



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Routine Nav. Training Flight.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Pilot became lost on third leg of Nav. flight. Radio was very noisy and he could not hear Quebec Range. Finally found St. Lawrence River and turned west to try to reach Que. When airborne over five hours gas was very low so decided to ditch a/c. Dropped flare and landed close to shore.

CLASSIFICATION:

17. Forced Landing.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

25. Petrol Shortage.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil.

FS/PCN/ET/PS/PMI/ARD

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2411

CAUSE: Pilot became lost and ditched in St. Lawrence River when fuel supply became exhausted.

RECOMMENDATIONS: See Summary 2411

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. Agree.

Note: The Investigating Officer's recommendation 2 suggests that a/c at this unit are not fitted with emergency equipment for landing on water. The point is not touched on in evidence but, if it is the case, the recommendation is worthy of consideration.

C.I. ACCIDENTS: I agree. The radio was u/s at the end of the first hour. A/C should have returned to base then. This is an isolated case of "ditching" at this school but as the courses lie along the St. Lawrence the provision of emergency equipment should be considered.

ACTION TAKEN: