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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Freight run Moncton - Gander.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil.

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/c had made instrument let down beneath 400-600 foot ceiling but was off line on landing runway. Pilot was making a contact circuit beneath the overcast and on final turn-in towards aerodrome appeared to either (a) enter a high speed stall or (b) hit the tree-tops on the turn. A/C crashed into bush and burned completely. No Moon; ceiling 400-700ft; visibility 7 miles.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 999

CIRCUMSTANCES: A/C crashed while attempting to get into position to make approach under low ceiling.

CAUSE: a/c either slipped in or stalled after swinging from a left hand turn into a right hand turn at low altitude and in recovering struck trees.

RECOMMENDATIONS: As runway lighting system of RCAF station Gander, is apparently confusing, it is suggested that system be studied with a view to improve the situation.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Pilot error, while attempting to get into position to make approach under low ceiling. A/C either slipped in or partially stalled after swinging from a left hand turn into a right hand turn on low altitude and in recovering struck the trees. Recommendations should be considered by proper authorities.

ACTION TAKEN:

CLASSIFICATION:

32. Pilot error.

7. OTHERS

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS: