



PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

Combined normal and low level cross country.

NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Unkown.

LCG/PSF/LW |

Aircraft Missing.

At 1630 hours, 10 mins after ETA when the a/e had failed to return to base, Command Flying Control was notified and overdue action was taken.

Subsequent search operations succeeded

in finding a partially inflated dinghy

on 5th June, in Gulf of St Lawrence

a few miles E. of Cape Tyron. At 1520

hours on the same day it was picked up by

a crash boat, along with various bits

CLASSIFICATION of wreckage floating about.

23. Not Known.

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No.2570.

CAUSE: Probable error or judgement on the part of pilot in endeavouring to carry out low flying legs of exercise over Gulf of St. Lawrence in condition of low cloud and poor visibility.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Nil

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. Agree with findings.

The dinghy was identified as belonging to KB254.

Further wreckage was picked up on shore of

New London Bay on June 8th. Indications were "that

a/e crashed under power and with such terrific

force that it was completely disintegrated on

impact" and "pilot and navigator were instantly

killed".

ACTION TAKEN:

Nil