



STRANRAER 935

Crashed

1642hrs February 14, 1943

Flight Crew of 935

- ~ P/O DS MacLennen (J13672) Pilot (Captain), Montreal, Que
- ~ P/O LG Thompson (J13697) Second Pilot, Chance Harbour, NB
- ~ P/O FW McConkey (J13153) WAG, Calgary, Alta
- ~ Sgt JO Gilmour (R50322) AFM Crewman, Vancouver, BC
- ~ Cpl JP Sperling (R64622) AEM Crewman, Chamberlain, Sask
- ~ F/L CWT Field (C3378) Passenger (Accounts Officer), Edmonton, Alta

P/OS MacLennen and Thompson were scheduled to practice takeoffs and landings on Valentine's Day in 1943 in the RCAF Alliford Bay landing area 1½ miles to the west of this cairn. At 1553hrs Stranraer 935, loaded and armed, was given take-off clearance and thirty-two minutes later made a normal landing. The crew then took off again and while attempting a second landing the aircraft bounced hard five times off the water with the last bounce throwing it eighty feet back into the air. The aircraft then veered sharply to port before dropping back to the sea. Both the port wing upper and lower mainplanes appeared to break off downwards from the wing roots. The aircraft immediately started to sink, slipping below the surface within a couple of minutes. Suddenly the water heaved to a height of ten feet with flames shooting up a further twenty feet followed by a column of smoke rising nearly 1000 feet. The four 250 lb depth charges had detonated. Only the wing float from the aircraft was found.

All members of the crew were killed and only P/O MacLennen's body was recovered.

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