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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:
                                         TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:
                                             11.00/016
  Night Weather check , prior to
 night flying.
NATURE OF ACCIDENT:
 Filot took off for night weather checkgourt of inquiry or investigating officer's report:
) Vis. approx. two to three miles. When findings:
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                                                                      SUMMARY No.
                                        CAUSE: Aircraft struck tree top following a loss of
 A/C was airborne approx. five min.
                                        altitude presumably caused by the pilot attempting
 visibility closed down to less than
                                        to dislodge ice from the windshield.
 500 yds and severe icing conditions
 prevailed in mist. Pilot attempted to RECONMENDATIONS: That no passengers superfluous to
                                        crew be carried on night flying exercises, night
 locate aerodrome by flying low over
                                        weather checks or patrols.
 landscape. Upon investigation was
                                        CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. : Agree with findings.
) found that Stbd. wing had hit tree
                                                  The I.C.'s opinion expressed in his remarks
 and a/c crashed, but did not burn.
                                        that the weather check flight was unnecessary and
 A/C was totally destroyed.
                                        should never have been undertaken is agreed with.
 CLASSIFICATION:
                                        Note: 2: The evidence regarding the undertaking of
                                        the flight to above seems indicative of a situation
 22.Collisions obstr.
                                        at the unit which requires further inquiry.
 SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:
                                        ACTION TAKEN:
                                         Nil.
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