

ft. landing was full stall. Plane sank immediately after pilot left cockpit. Due to immediate vicinity of rescue vessel pilot did not use raft or keep parachute.

SPEC. EQUIP:

Emergency equipment was not needed due to forced landing being made in immediate vicinity of rescue craft, calm seas and because the pilot suffered no injuries.

CO:

Investigation of yellow sheets, logs, and work sheets revealed nothing by way of a clue as to possible cause of engine failure. The pilot of this plane was the squadron engineering officer and he is well qualified in matters of aircraft engineering. This plane had flown 13 hrs. since last check.