW THAT THE PILOT WAS ENGAGING IN UNAUTHORIZED LOW FLYING. THERE WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN LAXITY IN THE MEDICAL CHECK UP OF THIS PILOT; HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DECLARED AS UNFIT FOR PILOT DUTIES AND ALTHOUGH LATER PASSED AS FIT FOR PILOT DUTIES, HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONTINUALLY EXAMINED FOR EYE CONDITION. THE PILOT'S MEDICAL DOCUMENTS HAVE RECORDED BY _____ DATE _____ BEEN CHECKED BY D.D.M.S. AND HIS VISION WAS NOT A CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT. AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING ISSUED THAT ALL PILOTS WHO HAVE HAD CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____ ORTHOPTIC TREATMENT ARE TO BE CHECKED EVERY 3 MONTHS FOR A YEAR.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~A/C struck tree and was totally damaged.~~

Collision - Absurdities
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