



DUTY ON WHICH ENGAGED:

SPECIAL SEARCH FOR MISSING BOLINGBROKE  
No. 7009  
NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND STAGE OF FLIGHT:

AIRCRAFT STRUCK WIRELESS MAST SABLE  
ISLAND IN POOR VISIBILITY.

PRIMARY CAUSE:

LOW FLYING IN HEAVY FOG AND ERROR IN ALTIMETER  
DUE TO LOWER ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE AT SABLE  
ISLAND THAN AT DARTMOUTH

SECONDARY CAUSE OR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

AIRCRAFT STRUCK TOP OF WIRELESS MASS AND  
PARTIALLY DISINTEGRATED, LANDING IN OCEAN

COURT OF INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING OFFICER

OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT:

COURT OF INQUIRY

DATE: 8-6-31

1200/WVVJ

COMPOSITION:

PRESIDENT - S/L TANNER, J.E.  
MEMBER - F/L CROSSLEY, J.H.  
MEMBER - F/O PRENTICE, J.H.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. ADC EAC RECOMMENDS AND IT IS CONCURRED THAT MINIMUM HEIGHT FOR PATROLS AND SEARCHES BE LEFT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE AIRCRAFT AS THERE IS NO REASON WHY PATROLS AND SEARCHES SHOULD NOT BE MADE AT A LOWER ALTITUDE ESPECIALLY WITH SEAPLANES WHEN HORIZONTAL VISIBILITY IS GOOD. RECOMMEND THAT A BREAK THROUGH SHOULD NOT BE ATTEMPTED WHEN THE CEILING IS LESS THAN 600 FEET
- ACTION TAKEN: / 2. ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE TO HAVE WEATHER REPORTS  
(A) DISCIPLINARY (B) TECHNICAL (C) OTHER / TRANSMITTED FROM SABLE  
/ ISLAND HOURLY

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