

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT

Date May 12, 1930

1. Place, date, and hour of accident Buttermilk Bay (Cape Cod) Mass. May 11, 1930 about 3:30 P.M.

2. Airplane:

Mfg. trade name Experimental airplane Type engine Warner Scarab

Mfg. model Amphibian Engine No. 73

Department of Commerce License, Identification, Temporary No., State Reg. No., State Permit No. X-835H

Manufactured by Skyways Syndicate

Rebuilt or overhauled by

Owner of airplane Skyways Syndicate, East Boston, Mass.

Purchased from

3. Pilot: Name Lewis D. Parker Address Charles River, Mass.

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

6790 Class Transport

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 Hull broken in two aft of center. Left lower, and right upper and lower wings broken.

8. Damage to private property or individuals none

9. Kind of flying engaged in: **Experimental tests.**

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

10. Weather conditions..... **good**.....
Visibility .. **Clear**..... 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):
Having tried all normal turns, climbs, stalls and dives as well as climbing turns, and having found very satisfactory response from all controls except the rudder, which, latter appeared to be slightly inadequate. The pilot essayed a spin to the right, starting at 3,000 ft. He immediately felt that the ship was unresponsive, but by use of motor, and by rocking the ship back and forth by the elevators he was able to stop the spin. But the airplane instead of being in a normal nose down position was already somewhat inverted and rapidly whipped over and started to spin slowly on its back in a very flat position. the pilot then tried various expedients, but finding them of no avail, left the ship in a parachute, landing safely.

12. Record of pilot: Approximate total flying time as pilot..... **about 400 hrs.**.....
Types of aircraft flown.. **Challenger, Moth, Stearman, Bellanca, Travelair etc.**
Previous accidents..... **None**.....

13. Contributory cause, if any. **None**.....

14. Date of last physical examination..... **April, 1930**.....

15. Technical data: Total flying time since last overhaul of aircraft..... **about 10 hrs.**.....
Of engine..... **about 15 hrs. since overhaul.**

(Signature).....
Operator

(Signature).....
Owner

Inclosures:

- Photographs of wreck.
- Certificates of principle witnesses.