



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Solo Day Cross Country.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Aircraft failed to return.  
Presumed to have struck the side of  
a mountain while climbing on track.

CLASSIFICATION:

22, Collisions Obstr.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

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Nil

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY NO. 2576.

CAUSE: Cannot be stated definitely, but 3 possible causes which appear most probable to the I.O. are as follows: (1) Failure of pilot to climb at a rate which would assure adequate clearance over the mountains. (2) Inability of pilot to climb over mountains due to some mechanical failure in a /c which cannot be determined at this time. (3) That the briefing instructions which required the crews to set course at 4,000' and climb on track through cloud over the mountains, did not allow a sufficient safety margin.

RECOMMENDATIONS: See Summary 2576.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B.: Agree with findings. For Note 1 and 2 see Summary 2576.

ACTION TAKEN:

Aldridge, S. Sgt RAF1892574 AG Missing  
Drummond, W.F. Sgt " 1565226 AG  
Broadbent, A.E. Sgt 1591260 AG