



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Familiarization night 12,13.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

No technical failure involved.

*1 LOC / 7100 / P/O / N / I / W / P / M / W / V*

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

A/C caught in fog while in the circuit and crashed one mile S.W. of M.A. while attempting to make a landing on the aerodrome.

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2143

CAUSE - Error of judgment on part of pilot due to very poor visibility caused by heavy fog at night. Court also found that pilot left circuit without permission: the Officer in charge of night flying failed to obtain adequate weather reports; and flight was not properly authorized and was not in accordance with regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS. - Court recommends closer co-operation between the Elem. Flying Training School and the Department of Transport Meteorological Section.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. - Failure to maintain equilibrium when overtaken by very bad weather at night.

The a/c should not, in view of weather conditions obtaining, have taken off and perhaps would not have done so had trouble been taken to secure a weather forecast

and report. (See summary for list of regulations

ACTION TAKEN: not complied with )

A Summary of Evidence has been ordered in case of P/O Meyers. Retirement of Officer suggested.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~17. Disobedience of standing orders.~~

*OUT. OF CONTROL. 19*

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

~~21. Inability to maintain equilibrium.~~

~~19. Bad weather.~~

*DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDERS. 41*