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Charlottetown
Prince Edward Island
August 8, 1947

Mr. Leslie Knight
District Inspector Air Regulations
Department of Transport
Moncton, N.B.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise your Department of the mishap that befell Grumman CF-BZY while landing on the water at Buctouche, N.B. on Saturday, August 2, 1947, time 19:00 hours.

This was a routine flight from Saint John to Buctouche, weather CAVU, wind very light in air and calm on water. The landing was made in usual manner and at usual point of contact on the channel. The mishap occurred while attempting to round a turn at a speed slightly greater than practical in order to avoid one of the channel markers. No personal damage or shock was experienced by myself or my passengers, Mr. K. C. Irving and Mr. Frank J. Lang. The aircraft received no structural damage.

The cause: In the turn to the left the right wing tip float dug too deep and sheared this from its connections, causing the wing tip to contact the water. This was immediately corrected by application of starboard engine power which lifted wing due to torque and then aircraft was headed to soft mud flat on right side of channel where it came to rest with wing tip then dragging in about two feet of water. This turned the tip up about 45° and a stone pier made a slight crack in hull. The aircraft was left there until the tide raised it sufficiently to float off. It was then towed to a point and wheels lowered and removed from water.

Temporary repairs were made by G.B. Rayner, Superintendent of Maintenance, and Harry MacDonald of Maritime Central Airways, Charlottetown. The left wing tip float was removed and right wing tip repaired and recovered to enable the aircraft to be flown from a field to Charlottetown Airport. This flight was made on Thursday, August 7 without incident.

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