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COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

Local for calibration of operations

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

DATE: 29 JAN./43

COURT OF INQUIRY
S/L. R.A. ASHMAN (C934), #115 SQUADRON.

COMPOSITION:

S/L. L.W. LUKE (C509), #4 GROUP HQ.
F/L. N.K. MARTIN (C1289), #4 GROUP HQ.

Aircraft crashed on landing, broke up and sank. Depth charges exploded on crashing. Highly experienced pilot in charge of a/c which bears out fact that this type a/c unsuited for any glassy water procedure.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~40 Heavy landing. Flying into water due to error of judgment on part of pilot.~~

RECOMMENDATIONS: (A) DEPTH CHARGES NOT BE CARRIED DURING NON-OPERATIONAL FLIGHTS, PARA. (c) III. (B) DISCIPLINARY ACTION BE TAKEN AGAINST 5526 SGT. PARKER, R.C. (N.C.O. I/C DAILY INSPECTION DREW.) (C) CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE REDESIGN OR MODIFICATION OF RCAF CRASH BOATS TO FACILITATE THE HANDLING OF INJURED PERSONNEL IN THE WATER. (D) A MORE SUITABLE TYPE OF FLYING GOGGLES BE ISSUED TO PILOTS.

OBSERVATIONS BY A.C.C.

THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING, WESTERN AIR COMMAND, CONCURRED IN THE REPORT EXCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS REMOVING DEPTH CHARGES.

ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.-Bad landing by pilot caused A/C to nose into the water, followed almost immediately by explosion of depth charges, completely wrecking A/C and injuring the occupants. Consider that the method of signing out Daily Inspections at RCAF Station, Prince Rupert at the time of the accident was unsatisfactory.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

~~Landing into sun - glassy water.~~

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