



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Patrol

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

NIL

LCC/VDH

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

On completion of a routine patrol the pilot could not fully lower u/c . Instructions were passed to pilot from C.T. and one and a half hours were devoted in attempting to lower u/c . When a/c's fuel supply was almost exhausted, his depth charges, drop tanks, door and top hatch were jettisoned and a successful belly landing effected in the sand shoulder of the into wind runway.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2303

CAUSE: A/C landed with u/c retracted.

RECOMMENDATIONS: See summary 2303

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.P. This accident was undoubtedly caused by failure of the u/c hydraulic selector due to mishandling of this Unit at sometime during it's repair, necessitating a wheels up landing. It is considered that the Maintenance personnel failed to observe care when carrying out repairs and also in not determining that the repairs undertaken were serviceable in all respects.

CLASSIFICATION:

33. Technical defect.

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

34. Wheels up landing.

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ACTION TAKEN:

NIL