



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Training.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

INM

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Pilot departed on routine local reconnaissance flight at 1535 hours and failed to return.

NIL

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2298

CAUSE : (a) Rapidly deteriorating weather and snow storm causing pilot to become lost. Also icing conditions. (b) Situation was aggravated in that P/O Mitchell did not show good judgement in not returning to base sooner when he saw weather deteriorating, and in methods he adopted subsequently to try and locate base.

Recommendations: ~~File to be reviewed~~ A copy of daily weather forecast be sent to every station concerned each morning.

Conclusions of A.I.B.: Pilot on local reconnaissance patrol became lost when weather deteriorated sooner than forecast. It is considered pilot's failure to return to base on first signs of bad weather and his failure to climb to sufficient height in order to have

ACTION TAKEN: better reception over R/T are contributory factors in this case.

NIL

CLASSIFICATION:

~~Not Known~~  
~~60. Missing.~~

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SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS: