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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT

Date **October 11, 1929**

1. Place, date, and hour of accident **Boston Airport, Oct. 11, 1929, 10:25 A.M.**

2. Airplane:

Mfg. trade name **D. H. Gipsy Moth** Type engine **Gipsy**

Mfg. model **D. H. 60G** Engine No. **141**

Department of Commerce License, Identification, Temporary No., State Reg. No., State Permit No.
NC-9733 B-83

Manufactured by **M. DeHavilland Aircraft Co., Ltd. Edware, England.**

Rebuilt or overhauled by **Moth Aircraft Corp. Lowell, Mass.**

Owner of airplane **Skyways Incorporated, East Boston Airport.**

Purchased from **William T. Snow, Brookline, Mass.**

3. Pilot: Name **Paul I. Christie** Address **217 Harvard St., Brookline, Mass.**

Age **18 years** Department of Commerce License No., State License or Permit No.

Class

If pilot has no license, what was he operating under **Student letter of Authority**

4. Passengers: Names and Addresses **None**

5. Result of accident to pilot **None**

6. Result of accident to passengers **None**

7. Result of accident to airplane **Lower wings, Landing gear, Fuselage ~~knock~~ damaged, beyond repair. Total loss.**

8. Damage to private property or individuals **None**

9. Kind of flying engaged in:

Carrying passengers Student instruction **Solo**

Local flights Cross-country

Regular airways Carrying mail

10. Weather conditions ... **Fair**

Visibility .. **Good** Were light beacons visible?

11. Account of accident (include a complete, accurate account of how accident occurred, with causes in so far as can be determined): ... **Christie took off, and at an altitude of about 60 ft. over the runway the exhaust valve seat let go, (as check showed later) He turned back down wind. It is believed that the thumping of the motor frightened him as he said he cut the switch.**

He flew along level still holding the nose up, then as he reached the stalling point and the nose dropped he held the stick way back to his stomach and the ship squashed into the ground, the wing slots keeping it on an even keel.

It is the general opinion that a more experienced pilot would have landed without mishap.

12. Record of pilot: Approximate total flying time as pilot... **10 hrs. instruction, 10 hrs, 40 min. solo**

Types of aircraft flown ... **Moth**

Previous accidents ... **None**

13. Contributory cause, if any. ... **Exhaust valve seat broken loose on no. 2 cylinder**

causing that cylinder to cut out

14. Date of last physical examination ... **Sept. 6, 1929**

15. Technical data: Total flying time since last overhaul of aircraft ... **about 160 hours.**

Of engine ... **about 185 hours.**

(Signature) Operator

(Signature) Owner

Inclosures:

- Photographs of wreck. 8
- Certificates of principle witnesses.