

DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

Practice Flying

NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

Take-off - Aircraft bounced on take-off causing characteristic wrinkle on left side of centre section and internal damage.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

Ground swells which caused the aircraft to leave the water before it had sufficient speed to remain air-borne.

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Rigid construction of float under-carriage allowing the shock resulting from the A/C returning to the water, to be transmitted to the fuselage.

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OBG/AMS

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Commanding Officer's Report (D.14)

DATE: 28-6-40

COMPOSITION:

W/C W.W. Brown
O.C. NO.8 (BR) Squadron

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Deltas be discontinued operating as seaplanes where swells are likely when taking off or landing.

ACTION TAKEN:

(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER

Until such time as replacement type can be made C.O.'s where Delta A/C allotted to exercise discretion in detailing flights when sea conditions are unfit for operating this type A/C.
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