



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Search for RCAF vessel  
"Midnight Sun".

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Shortly after take off a heavy gust  
heeled a/c sharply to port. Apparent-  
ly at this moment a wave struck port  
float bending struts and snapping two  
inboard brace wires.

CLASSIFICATION:

35. ~~Cross winds and gusts.~~

16. *Other* 16.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

NIL.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

No evidence of ~~contributory~~ failure. Two ribs  
slightly damaged, two float struts damaged seriously  
one float bracing wire damaged beyond repair.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.

*05/12/43*

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL.