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Accident description

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Status:

Date: 14 JUN 1950
 Time: ca 21:55
 Type: Douglas DC-4-1009
 Operator: Air France
 Registration: F-BBDM
 C/n / msn: 42990
 First flight: 1946
 Crew: Fatalities: 3 / Occupants: 8
 Passengers: Fatalities: 37 / Occupants: 45
 Total: Fatalities: 40 / Occupants: 53
 Airplane damage: Written off
 Airplane fate: Written off (damaged beyond repair)
 Location: SE off Bahrain (Bahrain) show on map
 Phase: Approach (APR)
 Nature: International Scheduled Passenger
 Departure airport: Karachi International Airport (KHI/OPKC), Pakistan
 Destination airport: Bahrain International Airport (BAH/OBBI), Bahrain

Narrative:

The Air France DC-4 was on a flight from Saigon to Paris when it took off from Karachi at 16:43 following an intermediate stop. The aircraft crashed into the sea just after commencing the procedure turn before landing at Bahrain.

PROBABLE CAUSE: "1) Failure of the pilot-in-command to adopt the timed approach procedure to the prevailing conditions; 2) Having descended to 300ft, the pilot-in-command did not take the necessary steps to maintain this altitude until such time as the runway lights became visible. It is recommended that consideration be given to equipping Bahrain Airport with radio landing aids and with suitable runway approach lights."

Events:

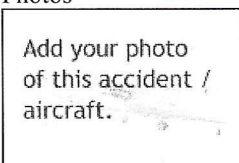
Sources:

» ICAO Circular 38-AN/33 (10-12)

Official accident investigation report

investigating agency: Bureau d'Enquêtes et d'Analyses (BEA) - France
 report status: Final
 report number: CA.135
 report released: 08-DEC-1950
 duration of investigation: 177 days (5.9 months)
 download report: Rapport d'accident civil No CA.135 (Avion Douglas DC.4 F-BBDM) a Bahrein le 14 juin 1950 (BEA CA.135)

Photos



Map