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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT

Date Dec. 20, 1929

1. Place, date, and hour of accident ... Roburn, Mass. Dec. 10, 1929 ... 1:20 PM

2. Airplane:

Mfg. trade name ... Gipsy Moth ... Type engine ... Gipsy

Mfg. model ... 60 GM ... Engine No. ... 347

Department of Commerce License, Identification, Temporary No., State Reg. No., State Permit No.

NC-831E

Manufactured by ... Moth Aircraft Corp., Lowell, Mass.

Rebuilt or overhauled by ... Skyways Inc.

Owner of airplane ... Skyways Incorporated

Purchased from ... Olcott S. Payson, Portland, Me.

3. Pilot: Name Kendall G. Hathaway ... Address 7 Arlington St., Cambridge, Mass.

Age ... 22 yrs. ... Department of Commerce License No., State License or Permit No.

L.C. Letter of Authority ... Class (Private # 7416)

If pilot has no license, what was he operating under

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 Right Compression leg and wheel, Propeller, 4 nose ribs in right plywood turtle back, and center section, Broken, lower wing broken.

8. Damage to private property or individuals None

9. Kind of flying engaged in:

Carrying passengers Student instruction
Local flights... **X** Cross-country
Regular airways Carrying mail

10. Weather conditions..... **Good**
Visibility .. **Fair** 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): **Hathaway states as follows:.. Motor cut out.. only possible field was beyond safe gliding distance. On approaching field it was necessary to jump trees, this caused the ship to stall and fall in. Altitude of 2000 ft. at time of motor trouble.**
..... The only other places included, one swamp, plus one sand pit, neither of these places were feasible.

12. Record of pilot: Approximate total flying time as pilot..... **70 hours**
Types of aircraft flown. **Challenger, Stearman, Travel-air, Moth, Monocoupe** ...
Previous accidents ... **none**

13. Contributory cause, if any. **Overhead gave way on one cylinder, Accident due to error in judgment on part of pilot, as ship could have been flown to a safe landing place.**

14. Date of last physical examination ... **Dec. 1, 1929**

15. Technical data: Total flying time since last overhaul of aircraft **89 hrs. since Nov. 4th.**
..... Of engine **286 hrs.**

Skyways Incorporated

(Signature).....
Operator

(Signature).....
Owner

Inclosures:

- Photographs of wreck.
- Certificates of principle witnesses.