



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Radio & W.T. familiarization.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Normal tail down landing in rough water, but nose wheel doors were open.

CLASSIFICATION:

3. Technical defect.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

NIL

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2318

CIRCUMSTANCES: Pilot landed in rough water then selected wheels down. Nose wheel did not come down a/c struck ramp damaging nose wheel doors.

CAUSE: Heavy landing in rough water which caused nose wheel doors to buckle enough to prevent doors opening fully. This prevented nose wheel from coming down.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommended that in all cases and particularly with student engineers, pilots allow themselves sufficient leaway so that, if for any reason nose wheel fails to come down, there will be still room to manouvre a/c and taxi away from shore until nose wheel can be operated normally.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.P.: Agree with findings.

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL