

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT REPORT

Date Nov. 3, 1929

1. Place, date, and hour of accident Soldiers Field, Cambridge, Mass. Nov. 1, 1929
4:20 P.M.

2. Airplane:

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

Mfg. model D.H. 60 #1F 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

Owner of airplane Skyways Incorporated, Boston Airport

Purchased from Olcott S. Payson, Portland, Me.

3. Pilot: Name Eric H.L. Sexton Address 7 Thayer Hall, Cambridge, Mass.

Age 27 Department of Commerce License No., State License or Permit No.

#2885

Class Private (L.C. letter of authority)

If pilot has no license, what was he operating under

4. Passengers: Names and Addresses Gordon Cairnie, Cambridge, Mass.

5. Result of accident to pilot. None

6. Result of accident to passengers. None

7. Result of accident to airplane. Undercarriage, propeller broken, rear spar in right lower wing broken, four nose ribs in lower left.

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 **overcast**

Visibility ... **10 miles** 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): **Sexton states as follows: Motor cut at 1500 ft. due to trouble in gas feed either in line or carburetor. Forced landing on a small vacant space on Soldiers Field, Squashed in to avoid football players, before and behind, Wooden fences and stands at sides. result of squash, broken landing gear and prop. No injuries or shock to anyone.**
(Failure of motor due to gas in carburetor float)

12. Record of pilot: Approximate total flying time as pilot **72 hrs.**

Types of aircraft flown **Stearman, Moth, Travelair, Am. Eagle, Great Lakes,**

Previous accidents **None (except broken axle once, causing no other damage.)**

13. Contributory cause, if any. **Check up of motor showed small amount of gas in carburetor float, enough to cause motor to choke up.**

14. Date of last physical examination **Oct. 15, 1929**

15. Technical data: Total flying time since last overhaul of aircraft **195 hrs. since delivery new.**

..... Of engine **50 hrs. since complete check**

(Signature) **SKYWAYS INCORPORATED**

Operator

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(Signature)
Owner

Inclosures:

Photographs of wreck.
Certificates of principle witnesses.