

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT No. 9 BR Sqn. Bella Bella		COM WAC	PLACE Alarm Cove, Llama Passage, Bella Bella		DATE 30-7-43	TIME 0555			
A/C TYPE Canso A		NO. 9789	CRASH CAT. A	S.E.	M.E. X	DAY	NIGHT		
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES	SIGNAL			
Joseph, A.J.		P/O	J23027	P	Slight	NO.	DATE		
Brown, K.L.		F/S	R122924	2P	Slight	A0539	30-7		
Shirra, R.B.		F/O	J13152	WAG	Serious	D 14 (REVISED)			
Jones, L.		P/O	J27441	OBS	Serious	NO.	CHECKED		
Travis, L.R.		W/O	R91892	OBS	Slight	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Rawlinson, H.A.S.		Sgt.	R140236	WAG	Slight				
Kershaw, E.A.		Sgt.	R72192	WAG	Slight				
Cowman, J.		Sgt.	R75569	FE	Missing	9			
ENGINE		ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS					
Wasp	9968/20535	Total		INST.	NIGHT	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
	9967/20534	Total				SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
				44	47	57	15	761	288
				36	21		53	153	362

Johnston, W.J. LAO
R18425 FE Serious

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TYPE OF A/C

TYPE OF UNIT

CATEGORY

COMMAND

MONTH

STAGE OF FLIGHT

FORCED LANDINGS
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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Reconnaissance Sea Patrol

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Contact was lost with ground after taking off under only fair conditions due to lower fog base and before a turn could be completed to return to base, hills and trees loomed out of fog. Pilot with use of throttles stalled A/C into trees on the hillside and A/C burst into flames on landing. Heavy gasoline load for anticipated long patrol made A/C sluggish.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2011

Error in judgment on part of pilot.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Pilots should be discouraged from executing certain manoeuvres in Canso which they have been accustomed to perform in Stranraer and similar types. Should be given more experience in handling heavily loaded Canso A/C and include turns of various degrees of bank both on instruments and contact.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.

Agree with findings.

Pilot followed least desirable course prior to crash on observing lowering of ceiling.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~47. Weather~~

20. Flew into Ground. 20

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~32. Pilot error~~

ACTION TAKEN: