

A smooth landing was made on the water and the aircraft continued on to the land about 50 feet beyond the water. At this stage the already badly burned pilot was apparently thrown forward and trapped under the left float. Efforts by the passengers and crewman to free him were unsuccessful and he remained trapped for 40 to 45 minutes exposed to a fire which consumed the aircraft back to the tail. When he regained consciousness the first concern he expressed was for the safety of his passengers. Pilot Roe was flown to Toronto where he succumbed to his injuries on the 7th of September, 1961. According to a Canadian Press report of October 30, his parents are Mr. and Mrs. James J. Roe of Mount Chesney, north of Kingston, Ontario.

In drawing your attention to the above, I am, Sir, to express to you on behalf of the Danish authorities concerned their sincere appreciation and recognition of the bravery and intrepidity shown by your compatriot James Anthony Roe, who, sacrificing his own life, through his heroic action saved the lives of his passengers and crewman.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

JOHN KNOX
Ambassador of Denmark