

*Colby.*

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT

Date... *7/26/31*

1. Place, date, and hour of accident... *Cape Cod Airport, West Barnstable, Mass. 7/26/31 5:09 P.M.*

2. Airplane: *Viking Flying Boat Co.*  
Mfg. trade name... ~~*Kitty Hawk*~~ Type engine... *Kinner K-5*  
Mfg. model... *Kitty Hawk* Engine No... *391*

Department of Commerce License, Identification, Temporary No., State Reg. No., State Permit No.  
*N.C. 33-V.*

Manufactured by... *Viking Flying Boat Co.*

Rebuilt or overhauled by... *Skymore*

Owner of airplane... *Skymore*

Purchased from... *Manufacturer*

3. Pilot: Name *Willard Reed Jr.* Address... *Candianton Mass*  
*Marsters Mills*

Age... *22* Department of Commerce License No., State License or Permit No.  
*14925* Class... *Transport*

If pilot has no license, what was he operating under

4. Passengers: Names and Addresses... *William Bowen*  
*Wequaquet Lake, Centerville, Mass.*

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

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

7. Result of accident to airplane... *2 Cap strips left bottom of right wing*  
*outer rib broken. Front strut of right landing gear bent.*

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

*W. Reed Jr.*  
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7. Broken landing gear strut,  
Broken rib in tip of right L. wing

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9. Kind of flying engaged in:

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

10. Weather conditions *good*  
 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):  
*Lower right landing gear strut parted from the axle while taxiing and making a turn to the right. The wheel & axle assembly were forced forward and under the plane so that the end of the right lower wing touched the ground.*

12. Record of pilot: Approximate total flying time as pilot..... *510 hrs*  
 Types of aircraft flown..... *Service types*  
 Previous accidents..... *none*

13. Contributory cause, if any..... *The strut parted at a point where it had formerly been welded.*

14. Date of last physical examination..... *June 10, 1931*

15. Technical data: Total flying time since last overhaul of aircraft..... *135 hrs*  
 Of engine..... *25 hrs*

(Signature)..... Operator

(Signature) *Skymaps Ltd.* Owner

To be filled out by investigator.

1. Cause of accident.
2. Finding.

(Signature).....