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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director-General of Civil Aviation:

DARWIN FLYING BOAT BASE - WEEKLY LOG.

Herewith extract from the weekly log of the above base under date 5th September, Thursday:-

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"1520 Approx. F.C.O. Darwin advises C47 crashed into sea vicinity Eastpoint Cox given orders to unmoor CA9 and with myself proceed to locality of crash. On reaching position oil was observed and a down wind course was stiered to find any crew or passengers. Almost immediately 2 men were sighted about $\frac{1}{2}$ ' ahead butas the Navy was almost on their position, CA9 about turned and sighted 3 men badly hurt hanging on to a submerged rubber dinghy. With the aid of life lines these men were hauled aboard, suffering from shock and broken legs-arms and deep wounds on the head. CA9 approached the Navy rescue launch requested them to take these men ashore as they /twice our speed and the men were suffering from severe shock and exposure. Owing to a rough sea running great difficulty was expenienced in transferring the wounded owing to broken legs and arms etc however this was accomplished safely and the men were met by ambulances and taken to hospital. It is understood that C47 consisted of 5 members of which 3 were picked up by us. The time taken to reach the scene of the crash was about 20 mins from the time the F.C.O. advised the plane was in the sea, which is about 7 miles from the base and a moderate to rough sea was running. CA9 was the first on the scene following by a Cat and then the two Navy rescue launches which it is understood do well over 30 knots!"

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Director General,
Dept of Civil Aviation,
MELBOURNE.

AIR SEA RESCUE - DARWIN, 5/9/46.

It is desired to bring to your notice the very creditable performance carried out by the Darwin Flying Boat Base crew in the assisting in the rescuing from the sea of the crew of an R.A.A.F. C 47 which crashed in Darwin harbour at approximately 1645 hours on the 5/9/46.

2. The prompt action taken by the Flight Control Officer on duty in immediately reporting to this office that the crash had taken place, enabled the Departmental Control Launch to proceed immediately and to arrive at the scene first, to carry out valuable assistance in rescuing the abovementioned crew.

3. It is also desired to state that the crew of the aircraft involved were all injured, some seriously, and but for the prompt action of the Flying Boat Staff in reaching the scene so promptly there would have been loss of life.

4. Credit is due to Mr. D. Stow for his action in this emergency and in the way he carried out the operation for which this Department received the thanks of the R.A.A.F. for its valuable assistance.

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5. In conclusion, it is pointed out, that from the time the aircraft struck the water until the first man was picked up approximately 25 minutes had elapsed and the distance to be travelled from the wharf to the scene of the crash was approximately 7 miles.

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