

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Navigation cross country practice.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

D.14 #145

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

A/C took off with reasonably good visibility and deterioration developed rapidly. Unable to climb above overcast, attempted let down and crashed into trees on high land.

DATE:

COMPOSITION:

PCN/XCI/wv6 ✓

RECOMMENDATIONS:

NIL.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

~~19. Bad Weather~~

20. FLEW INTO GROUND.

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ACTION TAKEN:

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

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

PILOT ON CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT RAN INTO BAD WEATHER DESCENDED WITH INTENTION OF FLYING CONTACT AND CRASHED INTO TREES AS THERE WAS THICK FOG DOWN TO THE TREE TOPS. THE PILOT APPARENTLY DIDN'T TRUST HIMSELF TO FLY ON INSTRUMENTS. ALTHOUGH THE CONDITIONS OF BAD WEATHER WAS THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT IT IS CONSIDERED THAT S/L JOHNSTONE ERRED IN PERMITTING THE PILOT TO TAKE OFF HAVING FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE WEATHER FORECAST.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

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