



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Collection of spares.

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nil

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

From evidence, it appeared that the a/c went out of control either in the overcast or above it. It came into an open dive of from 30 to 45 deg. and recovered level flight at low altitude. Due either to a high speed stall or clipping the top of a tree, the a/c rolled about its longitudinal axis and crashed more or less inverted in a densely wooded area of 75' fir trees.

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COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2334

CAUSE: Obscure. A/C assumed dive either in, or above overcast for reasons unknown and pilot was unable to recover after emerging from overcast in sufficient time to avert a crash.

REMARKS OF UNIT C.O.: I concur with I.O's findings.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Agree

NOTE 1: The civilian passenger was not asked to, and did not sign a waiver. It was alleged that Mr. Blenkins iron was authorized by his company to fly in any a/c in connection with any work concerning his company's a/c. As noted above the flight plan, Form F48, was not filled in concerning the weather and it appeared from evidence that the captain of the a/c did not make any inquiries about the weather before take-off.

CLASSIFICATION:

~~21. Inability to maintain equilibrium.~~

*19 Out of Control*

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil.