



SAFETY INFORMATION

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CAPEWELL MALFUNCTION

Attached is a self explanatory report received today from the APA concerning a Capewell which broke in Cyprus.

The attached photo-copies of the pictures taken of the Capewell are not very clear, but the report gives details of where the breakage occurred.

All Capewells should be carefully inspected prior to every jump.

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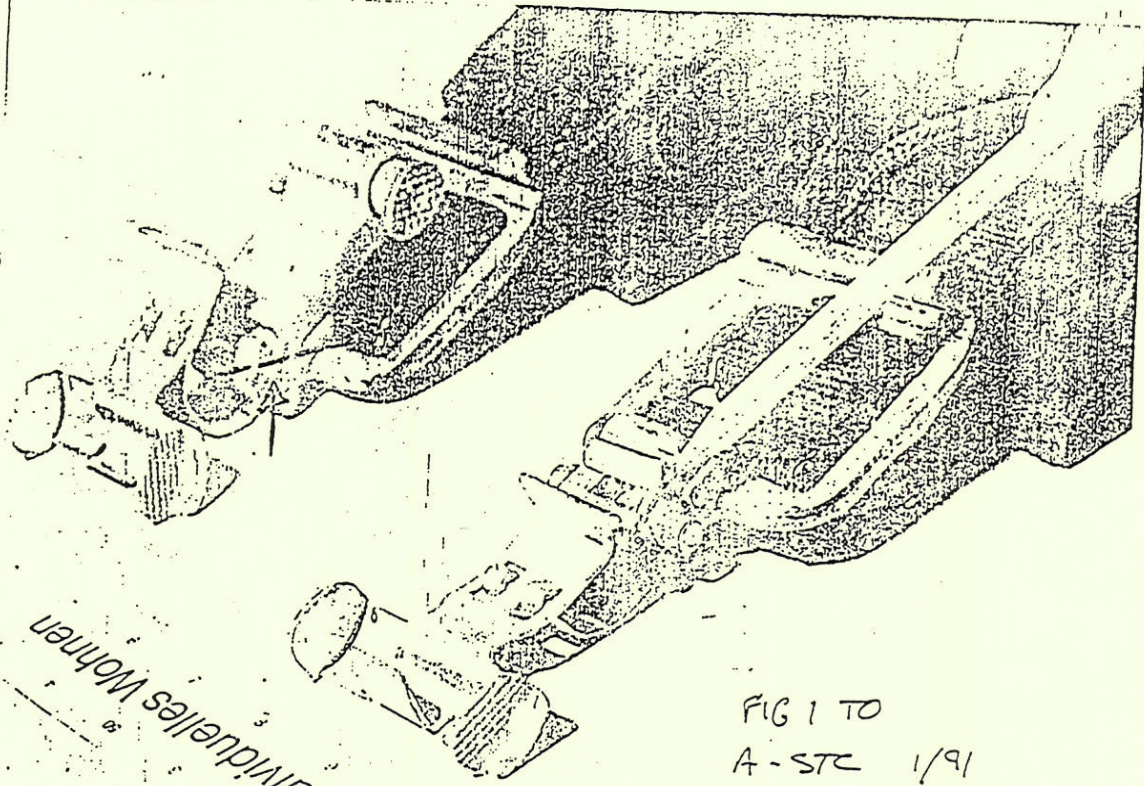
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1. Following an Incident Report from WO2 Milne, the Chief Parachute Instructor at the Cyprus Joint Service Adventurous Training Centre (CJSATC) two photographs (photo-copies enclosed) were produced which show the failure of a Capewell on a Student system.
2. The result of which caused a 50% collapse of the Students canopy, the Reserve was activated correctly and the Student landed safely.
3. The photograph marked Fig 1 shows the end result and the pencil pointer indicates where the failure occurred. Below the pencil can be seen the remaining stub held in position by the securing rivet which is undamaged. It can be clearly seen that the central column of the Capewell is completely missing.
4. The photograph marked Fig 2 indicates by a pencil pointer the area where the damage occurred and shows the central column of the Capewell that had broken off.
5. As far as can be ascertained the Capewell had no visible damage prior to the descent and was fitted correctly. We therefore cannot determine why the Capewell failed.
6. All CCIs are to have a complete check of all Capewells carried out by a Rigger prior to any further use of equipment with Capewell installations.

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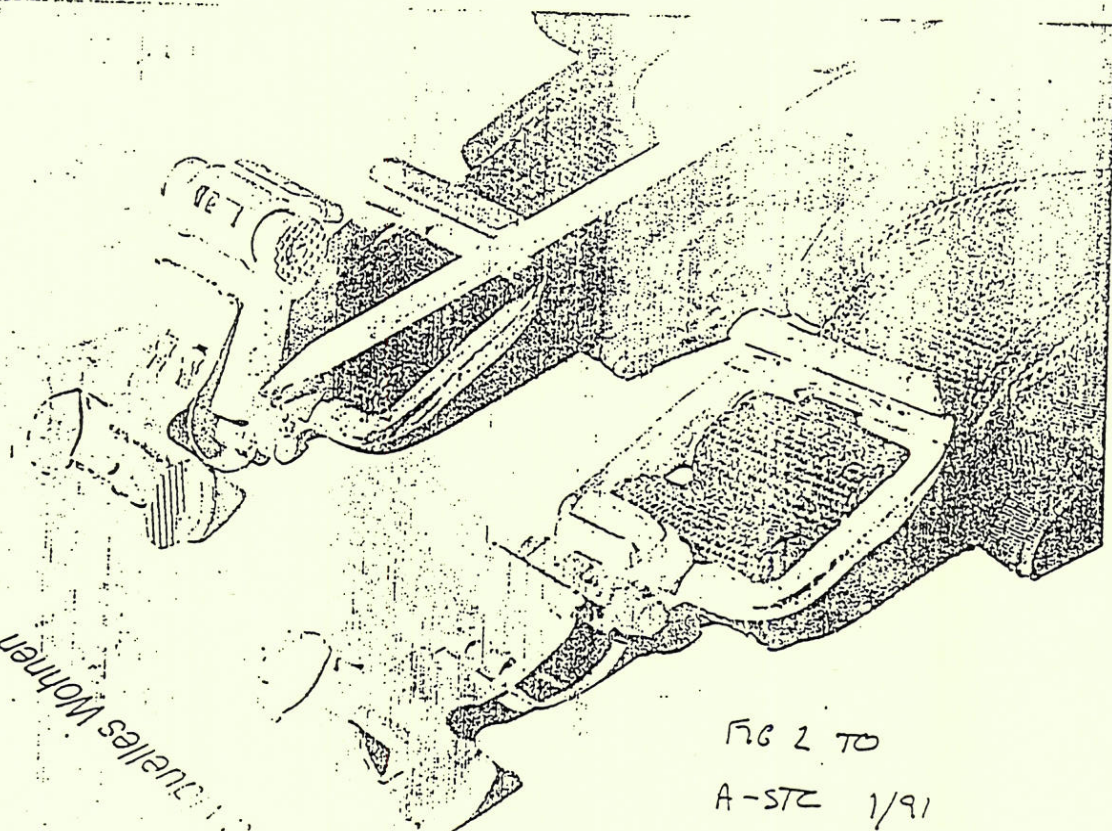
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FIG 2 TO
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