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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT

Date January 31, 1931

- 1. Place, date, and hour of accident South Attleboro, Mass., January 30, 1931 at about 5:15 P.M.
2. Airplane: Mfg. trade name Bellanca, Type engine Wright J5, Mfg. model C.H. Monoplane, Engine No. 8439, Department of Commerce License, Identification, Temporary No., State Reg. No., State Permit No. NC 222-E, Manufactured by BELLANCA AIRCRAFT CORPORATION - New Castle, Delaware, Rebuilt or overhauled by SKYWAYS INCORPORATED, BOSTON AIRPORT, Owner of airplane Skyways Inc. Boston Municipal Airport, Purchased from Bellanca Aircraft Corporation, New Castle, Delaware
3. Pilot: Name Charles I. Emerson, Address 38 Ivy Street, Boston, Mass., Age 25 years, Department of Commerce License No., State License or Permit No. Transport 2708, Class 1A & 2C, If pilot has no license, what was he operating under X
4. Passengers: Names and Addresses Wm. E. Russell, 2 Bridge Street, Dedham, Mass., Banker, Otis Russell, Cambridge, Mass., Lawyer, J. Porter, Needham, Mass. (Secretary)
5. Result of accident to pilot NONE
6. Result of accident to passengers NONE
7. Result of accident to airplane Right wing wash out and left wheel washout.
8. Damage to private property or individuals NONE

9. Kind of flying engaged in:

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

10. Weather conditions at time falling darkness and blinding snow storm.....
Visibility very poor..... Were light beacons visible? No beacons.....

11. Account of accident (include a complete, accurate account of how accident occurred, with causes in so far as can be determined): Departed N. Y. City on O.K. weather report... Encountered blinding snow storm near Providence, R. I. with early darkness... Headed for Providence Airport, could not find field in twilight and storm... Squashed plane into small field landing O.K. only to see tree dead ahead at about 100 ft. Pulled brakes and turned left to miss the tree dead ahead. Hit tree with right wing at about 45 miles an hour washed off wing and come to a gentle stop under another tree breaking left (wheel on a rock.)

12. Record of pilot: Approximate total flying time as pilot .. 1888 hours and 10 minutes.....
Types of aircraft flown P11 Douglas, O-11, O-17, XO-12, Bellanca, Stearman, Moth Challenger, Kittyhawk, Travel Air, etc.
Previous accidents...
... Jan. 19, 1929, Aug. 13, 1929, June 26, 1930.....

13. Contributory cause, if any... I believe weather man at Newark should have warned me of an expected storm even if it had not broken at the time I called.

14. Date of last physical examination... Jan. 11, 1931.....

15. Technical data: Total flying time since last overhaul of aircraft.... 71 Hours.....
..... Of engine... 115 hours and 30 minutes.....

(Signature).....
Operator

(Signature).....
Owner

To be filled out by investigator.

- 1. Cause of accident.
- 2. Finding.

(Signature)