

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

D-14.

Routine night navigational flight.

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE:

Pilot became lost. After flying for some time without recognizing a landmark, pilot decided to force land due to shortage of gas. In the absence of a good field pilot chose lake, levelled off over middle of lake and held aircraft off water until near shore. Pilot cut switched landing light and throttles, aircraft ~~skipped over water~~ skipped over water and came to rest on boulders near shore.

COMPOSITION:

FS/PCN/ET/PS/PM/I

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~Pilot and crew became lost, were unable to find base or alternative airport.~~

17. FORCED LANDING

ACTION TAKEN:

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

Special emphasis will, in future, be laid on the practice of both pilot and navigator checking the setting of compass courses. Special emphasis will be placed upon Navigator frequently checking courses with the Astro Compass. Pilots, in future, will be required to practice radio range work regularly.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Forced landed in Lake.~~

25. PETROL SHORTAGE

RECORDED BY _____

DATE _____

CHECKED BY _____

DATE _____