



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Target towing shoot with Navy.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C was seen going into spiral dive apparently out of control. A/C crashed into sea 6 miles from Airport

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. *2363*

CAUSE: Loss of control of the a/c probably due to pilot having been overcome by smoke and fire inside the fuselage.

Recommendations: Nil.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. Agree with findings.

Note: The O.C. and the Diving Officer of the Marine Sqdn at the station stated that salvage operations in operations of this kind could be more effectively carried out if the station was equipped with a derrick scow capable of lifting fifteen tons.

CLASSIFICATION:

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*23 Not Known*

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

ACTION TAKEN: